

New Park and Playground Upgrades in the City of Ryde

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A new park as well as two playground upgrades have been completed by the City of Ryde and are now open to the public.

The new [Kings Park](#) is located at the site of the former Denistone East Bowling Club and features a range of first-class facilities and attractions to cater for people of all ages.

This includes a new neighbourhood playground with shade sail and custom-made play features, a multi-purpose hard court for basketball, futsal and pickleball, as well as a sheltered area providing a space for small gatherings.

There are also walking paths, seating, picnic areas and new tree plantings throughout the park.

In addition, Council recently completed work on playground upgrades at [Jennifer Park](#), in Melrose Park, and Eastwood's [Marjorie Park](#).

Both local playgrounds feature fun and engaging attractions including slides, climbing equipment, swings and seating areas.

The new facilities are all part of the City of Ryde's commitment to investing in state-of-the-art open spaces, as well as ensuring that residents have access to safe, accessible and high quality playgrounds.

Council to investigate installing EV and hydrogen chargers across Ryde

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City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale (right) and Clr Christopher Gordon

The City of Ryde will help people make the transition from fuel-based cars to electric vehicles (EVs) and hydrogen cars after Council resolved to investigate the feasibility of installing vehicle chargers across the local government area.

Hydrogen and renewable-electric power are rapidly becoming an important part of Australia's vehicle future. However, surveys undertaken by the City of Ryde have found that the community finds that the lack of charging infrastructure to be one of the biggest impediments to EV and hydrogen car uptake.

In response, Council will prepare a report identifying funding options and possible locations for public electric and hydrogen vehicle chargers.

The report will consider the possibility of installing charging sites in town centres, publicly accessible Council-owned land and Council-owned car parks at sportsgrounds and parks across the City.

The report was part of a Mayoral Minute put forward by City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale.

"I want the City of Ryde to take a leading role where possible to ensure residents have access to sustainable transport infrastructure in order for us to achieve City-wide emissions reductions," Clr Laxale.

“By installing vehicle charging stations in convenient and suitable locations across the City of Ryde we will be helping people make the transition from fuel-based cars to EVs and hydrogen cars.

“The installation of vehicle chargers across the City of Ryde is in line with Council’s commitment to 100 percent renewable energy, support of solar power initiatives and introduction of EVs into its fleet. It also supports Council’s pledge under the Cities Power Partnership Program towards encouraging sustainable transport use,” Cllr Laxale said.

Winners of 2020 SWAP awards revealed

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City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, pictured with the winning artwork in the open category 'Telefishion' by Nicole Williams

A functional artwork that repurposes e-waste and household plastics has taken out the major award at the City of Ryde's tenth annual Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (SWAP).

SWAP is a unique competition in which artists who live, study, work or play in the City of Ryde produce artworks that are made from repurposed waste material. This year's competition attracted more than 130 entries which transformed waste into artworks and objects inspired by our natural environment, ocean pollution, the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and more.

'Telefishion' by City of Ryde resident Nicole Williams was awarded first prize in the open category (for 18+ years). This functional artwork has transformed an old television set, assorted e-waste and old household plastics into a creative new home for the artist's goldfish.

"The Telefishion is a statement on the wastage that occurs in households every day. Old technology, discarded toys, useless supermarket mini-figures, bread tags, plastics and lids. The constant exchange of old for new is unstoppable", Ms Williams said.

Charlotte Hill took out the Youth Environment Prize (for 14 to 17 year olds) for 'Everlasting Bouquet', in which she upcycled plastics, cans, wire off-cuts and a plastic

water bottle to create a beautiful floral display for her Nana that she hopes will “remind people to be mindful of the products they purchase and how they dispose of them”.

Stephanie Wilcock was awarded the Junior Youth Environment Prize (for 10 to 13 year olds) for turning old chip packets, netting, fishing line and hooks into an image of a turtle in ‘Too late to say I’m sorry!’. Ms Wilcock said her artwork was a reflection on the “catastrophic impact that human waste is having on marine wildlife”.

The Functional award – for the design object judged to have best used reclaimed material to form a functional piece – was taken out by Clover Barnard for her woven series entitled ‘Plarn Products’.

This year also saw the introduction of a new award for school participation, awarded to the school with the highest number of entries. The inaugural winner was Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School, Gladesville, with 18 entries.

SWAP is being held as a digital exhibition in 2020. Audiences can watch the exhibition opening and announcement of winners in our video launch, explore the virtual tour to find out more about individual artworks and then vote for their favourite artwork in the People’s Choice Award by [clicking here](#).

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, encouraged everyone to visit the virtual SWAP exhibition and see the amazing artworks on display.

“SWAP is a unique event and one our community should be proud of. Not only does it showcase the incredible talent of our local community, it teaches us about waste and how we can re-use resources to stop them ending up in landfill,” Clr Laxale said.

The City of Ryde would like to acknowledge all the people who made this year’s SWAP competition and exhibition possible including Meadowbank TAFE, Council staff and the expert judging panel which was comprised of artists Rox De Luca and Shane Forrest, and co-founder and Director of Good For The Hood, Jo Taranto.

Adoption of Amendment to Ryde Development Control Plan 2014

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The City of Ryde, at its meeting on 25 August 2020, resolved to adopt an amendment to Ryde Development Control Plan 2014, Part: 4.3 West Ryde Town Centre (the DCP).

The DCP amendment was prepared to give detailed design guidance to a Planning Proposal that seeks to amend the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 at 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde by increasing the maximum height control from 15.5 metres (approx. 4 storeys) to 24 metres (approx. 7 storeys) and increasing the FSR control from 1.25:1 to 2.7:1. The DCP amendment provides design controls, such as built form setbacks, to manage built form on the site.

The amendment to the DCP is to become effective once the amendments to the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014, relating to 2-6 Chatham Road West Ryde, have been notified on the NSW legislation website.

Pursuant to Clause 21(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000, Ryde Council is required to give public notice on Council's website of the adoption of the amendment to Ryde Development Control Plan 2014. The amendment to the DCP comes into effect in accordance with the details of this notice. The Ryde Development Control Plan 2014 and amended Part: 4.3 West Ryde Town Centre may be viewed [here](#).

Clr Dr Peter Kim elected as Deputy Mayor of City of Ryde

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Clr Dr Peter Kim has been elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Ryde.

Clr Dr Kim, who has represented the West Ward since his election as a Councillor in 2017, was elected Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.

Prior to the election for Deputy Mayor, Council determined to hold the vote as an open vote, with Clr Dr Peter Kim and Clr Christopher Gordon nominating for the role. Both received six votes each, with Clr Dr Kim elected to the Deputy Mayor position after his name was drawn out of a hat.

Clr Dr Kim said: "I am honoured to be elected as Deputy Mayor for the City of Ryde.

"I look forward to serving the City of Ryde as Deputy Mayor and continuing to work hard with my fellow councillors on delivering the best outcomes for everyone in the community. I will take a Good Samaritan approach in dealing with our residents. I will work with the Mayor, all Councillors, General Manager and the staff. I am particularly grateful to the Councillors who have voted for me: Clrs Maggio, Yedelian OAM, Lane, Brown, and Moujalli."

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said he looked forward to working with Clr Dr Kim and all other Councillors over the next 12 months.

"I congratulate Clr Dr Kim on his election as Deputy Mayor and would like to thank Clr Zhou for his work as Deputy Mayor over the past two years," Clr Laxale said.

Council meeting summary - August meeting

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Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 25 August 2020 and 1 September 2020. Here is a summary of the outcomes from the meeting:

Tender awarded to construct new Rowe Street East car park

Work will soon commence on the [new shopper car park](#) on Rowe Street East in Eastwood after the tender to construct the new facility was awarded to Belmadar Pty Ltd.

The new multi-storey shopper car park will be located at 53-71 Rowe Street. It will be able to accommodate 146 car spaces and include a small pop-up retail space once completed. Work is due to commence around October/November and be completed in mid-2021.

City of Ryde becomes first council to adopt a resilience plan

Blenheim Park masterplan endorsed

Blenheim Park in North Ryde will be expanded and have a greater range of diverse and inclusive facilities that will cater to the entire community under a [new masterplan](#) endorsed by Council.

The implementation of the masterplan will occur over a number of stages as funding becomes available. Funding for the first three stages has been identified in Council's Four Year Delivery Plan.

Council pays tribute to victims of Beirut port explosion

The City of Ryde acknowledged the tragic loss of life and those injured as a result of the Beirut port explosion on 4 August 2020.

Council observed a minute silence as a mark of respect to the victims. In addition, the Lebanese flag will be raised at a special ceremony (held on 11 September) at Kissing Point and displayed for one week.

Chatham Road planning proposal endorsed

Council has endorsed a [planning proposal](#) that would amend the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 as it relates to 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde. The

planning proposal, which would allow a maximum building height of 24 metres at 2-6 Chatham Road, has been forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for finalisation.

Council also entered into a voluntary planning agreement in relation to a future development application for a seven-storey mixed-use residential/commercial building at 2-6 Chatham Road. This will result in three affordable housing units being dedicated to Council as well as upgrades to Chatham Road and public domain works.

Vale Hazel Myers

The City of Ryde acknowledged the recent passing of long-time resident and volunteer, Hazel Myers. Council observed a minute silence as a mark of respect and resolved to donate \$500 to the National Breast Cancer Foundation in memory of Ms Myers.

Proposals to provide assistance during COVID-19 pandemic

A proposed resolution to suspend outdoor dining fees and food inspection fees until the end of March 2021 will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

In addition, a proposal to not increase sportsground hire fees between 20 October 2020 and 21 March 2021 will also be placed on public exhibition.

The proposals are part of Council's efforts to support businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the completion of the public exhibition periods, reports on both proposals will be brought back to Council for determination.

Pool forums to take place

Three swimming pool barrier inspection educational forums will be conducted by the City of Ryde over the next three months. The forums will inform residents who own private swimming pools of their obligations under swimming pool laws.

In addition, an updated fact sheet will be prepared by the City of Ryde to help current and future pool owners understand how to comply with [swimming pool laws](#).

T.G. Millner Field

The City of Ryde will not proceed with heritage listing T.G. Millner Field in Eastwood after an independent heritage assessment did not recommend it.

A further report will be provided to Council that will provide information to help guide the future use of T.G. Millner Field and other private recreation sites that will ensure the community continues to have access to open space and recreation opportunities.

Increasing safety at Coulter Street car park

Council will investigate the possibility of installing a suitable traffic management device at Coulter Street car park, Gladesville, to assist with pedestrian safety.

It comes after Council noted that there had been a number of incidents where drivers have accidentally driven into pedestrian areas from car parks.

New bus shelter for Waterloo Road

Council will install a bus shelter at the bus stop on the corner of Waterloo Road and Herring Road, Macquarie Park. The bus shelter will be located adjacent to Macquarie Centre and Macquarie University Metro station.

New fence for Pidding Park playground

A fence will be installed around the children's playground at [Pidding Park](#), Ryde, to prevent off-leash dogs from entering the area.

Coxs Road Mall signage

Council will engage with Coxs Road shop owners to identify suitable locations on Lane Cove and Wicks roads to install bigger signage that will direct passing traffic to Coxs Road Mall.

School safety measures

Council will engage with local schools to assess their interest in installing triangular school-zone pole wraps within each school's immediate vicinity, as a way of enhancing safety in local school zones.

Replacing surfaces with plantings

A report will be brought back to Council outlining a potential plan for hard and broken surfaces on chicanes and roundabouts to be replaced by low-rise plantings across the City of Ryde.

Olive Street concerns addressed

A review of the ongoing stormwater issues associated with a privately certified development at 6 Olive Street, Ryde, will be expedited following concerns from local residents.

Council to support Chinese Australian Forum campaign

The City of Ryde will support the #unityoverfear campaign launched by the Chinese Australian Forum that calls for national unity during the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign is in response to a reported increase in racial vilification since the pandemic began.

Five-year advertising tender for local newspapers

Council will prepare a five-year advertising services tender for all local newspapers.

Council donates to Salvos

The City of Ryde will donate \$10,000 to the Salvation Army to fund vital services for people in need across Australia.

Pickleball on the rise

With the sport of pickleball rising in popularity, the City of Ryde will consider implementing pickleball courts in future projects where the community identifies a need for such a facility.

Policy for road closures

The City of Ryde will prepare a policy for publicly-funded road closures during community events and annual celebrations. The policy will include any short-term strategies in relation to COVID restrictions.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 22 September 2020.

[Click here for the minutes of the August Ordinary Council meeting.](#)

Kings Park opens to the public

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Xavier Owens, Jacqui Owens, Holly Owens, Jessica Matthews, Mayor Clr Jerome Laxale and Clr Bernard Purcell at Kings Park

The new Kings Park in Denistone East has opened to the public providing the community with a brand new state-of-the-art open space.

Located at the site of the former Denistone East Bowling Club, Kings Park features a range of facilities and attractions that cater for people of all ages.

The key features of Kings Park include:

- A neighbourhood playground with shade sail and custom-made play features
- Multi-purpose hard court for basketball, futsal and pickleball
- Walking paths and seating
- A large sheltered area providing a space for small gatherings
- Passive relaxation areas for picnics and other outdoor activities
- Extensive landscaping and new tree plantings
- Accessible toilet.

The design and facilities at Kings Park were based on the feedback Council received from the community during the consultation that started in late 2016 and into 2018.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said Kings Park was a wonderful addition to the community.

“Residents have been saying that they want new and modern parks, playgrounds and open spaces that cater for a diverse range of interests, and I am delighted to say that Kings Park delivers that and more,” Clr Laxale said.

“With the opening of Kings Park and the recent endorsement of the Blenheim Park masterplan, I can assure everyone that this Council is committed to investing in open space and boosting our local economy through the construction of public infrastructure.”

Celebrate the Granny Smith Festival this October

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Everyone is invited to join in the fun and celebrate one of Sydney's most popular community events – the Granny Smith Festival.

This year's Granny Smith Festival will be celebrated a little differently this year, with the traditional one-day festival replaced with a large number of events that will take place throughout October.

Like every Granny Smith Festival, there will be something for everyone this year with most of the events taking place online.

The attractions at this year's festival include:

- **Drive-in Cinema:** Macquarie University will host a drive-in cinema over two nights across the October Long Weekend (3 – 4 October). Online bookings essential
- **Emma Wiggle Live Online:** Emma Wiggle will be doing a live online show on the Granny Smith Festival Facebook page on Saturday 17 October. Emma will also be running a competition to win a meet and greet via a video link prior to the show
- **Big Apple Talent Quest:** Solo and group acts can go in the running to win more than \$2,000 in prizemoney by submitting an online video
- **Orchestra in the Park:** The Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra will stream a special live performance from the grounds of Brush Farm House on Saturday 24 October
- **Granny's Marketplace:** During the month of October we will be showcasing previous stallholders from the last three years online
- **Virtual Scavenger Hunt sponsored by Macquarie Community College:** There will be two separate week-long competitions throughout October with \$2,500 available in prizes to be won
- **Granny's Virtual Kitchen:** During the October school holidays kids will be able to take part in a live Zoom cooking class where they will learn new recipes that include cooking with the Granny Smith Apple. Bookings essential
- **Plaza Art in Four Parts:** Four weeks, four artists, four perspectives. From 8 October, a new artist will showcase Eastwood Plaza with a fresh perspective each week. They will also undertake a 'work in progress' allowing the community to watch as each new piece comes to life
- **Country Women's Association (CWA) cooking video:** Ever wanted to make the perfect apple crumble? Then look out for the online video in which the CWA's Margery East will show you how in simple, easy steps
- **Animation video on the history of Maria Ann Smith:** Aimed at local primary school children, this animation video will provide details on the life and legacy Maria Ann 'Granny' Smith in a fun and engaging way.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said this year's Granny Smith Festival will be a little different to previous years, the events planned will ensure it will still be as fun as ever.

"While many annual events have been cancelled this year, the City of Ryde felt it was vitally important to still stage a Granny Smith Festival that featured lots of fun entertainment while ensuring the safety of everyone in the community," Cllr Laxale said.

"With the events we have planned for this year's festival, we will get to celebrate the life and legacy of Granny Smith, while also having lots of fun in the process."

The City of Ryde would like to thank festival sponsor Macquarie University Hospital and Clinics.

[Click here](#) for more information on this year's Granny Smith Festival, including the complete program of events taking place.

Background

The Granny Smith Festival celebrates the life of Maria Ann 'Granny' Smith. She and her husband Thomas had a fruit orchard in Eastwood.

It was here in 1868 that Granny Smith accidentally grew the first Granny Smith apples when some crab apples she discarded along a creek bed sprouted into a new variety of apple.

More than 150 years later, the Granny Smith apple is now one of the most popular apple varieties and is grown in orchards across the world.

Due to coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, this year's traditional one-day festival has been replaced with a month-long series of events primarily held online to ensure everyone's health and safety.

COVID-19 alert - monitor for symptoms

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On 8 September 2020 and 9 September 2020, NSW Health advised that anyone who attended the following venues in the City of Ryde is considered a casual contact of a confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) case and must monitor for symptoms and get tested immediately if any symptoms develop. Following testing, NSW Health advises that you must remain in isolation until a negative test result is received:

- Charles St Kitchen, 78 Charles Street Putney, on Saturday 5 September between 10.45am - 11.30am
- Eastwood Ryde Netball Association, Meadowbank Park, Adelaide Street Meadowbank, on Saturday 5 September between 12.15pm - 1.30pm.
- Macquarie Shopping Centre, including Food Court, Coco Tea, Myer, Time Zone and Tommy Gun's Barbershop, Macquarie Park, on Saturday 5 September between 2:00pm - 5:00pm.

Some people who attended the Eastwood Ryde Netball Association event were close contacts and have been contacted directly to get tested and isolate for 14 days.

Locations linked to known cases, advice on testing and isolation, and areas identified for increased testing can be found at the [NSW Health update page](#).

Please note that information is correct at time of publication. Seek official advice from NSW Health.

Ryde Council first to adopt local resilience plan

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The City of Ryde has become the first council in NSW to endorse a comprehensive local resilience plan that will allow the community and Council's own operations to better prepare for major shocks and emergencies as well as respond and recover from such situations into the future. This includes risks and threats from heatwaves, severe storms, floods and bushfires, as well as infrastructure failure, communications meltdowns and further pandemics.

The Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 sets out an action plan to help support and equip the community with the tools required to become more resilient to adapt, survive and thrive.

The plan sets out a range of goals, strategic directions and targets in nine key responses areas including energy security, water security, climate change, biodiversity, transport, health and wellbeing, and emergency preparedness.

Over the coming decades, the City of Ryde will experience rapid growth, which coupled with external stresses such as climate change, food security, social isolation and mental health, will have far-reaching impacts on the quality of life of residents and place pressure on local resources.

The new Resilience Plan establishes a roadmap on how Council and the community will manage these challenges, supported by actions to be taken over the coming decade to overcome emergency situations and events and to withstand other chronic stresses, so that everyone's quality of life can be maintained.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said while the development of the plan had been almost two years in the making, its endorsement is very timely as we enter another bushfire season, more summer heat and increased likelihood of severe storms and flash flooding.

"As we approach another bushfire and storm season, the memories of last season are still in firmly in the forefront of all our minds. The sequence of events in 2019-2020 have forced us to cope with the extreme challenges now magnified by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and a long road of recovery that we will need to embark on collectively," Clr Laxale said.

"The Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 means we will be in a better position as a Council and a community to anticipate and prepare for these extremely difficult situations. If we know how to respond, who to help and how to help, then we can work together including with other organisations to reduce the severity and negative impacts on the community.

"Crucially, this plan aligns with the policies and initiatives that Council has committed to in recent years, including our declaration of a climate emergency,

adoption of a 100 percent renewable energy target by 2030 and priorities and actions of the North District Plan by the Greater Sydney Commission.

“It is all part of our efforts to ensure the quality of life is sustained for everyone in the City of Ryde, both for current and future generations.”

Chief Resilience Officer at Resilient Sydney, Beck Dawson, said the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 was a major milestone as the first plan of its kind in Greater Sydney, and aligned with the Resilient Sydney strategy for our metropolitan region.

“The City of Ryde has been a leader within local government in working to embed resilience within strategic planning and programs. This new plan continues this work by building resilience within local communities and City operations,” Ms Dawson said.

The Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 was developed with the help of extensive engagement across the community and with key stakeholders. This included the public exhibition of a draft document and previously extensive consultation with groups of more vulnerable residents.

[Click here](#) to view the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030.

Council to help HSC students overcome challenges

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The City of Ryde will stage a new webinar specifically designed to support HSC students through their upcoming exams.

While sitting the HSC can be a stressful time in everyone's life, students sitting this year's school-leaver exams have had to take on additional challenges created by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

As part of the City of Ryde's commitment to helping local youth Council will stage the special webinar on Tuesday 15 September, between 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

Hosted by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, the session will be aimed at HSC students and their parents, providing them with advice on how to prepare for the exams and also take the time to enjoy what is a significant time in their schooling life.

Dr Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists who has launched a range of mental health initiatives in the fields of parenting, children, adolescents and the use of technology for mental health.

The City of Ryde is also partnering with Sydney North Health Network to deliver a campaign focused on promoting self-care and looking after each other through the HSC.

The campaign will involve a series of short videos from various stakeholders including GPs, nurses, past HSC students, local youth services and education providers. This campaign will launch in late September.

"2020 has been an extremely stressful year for most of us, but it has been particularly challenging for Year 12 students," City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale said.

"As a City we will continue to do what we can to help students during this difficult time."

If you or anyone you know needs help, call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Blenheim Park masterplan endorsed by Council

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Concept design image

Blenheim Park in North Ryde will be expanded and have a greater range of diverse and inclusive facilities that will cater to the entire community under a new masterplan endorsed by Council.

The masterplan was developed following extensive community consultation and is part of the City of Ryde's commitment to creating well-connected and modern open spaces for the City's growing population.

The implementation of the masterplan will occur over a number of stages as funding becomes available. Funding for the first three stages has been identified in Council's Four Year Delivery Plan.

Key features of the masterplan include:

- Two new multi-use courts, a small skate park, table tennis and social spaces with inclusive designs
- A major upgrade to the existing playground which will include water play, sand play, a flying fox, age appropriate play areas as well as inclusive play equipment
- A new fenced dog off-leash area with shade areas, seating, dog bowl, waste facilities and paths
- A new radio control car track with spectator area, pit area and storage facilities

- Green open spaces for picnics or kick about activities
- Picnic areas with shelter and barbecue facilities
- New fitness equipment stations
- Upgraded amenity building
- Parking improvements onsite and on Blenheim Road
- New park access, pathways and lighting improvements
- Improvements to environmental aspects including a biodiversity corridor and bioswale channels.

In addition, the masterplan will result in the permanent closure of the northern section of the Blenheim Road road reserve, with this area becoming part of the expanded park.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said providing first-class parks, playgrounds and open spaces was a key priority of this Council.

“A few years ago, Blenheim Park was under risk of high-rise development. After Council intervened, it will now become of Sydney’s best parks,” Clr Laxale said.

“This masterplan will transform Blenheim Park into a high-quality open space with modern facilities, improved connections with surrounding areas and much-needed environmental improvements.

“Further, this multi-million dollar investment in public infrastructure will provide much needed jobs for our City’s economic recovery.”

Works and Community Committee Chair, Clr Penny Pedersen, said: “Before I was on Council I fought alongside the community against high-rise development in Blenheim Park. I am thrilled that the newly endorsed masterplan has been guided by the feedback received from the locals who use it, and caters for all ages and interests, ensuring it will meet the needs of our residents for generations to come.”