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Proposed Expression of Interest for the Putney Tennyson Bowling Club site

City of Ryde will shortly be seeking public Expressions of Interest from suitable parties for the management of the Putney Tennyson Bowling Club site.

The decision to test the market, in the community's best interests, comes after the existing tenancy of the Putney Tennyson Bowling Club lapsed in December 2022 with tenancy subsequently continuing on a month-to-month basis. However, due to essential terms of the licence not being satisfied, notice has now been given to the tenant to vacate the premises.

City of Ryde had provided extended financial relief to the licensee in recent years, including a revised licence fee structure and a COVID rent relief package.

An independent building condition audit commissioned by Council in May 2023, found the 45-year-old building was in 'poor overall condition'. Further, the audit identified that due to lack of maintenance, the building had effectively passed its serviceable life and there was also evidence of asbestos and other hazardous materials as well as structural and roofing issues that all required attention.

City of Ryde will now undertake a transparent public process to seek a new licensee to invest in the site in accordance with the Council's adopted Morrison Bay Park Plan of Management.

"We will be seeking a licensee who will offer a substantial investment to help provide suitable recreation facilities and is strongly committed to both the site and the community it serves," said City of Ryde Mayor Cllr Sarkis Yedelian OAM.

"This will help ensure the site remains a valuable and viable part of Council's assets."

Council will work with the Club's bowling members to understand their needs and explore options to allow them to continue participating in lawn bowls within the City of Ryde while the upcoming expression of interest process is undertaken.

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