# West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility

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The Department of Education is delivering a new multi-sports facility for use by the community at the site previously occupied by Marsden High School.

Subject to planning approval, the new sports centre will include:



New **5,000sqm** indoor courts facility with 4 multipurpose courts and ancillary spaces



**32** outdoor netball courts and associated amenities



Landscaping, including communal space with open lawns, picnic tables and seating



New car and bicycle parking spaces



### Project overview

In Term 2, 2022 Marsden High School is moving to the new, purpose-built Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct located on Rhodes Street, Meadowbank.

The new school gives greater facilities to its students, which frees up the original school site on Winbourne Street to provide for the needs of the wider community.

School Infrastructure NSW is developing a new community facility to cater for a range of activities and some of NSW's highest participation sports, including netball.

Once completed, the new facility is expected to be a valuable community asset delivering more recreation space for local residents and athletes.

Subject to planning approvals, the project will deliver:

- New 5,000sqm indoor courts facility with 4 multipurpose courts and ancillary spaces for use by a number of indoor sports with a ceiling height of about 10 metres
- 32 outdoor netball courts and associated amenities
- Demolition of Marsden High School buildings
- Landscaping, including the addition of an E2 ecological protection zone
- Unfenced communal space with open lawns, picnic tables and seating accessible to the community at all times
- New car and bicycle parking spaces.

### **Progress summary**

Work is underway to design the West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility. The design is being developed following close consultation with City of Ryde Council, the Department of Education and technical stakeholders.

A development application (DA) has been lodged with City of Ryde Council for the demolition of the existing school buildings. A second DA will be lodged later in 2022 for the construction of the new facilities. Council will place this DA on public exhibition and advise nearby property owners and residents.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) was announced in 2021, seeking potential tenderers with the capability to manage the operations of the facility once it is completed and ready to operate. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to the shortlisted tenderers in December 2021.

### **Next steps**

- Community and stakeholder consultation.
- Ongoing design development.
- Tender process for the construction contractor.
- Lodgement of DA with City of Ryde Council.
- The RFP completed with the tender for operations awarded later this year.



### Proposed site plan



## Frequently asked questions

### What is being delivered?

The Department of Education is delivering a multisports facility at the original Marsden High School site (22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde). The project proposes to deliver a new 5,000sqm indoor courts facility, 4 indoor multipurpose courts, 32 outdoor netball courts, landscaping and communal outdoor areas, and car and bicycle parking.

The department is committed to providing highquality, inclusive, safe, inviting and well-maintained recreation facilities that are sustainably managed for the benefit of the community.

#### Where will the additional facility be located?

The new multi-sports facility will be located at the original site of Marsden High School (22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde).

#### Who will be able to use the indoor sports centre?

Once complete, the multi-sports facility will cater for a number of indoor sporting usages that may include netball, basketball, futsal, and badminton, while the external facility will primarily cater for participants of one of NSW's fastest growing sports, netball.

Local sporting groups and organisations, residents, workers, and businesses will be able to use the facility subject to planning approval. There may also be opportunity to use the facility for non-sport community activities, such as farmers markets, subject to approvals and agreements.

The outside grounds of the facility will include nonfenced open space available for public use.

## Frequently asked questions (continued)

## What consultation has been undertaken to date to confirm the need for the facilities?

An extensive stakeholder engagement process was undertaken throughout 2019 and 2020 to help determine the need for sporting facilities in the area and the projected use and demand. Stakeholders that were consulted include:

- NSW Government Agencies, including NSW Office of Sport, the NSW Department of Education
- City of Ryde Council
- Eastwood-Ryde Netball Association (ERNA)
- Relevant State Sporting Organisations and facility operators, including Badminton, Futsal, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Table Tennis, and Basketball.

This valuable exercise has helped to determine the size and scale of the facility proposed to be developed.

## Why is the multi-sports facility being built in West Ryde?

The role of sport and recreation not only encourages healthy and active lifestyles in the community, it also helps to connect communities regardless of age, ability, and/or background.

The population of Ryde is forecasted to increase dramatically over the next 10 years, however there is currently a lack of recreation spaces in the Ryde LGA, with a key forecast requirement for additional indoor sporting facilities.

The delivery of this project will provide a high-quality sport and recreational facility, helping to establish NSW as one of the nation's most active and healthy states.

## Who will manage the operations of the new facility?

An Expression of Interest (EOI) was announced in 2021, seeking potential tenderers with the capability to manage the operations of the facility once it is up and running. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to the shortlisted tenderers in December. The RFP will be completed and the tender awarded later this year. We will continue to update the community on progress and the outcome of this process.

## Can I provide feedback on the Development Application?

The Development Application for the new multisports facility will be available to view through City of Ryde Council. School Infrastructure and Council will notify the community when it is on exhibition.

You can comment on the application by providing a submission to council while it is on public exhibition via the City of Ryde Council website: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au.

## Have your say on the West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility

We'd love to know what's important to you when it comes to a community facility. Please complete our short survey to have your say. Please note that your answers will remain completely anonymous.

The survey link is here: <a href="mailto:forms.gle/inZpdh7GCFXaswBE6">forms.gle/inZpdh7GCFXaswBE6</a>

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