

# West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility

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Artist impression of the West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility

The NSW 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

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Earlier this year Marsden High School moved to the new, purpose-built Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct located on Rhodes Street, Meadowbank. The new school gives greater facilities to its students while freeing 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 multi-sports facility with a focus on one of NSW's highest participation sports, 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:

- a new 5,000sqm indoor courts facility with 4 multipurpose courts and ancillary spaces for use by a number of indoor sports
- 32 outdoor netball courts and associated amenities
- landscaping, including the addition of a C2 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

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The tender for demolition of the former Marsden High School buildings and construction of the new facilities was awarded to Stephen Edwards Constructions in May 2022. Since then, site establishment, hazardous material removals and demolition works have started.

In May 2022 Police and Community Youth Clubs (PCYC) NSW successfully won the award to manage the new facility on behalf of the NSW Department of Education once it becomes operational.

Work on the detailed design of the West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility is underway. The design is being developed following close consultation with City of Ryde Council, the NSW Department of Education, technical stakeholders, East Ryde Netball Association (ERNA) and the operator PCYC. Members of the public will be able to provide feedback on the design once it is exhibited by City of Ryde Council later in August.

### Planning pathways

A number of different planning pathways have been followed to seek approval for this project to proceed:

- A Complying Development Certificate (CDC) was issued earlier in 2022 for the above ground demolition of the former school buildings.
- A Development Application (DA) was lodged with the City of Ryde Council earlier this year for below ground demolition and was approved in August.
- A planning proposal to rezone the site from educational to recreational use and to create an ecological protection zone was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in early August 2022.
- The main works DA for construction works of the facility and outdoor courts has been submitted to the City of Ryde Council.

### Next steps

- Ongoing design development.
- Above and below ground demolition of the former school buildings will continue throughout 2022.
- The planning proposal to rezone the site from educational to recreational use will be exhibited by the City of Ryde Council throughout August 2022. Formal approval of the proposal is expected later in 2022.
- The main works DA is with City of Ryde Council for a response. We expect the application to be formally received by Council and exhibited on their website later in August 2022.

# Proposed site plan



## Frequently asked questions

### What is being delivered?

The NSW Department of Education is delivering a multi-sports 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 high-quality, 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, volleyball 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 non-fenced 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, 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?

Police and Community Youth Clubs (PCYC) NSW will manage the new facility on behalf of the NSW Department of Education once it becomes operational.

### Can I provide feedback on the Development Application?

The Development Application for the new multi-sports 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](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au).

### How can I keep up to date about this project?

Updates about this project are regularly published on its webpage. You can visit the project webpage by scanning the QR code below or visiting

[edu.nsw.link/WestRydeMSF](http://edu.nsw.link/WestRydeMSF).



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