



# West Ryde Multi Sports Facility

Project update

July 2022

## Investing in the community

As NSW is experiencing population growth in Sydney and major regional centres, integrated government planning is needed to optimise use of facilities. This will ensure that NSW residents have access to open spaces as well as community, recreational and sporting infrastructure.

The NSW Government is making sure new and upgraded infrastructure is planned, designed and constructed with communities' needs in mind. The Department of Education's joint use strategy places school sites at the heart of their communities, opening them up for a broader range of uses.

## Project overview

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

School Infrastructure NSW is redeveloping the original Marsden High School site to a new community facility to cater for a range of activities and a focus on one of NSW's highest participation sports, netball.

NSW Department of Education is committed to community outcomes. By repurposing Marsden High School, we will be able to deliver a new community asset that supports health, wellbeing and economic growth in the local area.

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

Subject to planning approval, 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, communal space with open lawns, picnic tables and seating
- New car and bicycle parking spaces.

## Progress Summary

A Complying Development Certificate (CDC) was issued earlier this year for the demolition of buildings. Early site preparations for demolition of the former Marsden High School buildings have started and will continue over the coming weeks.

A Development Application for the remaining demolition works has been lodged with City of Ryde Council. This includes the removal of footpaths, retaining walls, garden beds, sports courts, car parking areas and associated driveways and tree removal.

Stephen Edwards Constructions was awarded the tender in May 2022 for demolition of the former Marsden High School buildings and construction of the new facility.

Police and Community Youth Clubs (PCYC) NSW was awarded the tender in May 2022 to manage the West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility once it becomes operational.

## Next Steps

- Work continues on the design of the facility. The design is being developed following close consultation with City of Ryde Council, the Department of Education and technical stakeholders.
- Site establishment works will continue throughout July. Demolition of the former Marsden High School buildings is expected to start mid-July. A separate works notification has been distributed to neighbours ahead of this occurring.
- A Development Application (DA) will be lodged later in 2022 to build the new facilities. Council will place this DA on public exhibition and advise nearby property owners and residents.

### Process timeline



\*Subject to planning approval