## NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



# West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility

Project update

September 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 school infrastructure is planned, designed and constructed with communities' needs in mind. The NSW 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 multisports facility with 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 an C2 ecological protection zone, communal space with open lawns, picnic tables and seating
- new car and bicycle parking spaces.

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#### **Progress summary**

A Complying Development Certificate (CDC) for above-ground demolition and a development application (DA) for below ground demolition were both approved earlier this year. Demolition has started and will continue throughout 2022.

Hazardous waste removal works have continued (where required) since July 2022.

A planning proposal to rezone the site from educational to recreational use and to create an ecological protected zone was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in August 2022. This proposal is currently being exhibited by the City of Ryde Council.

The main works Development Application (DA) for the construction of the facility and outdoor courts has been lodged with the City of Ryde Council.

#### Next steps

Above and below ground demolition of the former school buildings will continue throughout the year.

Work on the design of the facility will continue in consultation with City of Ryde Council, the NSW Department of Education and technical stakeholders.

A Planning Proposal to rezone the site from educational to recreational use is currently being exhibited by the City of Ryde Council. The exhibition period has been extended until 19 September 2022. We expect formal approval of the proposal in late 2022.

City of Ryde Council have formally received the submission of the main works DA and it is expected Council will exhibit on their website very soon for public consultation.

#### Community information session 15 September

We are committed to working together with our communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible facilities. Your feedback on this project is important to us.

We recently held a drop-in information session at the Ermington Public School hall. Following feedback from neighbours and City of Ryde Council, we will be holding another information session on 15 September 2022 at the Ermington Public School hall.

The information session provides an opportunity for the local community to learn more about the new facility and ask questions of the project team. You can attend at any time between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm, as this will not be a presentation. In the interest of public safety we encourage anyone attending to wear a mask.

The map overleaf indicates how you can find the hall from the school carpark entry on Winbourne Street. Please note that the carpark is for use by Ermington Public School staff only.

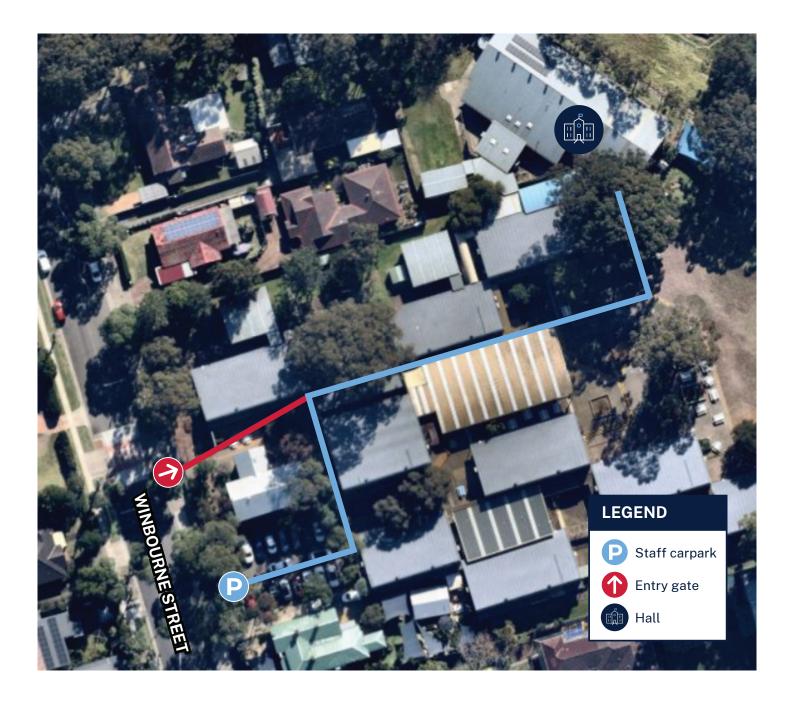
Stay up to date about this project by visiting the webpage at <u>edu.nsw.link/WestRydeMSF</u> or scan the QR code.



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