



# West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility

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## Project overview

A project is underway to redevelop the original Marsden High School site to a new community multi-sports facility with a focus on one of NSW's highest participation sports, netball.

Subject to planning approval, the project will deliver:

- a new 5,000sqm indoor courts facility with 4 multi-purpose courts and ancillary spaces
- 29 outdoor netball courts and associated amenities
- landscaping, including the addition of an E2 ecological protection zone, communal space with open lawns, picnic tables and seating
- new car and bicycle parking spaces.

## Progress summary

We received many suggestions from the community during the public exhibition of the main works development application (DA) last year. Since then, we have been working through the recommendations in consultation with City of Ryde Council. Our priority is to create a world class sports facility that meets the needs of the community now and to the future while being sensitive to neighbouring properties.

## Development Application on re-exhibition until 26 July 2023

Our response to community submissions from the main works DA have been reviewed and addressed, and are currently being re-exhibited by the City of Ryde Council until 26 July 2023. Changes to the original scope are outlined on the next page. The DA is available to view on the Council website under Development Applications on Exhibition: <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Planning-Development/Development-Applications/Development-Applications-on-Exhibition>

The DA number is LDA2022/0267.

All submissions can be made directly to Council during the exhibition period.

## Changes to the original scope

To address concerns that were raised by the community, we have continued to refine the design of the facility and have made several changes to the original scope. These changes are:

- We have removed 3 outdoor netball courts located in the north-west section of the site. This has reduced the number of courts from 32 to 29 and will subsequently reduce carparking demands as well as traffic and noise impacts.
- We have moved the carpark 2.5 metres away from the northern boundary to reduce noise impacts on and increase privacy to neighbouring properties. This also has the added benefit of retaining more neighbouring trees, and allows for more planting between the carpark and neighbouring properties.
- We have raised the height of the acoustic wall along the northern boundary by 1 metre. This wall, which will now be 3 metres tall, will help reduce noise impacts and provide more privacy to neighbouring properties.
- With 3 courts removed from the northern landscape, we've moved the communal play area to this section to provide better public access.
- We've increased the landscaped area of the site.
- We've redesigned the carpark to increase safety through adding a median strip to separate entry and exit.
- We've made changes to the carpark driveway system and parking space locations to ensure accessibility for emergency vehicles.

## Next steps

We expect the DA to be formally approved later in 2023, after which construction work will begin. We will keep the community informed about the status of the project's statutory planning approvals and notify you before construction work starts.

## Keep up to date about this project

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility we'd love to hear from you.

Stay up to date by visiting the project webpage <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/w/west-ryde-multi-sports-facility.html> or scan the QR code below.

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