



Artist impression of the multi-purpose court at the West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility

West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility

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Investing in the community

The NSW Government 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

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 for use by a number of indoor sports
- 32 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

The planning proposal to rezone the site from educational to recreational use was endorsed by City of Ryde Council in late 2022. This has since progressed through the Department of Planning and Environment and the Parliamentary Counsel's Office with formal gazettal achieved on 15 February 2023.

During the public exhibition of the main works development application (DA) in September 2022 we received several submissions from neighbours and members of the community. City of Ryde Council has collated the submissions and we have been working through responses to community suggestions in a process called Request for Information (RFI). This

will allow us to design a world class sports facility that also meets the needs of Council, neighbours and the local community.

Next steps

We expect to submit the RFI from the main works DA to City of Ryde Council in March 2023.

While we await the outcome of the DA submitted in September 2022 the site will remain idle. Our contractor, Stephen Edwards Constructions, will hold possession of the site and maintain it, even when no work is occurring.

We expect the DA to be formally approved in mid-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.

For more information or to make a comment please email us at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 482 651 during business hours.



Artist impression of the Winbourne Street courtyard at the West Ryde Multi-Sports Facility

