



# AN UPDATE ON TG MILLNER FIELDS

Dear Neighbour,

On behalf of North Ryde RSL, we are writing to you to provide an update the future of TG Millner fields.

On 21 November 2022, Ryde Council initiated a non-exclusive negotiation process to purchase the TG Millner site from the North Ryde RSL. Both North Ryde RSL and Eastwood Rugby Club are open to Ryde Council acquiring the site for the community at fair market value. If, however there is no agreement for Council to purchase the TG Millner site before 22 May 2023, Council may proceed with the compulsory acquisition process.

Throughout this process, it has been made clear that the TG Millner site cannot stay as it is. As a private facility owned by North Ryde RSL, TG Millner is losing money every year and has done so for the last 30 years. While we await a decision from Council, the Clubs – who have a duty to their members – are continuing to explore a range of options for the site to ensure the ongoing success of these two community organisations.

As highlighted in the original Marsfield Common planning proposal, a seniors' housing development is already permissible on the TG Millner site under its current zoning. In October 2022, the Clubs took the preliminary steps to prepare a State Significant Development Application for the redevelopment of the TG Millner site for seniors' housing. As part of this process, the Clubs recently received notification from the Department of Planning and Environment that the Department has issued Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). This process provides for the seniors' housing application to be assessed by the Department with a subsequent decision to be made by the Independent Planning Commission and/or the Land & Environment Court. The next step is for the Clubs to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

North Ryde RSL and Eastwood Rugby Club are comfortable with Ryde Council acquiring the site at fair market value for the surrounding community. A Council purchase will help Eastwood Rugby to build and maintain its new grounds, grow the game of rugby in Sydney and ensure the club a healthy future for years to come, while enabling North Ryde RSL to enhance its offering to its members at its current North Ryde location.

We will continue to keep you updated.

Kind regards,

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