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## New Putney Park swim site opens for summer fun

The City of Ryde, in partnership with the NSW Government and the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG), is delighted to announce the official opening of the new Putney Park Swim Site, a landmark destination on the stunning foreshore of the Parramatta River.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the opening at the Putney Park Swim Site and celebrate a new era of river recreation in the City of Ryde.

Affectionally known as 'Putney Beach', the swim site is part of a shared commitment to creating accessible, vibrant open spaces through the NSW Government's ['Places to Swim'](#) program, which is delivering improved water recreation opportunities across the state. Jointly funded by the NSW Government in association with City of Ryde, the NSW Government contributed \$698,475 to the site as part of its \$16.7 million commitment to high quality open space.

In partnership with the PRCG, Council is working to improve the health of the river long term and is undertaking ongoing water monitoring, which continues to provide positive results, for the safety of swimmers.

The new swim site is equipped with a fully netted enclosure for swimmer security. Council supports the safe use of the site by all swimmers and users are reminded to always be aware of river conditions, do not swim for three days after rain and follow the safety advice on the swim site signage at the site.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully said the opening of Putney Beach is another important milestone in making Parramatta River safe to swim in.

"The NSW Government has made a commitment to provide additional places to swim and Putney Beach will be a great asset for the local community," Mr Scully said.

"The opening of Putney Beach extends a long tradition of swimming in the Parramatta River as the site of Putney Beach was the original home for the first in-river swimming area in Ryde in the 1920s."

City of Ryde Mayor Trenton Brown said the new swim site was a wonderful addition to the City's growing portfolio of open space.

"I'd like to thank the State Government for its support in making the Putney Park swim site possible," he said.

"Carefully curated open space like this is critical for the City of Ryde as our population and density continue to grow exponentially.

“This new swim site – which joins others planned, or already operating, along the sparkling Parramatta River – will provide amazing recreation opportunities for our residents, who will no longer have to endure a long car ride to get to the closest beach.”

Places to Swim is connecting people to water in places that need it the most, creating better access to get in, on and around inland waterways across NSW. For more information about the Places to Swim program, visit <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/open-space/open-spaces-program/places-to-swim>.

## Opening Ceremony Event Details

**When:** Wednesday 22 January 2025, 10.00am to 1.00pm

**Where:** Putney Park, Pellisier Road, Putney

The ceremony will be officiated by Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and Public Spaces Stephen Bali MP and City of Ryde Mayor Trenton Brown.

## Plan Your Trip

Parking at the Putney Park Swim Site is limited.

Visitors are encouraged to consider carpooling or using public transport options, including nearby ferry services, to ensure convenient access to the opening ceremony.

- Ferry service F3 to Kissing Point ferry wharf
- Bus route 507 between Meadowbank Station and Gladesville

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