



4<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Helen Black  
Secretary  
Rydal Village Association  
49B Railway Street  
RYDAL NSW 2790

Dear Helen

**RE: PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE VILLAGE OF RYDAL**

This is in response to your letters dated 18 April and 8 July 2011.

Prior to Council contacting the owner of this parcel of land, a number of scenarios need to be considered including:

- The suitability of the land for the purposes of a public toilet, playground equipment and park
- The cost of constructing the toilets, playground equipment and gardens
- The cost of long term maintenance of the park
- The level of service to be provided by the Rydal Village community as well as by Council on a long term basis
- The potential cost of the land
- Whether the owner wishes to sell the land.

Council officers have had a preliminary look at the land from the point of view of the proposed toilet block. The advice I have received to date is along the lines of:

*The land is unsuitable for onsite waste disposal as it is traversed by a watercourse. The best option would be to look for another site or upgrade the showground toilets in conjunction with the Trust for public use. Alternatively another potential site is that block of land opposite the railway station, next to the former police station.*

I discussed this issue, in a telephone conversation, in depth with Lindsay Featherstone on Tuesday 2 August and advised of the above. (I also note that a number of other conversations have been held with members of the community relating to the matter).

In previous discussions with Lindsay and other members of the community, it was raised that one of the reasons for choosing that block was that it was a way of 'tidying up' that corner as an approach into the village. It may be possible for an entrance feature to be put on that corner. This would require further investigation. I also raised this with Lindsay.

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Council in its 2011/2012 Management Plan has set aside \$50,000 to put towards a park and or playground equipment in Rydal. Council recognizes, however, that this is not sufficient to purchase land and establish a park such as the proposed. Further funding would have to be allocated in subsequent years to such a proposal. Annual allocations for maintenance of the land would also need to be made.

I have requested further information on types of public toilets that 'may' be suitable in Rydal considering the soil and land conditions in the village.

At this point I cannot provide any further details on this proposal. I will however, continue to investigate this matter, as and when staff is available.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Lollback', with a small horizontal line at the end.

Suzanne Lollback

**GROUP MANAGER COMMUNITY AND STRATEGY**



20<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Rydal Showground Trust  
C/- Mrs R Young  
Secretary of Rydal Showground Trust  
"Mara Park"  
Rydal NSW 2790

Dear Mrs Young

RE: Rydal Village Public Amenities and Park

Council has been approached by a number of members of the Rydal community in regards to establishing a playground and public toilets within the village.

Council has since investigated a number of blocks of land and has found that there is little option within the village for this to take place. It is believed that the showground area and adjacent park may provide the best option.

Council has set aside some funds towards assisting the Rydal community establish these amenities.

Council would like to seek input from the Trust with regards the establishment of a playground and possible upgrade of the existing toilets in the showground area for use by the public and, whether this matter sits with the Trust's plans for the future development for the Rydal showground.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Rhiannan Pace on (02) 6354 9905 to establish a time that is convenient.

Yours sincerely

**Suzanne Lollback**  
Group Manager – Community & Strategy

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**RYDAL SHOWGROUND TRUST.**

Mrs Rachael Young  
"Mara Park"  
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Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Ms Suzanne Lollback  
Group Manager  
Community & Strategy  
Lithgow City Council..

Dear Ms Lollback,

RE: Rydal Village Public Amenities & Park.

The Trust held a meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and the issues raised, about public toilets, in your previous correspondence were discussed.

It was decided that the showground toilets would not be suitable as public facilities for a number of reasons.

Members of the Village Association have indicated to the Trust that the toilets are too far from the main street.

The Trust keeps the toilets locked unless the grounds are rented as vandalism is a problem at the showgrounds. In recent weeks we have had a hot water heater stolen from one toilet block and another toilet block was broken into and an attempt was made to break into the hall.. The water to the showground is mostly turned off at the meter as there is a problem with theft of water.

Whilst the showground is available for community use they are is not suitable for public toilets or other amenities.

If you have further questions please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Rachael Young  
Secretary



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23 March 2012

Rydal Showground Trust  
C/- Mrs R Young  
Secretary of Rydal Showground Trust  
"Mara Park"  
Rydal NSW 2790

Dear Mrs Young

**RE: Rydal village public amenities and park**

I refer to your letter dated 13 December 2011 in which you state that the showground area would not be suitable for public toilets and park. Council requests that the Rydal Showground Trust and Village Association reconsider this response as no other suitable alternatives are available for such facilities to be provided within the Rydal Village.

It would be appreciated if your organisations could come together to further consider this matter and advise Council of your decisions as soon as is practicable, as Council will need to consider funding options as part of the 2012/13 Operational Plan.

If you require further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact Council's Group Manager of Community and Strategy on 02 63549999.

Yours sincerely

Sherilyn Hanrahan  
**Acting Group Manager Community and Strategy**

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23 March 2012

Helen Black  
Secretary  
Rydal Village Association  
49B Railway Street  
RYDAL NSW 2790

Dear Helen

**RE: Rydal village public amenities and park**

It is advised that council has investigated a number of sites for the provision of a public amenities block and park within the Rydal Village and has found that possibly the best area for this to occur is within the showground area and adjacent park.

Late last year Council approached the Rydal Showground Trust to seek their views in relation to the establishment of a playground and the possible upgrade of the existing toilets in the showground area to be made available for public use. The Trust did not agree with this proposal.

Council requests that the Rydal Showground Trust and Village Association reconsider this response as no other suitable alternatives are available for such facilities to be provided within the Rydal Village.

It would be appreciated if your organisations could come together to further consider this matter and advise Council of your decisions as soon as is practicable, as Council will need to consider funding options as part of the 2012/13 Operational Plan.

If you require further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact Council's Group Manager of Community and Strategy on 02 63549999.

Yours sincerely

Sherilyn Hanrahan  
**Acting Group Manager of Community and Strategy**

27 APR 2012

**RYDAL SHOWGROUND TRUST.**

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Monday, April 23, 2012

Sherilyn Hanrahan  
Acting Group Manager Community and Strategy

Dear Ms Hanrahan.

Thank you for your letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March,2012.

The Trust has met with the Village Association and both parties have agreed that the showground is not suitable for public toilets and a park.


From the Trust's point of view I will repeat what was in my last letter.

1. The water is turned off at the main when no one is at the grounds as the water gets stolen.
2. We cannot leave anything unlocked as buildings are vandalized and equipment is stolen. We have recently had a hot water heater stolen and damaged caused to the value of about \$3000. We cannot afford to have this happen all the time.
3. There is no room for play equipment. The showground is primarily set up for the annual show, where room for exhibits and parking are at a premium so we cannot afford to have an area sterilized because it has play equipment on it.
4. Who will clean the toilets. The trust is run by volunteers who all have other jobs and family commitments.

The Trust has a responsibility to look after the grounds and to leave anything unlocked without there being constant supervision is foolhardy as it becomes very expensive to repair the constant damage from theft and vandalism. Therefore the Trust cannot allow the toilets to be open as public amenities and has no room for a park.

Sincerely,

Mrs Rachael Young  
Secretary of the Rydal Showground Trust.





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10 April 2012

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18 APR 2012

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Dear Sherilyn,

Re: Rydal Village Public Amenities and Park

Rydal Showground Trust and the Village Association had a meeting on the 10 April. It was decided that the showground is not suitable for the village amenities and park.

The reasons that the showground is not suitable are as follows:

- a. The showground is too far out of the village;
- b. Access is not easy to the toilets at the showground there are no suitable access paths, especially for wheelchairs; and
- c. The toilets at the showground cannot be left open because of vandalism and theft. Just recently, we had all the copper piping and a gas hot water stolen out of the toilets.

Other Questions raised were as follows:

- a. Who will pay for the water usage, as the trust pays for the water now? and
- b. What happens when the trust has a function on at the showground?

The village assoc would like to have the public amenities in the village itself, because we have lots of older people visit the village, especially on weekends or when there is usually a function on at the showground. We have several suitable blocks of land that council could purchase for our village which would be suitable for a park and public amenities.

The village association would only be too happy to meet you in the village to show you the blocks of land and to discuss this matter further

Yours sincerely

Helen Black

Secretary Rydal Village Association