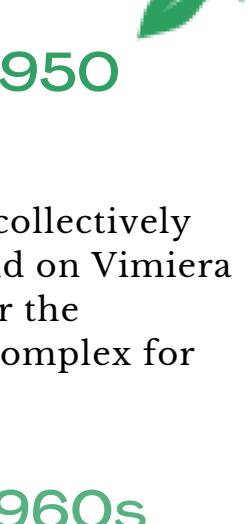


# T G MILLNER FIELD



**1950**

**Vimiera Recreation Grounds is founded**

Vimiera Recreation Grounds (VRG), a not-for-profit associated with Eastwood Rugby Club (ERC) is first incorporated in 1950.

Local rugby enthusiasts start to clear trees and thick scrub on the site.

**1954**

**Col. Tom Millner sells his land**

Col. Tom Millner sells his land to Vimiera Recreation Grounds on 18 May 1954.



**1964**

In grateful appreciation of the support and assistance given by the Chairman of the Board, Colonel Tom Millner, the main field was officially named TG Millner Field.

**2017**

**North Ryde RSL buys TG Millner**

North Ryde RSL buys the TG Millner site.

**1950**

**First land is purchased**

VRG and Col Tom Millner collectively purchase over 7 acres of land on Vimiera Road on 9 October 1950, for the construction of a sporting complex for Eastwood Rugby.

**1960s**

**More land and a new home for Rugby in Sydney**

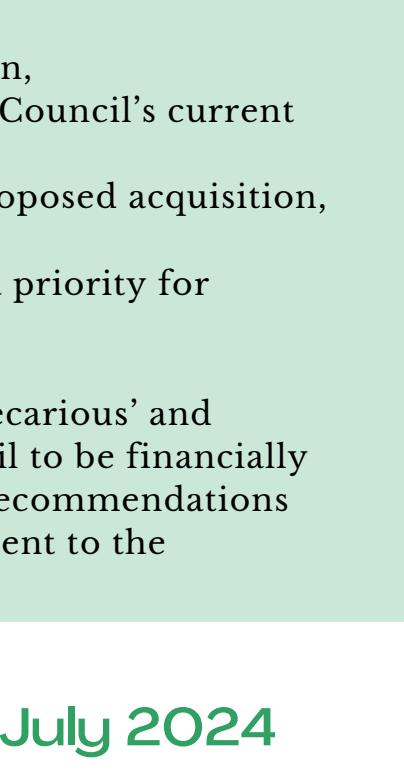
VRG purchases additional land in 1961 and a clubhouse and oval are built by volunteers in the years following.

Additional land is bought in 1967 and more facilities are built including a grandstand in 1969.

**2000**

**North Ryde RSL leases TG Millner**

In 2000 VRG, as the owners of TG Millner, sign a 99-year lease with North Ryde RSL Community Club which transfers the operations of the entire complex to the RSL.



## THE BEGINNING OF MARSFIELD COMMON

**May 2022**

**Marsfield Common planning proposal and Public Benefit Offer submitted to Ryde Council.**

**Dec 2022**

**Planning Panel determines the proposal should not proceed**

Sydney North Planning Panel determines the planning proposal should not proceed due to Council's proposed compulsory acquisition and the review then being undertaken by the NSW Department of Planning regarding future open space requirements for Macquarie Park.

**Nov 2022**

**Ryde Council rejects the proposal**

Without considering any officer report, Ryde Council rejects the Marsfield Common proposal and seeks to compulsorily acquire TG Millner Field.

**Nov 2023**

**Compulsory acquisition starts**

In response to a request from the NSW Minister for Planning, Ryde Council considered a report from its officers regarding the proposed compulsory acquisition of TG Millner Field.

The Minister requested that Council demonstrate:

- the proposed sources of funding for the proposed acquisition,
- the financial sustainability of the proposal in the context of Council's current financial obligations,
- the potential financial risk to Council associated with the proposed acquisition, and
- further explanation and rationale for the acquisition being a priority for Council.

The officer report described Council's financial position as 'precarious' and recommended urgent actions to rectify this in order for Council to be financially sustainable moving forward. Council did not adopt its officer recommendations and instead resolved to reduce its proposed financial commitment to the acquisition of TG Millner Field.

**April 2024**

**July 2024**

**The Marsfield Common planning proposal was lodged with Ryde Council again.**

**Compulsory acquisition fails**

The NSW Government refuses the request to seek to compulsorily acquire TG Millner Field due to Council's lack of strategic justification and its inability to fund and sustain the acquisition.

**Oct 2024**

**Aug 2024**

**Ryde Council tries to rezone TG Millner**

**Rezoning rejected**

NSW Government advises Ryde Council that it would not support the rezoning of TG Millner Field to Public Recreation.

Without considering any officer report, Ryde Council resolves to rezone TG Millner Field to Public Recreation - which would make the site worthless to its owners - North Ryde RSL Club.

**Nov 2024**

**Macquarie Park Plan released**

The NSW Government released its Infrastructure Delivery Plan for Macquarie Park which did not identify TG Millner Field as necessary for the future open space requirements of the Ryde LGA.

The Minister for Planning advised Ryde Council that the Macquarie Park rezoning documents did not contain any commitment from the NSW Government to either acquire or preserve TG Millner Field as open space and requested that Council correct its misleading statements in this regard - which did not occur.



**Dec 2024**

**Mar 2025**

**Council fails to consider proposal again**

**Another compulsory acquisition attempt by Council**

Ryde Council again resolved to seek approval from the NSW Government to compulsorily acquire TG Millner Field.

Given Council's refusal to consider the planning proposal, a Rezoning Review was sought from the Sydney North Planning Panel.

**June 2025**

**July 2025**

**Second acquisition attempt fails**

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