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SPORTS CLUB TO TAKE OVER MEMORIAL HALL LEASE

The lease on Manly Soldiers Memorial Hall has been transferred to the Manly Fishing and Sporting Club.

The lease, on the site in Raglan Street, was held by the Manly Rugby Union Club which ceased trading in December 2009.

NSW Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said the rugby club amalgamated with the Manly Fishing and Sporting Association and requested the lease be assigned to the new club, which plans to commence trading on the site next month.

“Following the submission of a detailed business plan and additional information by the new club to the Land and Property Management Authority, I am satisfied the new club will be able to fulfil the lease and ensure this historic building is properly maintained,” the Minister said.

“This building was built in 1927 and has heritage significance but it was allowed to fall into substantial disrepair requiring refurbishment work to be carried out before it can be reoccupied.

“The hall also serves as a meeting place for Manly RSL Sub-branch, which maintains an ‘eternal flame’ on the site to commemorate war veterans.

“The new leasing arrangement includes the retention of the ‘eternal flame’ and the provision that the RSL can continue to meet there.”