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STOCKLAND MAKES A SPLASH WITH NEW ELARA PLAYGROUND

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Elara residents and locals from neighbouring suburbs have welcomed the opening of a new \$3.2 million water-themed all-inclusive playground at Stockland's thriving community in Marsden Park.

Livvi's Place Elara is the latest exciting addition to the community's popular park network and features a water play zone as its centrepiece, plus a flying fox, slides, swings, climbing nets, a carousel, fun glider, trampoline loop and a basketball half-court.

Stockland worked alongside the Touched by Olivia Foundation, Variety – the Children's Charity (NSW/ACT), Blacktown City Council and Marsden Park Primary School to ensure the 7,400 square metre playground would be all-inclusive.

Through extensive research and by following guidelines based on the Universal Design Principles, the Touched by Olivia Foundation assists communities in building special child-friendly places that encourage social inclusion.

Each Livvi's Place playground provides a unique environment for all children, regardless of ability, to play side by side. The majority of play spaces are wheelchair accessible and includes some soft-fall rubber flooring, visual and audio stimulation and all are configured to maximise creative, physical, social and cognitive play.

Richard Rhydderch, Stockland General Manager, NSW Residential Development, said the playground added another dimension to the array of outdoor spaces already available at Elara.

"Livvi's Place is part of our vision for Elara as a family-friendly, safe and inclusive community which offers an active and healthy lifestyle for residents of all ages," Mr Rhydderch said.

"As Elara grows and its green spaces become popular destinations for the greater community to enjoy, we are proud to be able to provide a play zone where every child can play and learn freely."

Stockland has collaborated with the Touched by Olivia Foundation and Variety – the Children’s Charity (NSW/ACT) to deliver 15 inclusive playspaces across its residential communities and retail centres in four states.

The Livvi’s Place playground is yet another addition to Elara’s expansive offering of more than 40 hectares of open green space.

Within the 280 hectare community there are new sports fields, 24 hectares of future riparian parklands that will include more than seven continuous kilometres of bike and dog-friendly walking trails, exercise spaces and free barbecue facilities.

When complete, Elara will comprise more than 4,000 homes and will include a shopping village with a supermarket and specialty shops on site, community centre, Aspire retirement village, medical centre and child care facilities.

Elara is 50 kilometres from Sydney’s CBD and is conveniently located just 10 minutes by car, or via a free peak hour shuttle, a temporary service provided by Stockland to Schofields Train Station.

Perfectly positioned alongside major road links, Elara offers easy access to the M7 and M4 Motorways and is only minutes from Norwest and Sydney Business Parks.

To find out more about Elara, visit the Sales and Information Centre on Elara Boulevard in Marsden Park, call 13 5263, or go to www.stockland.com.au/elara

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