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### ELARA MARKS TWO MAJOR MILESTONES IN ONE DAY

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Stockland's popular Elara community in Marsden Park has celebrated two major milestones, with work commencing on a 24-hectare parkland and the official opening of an exclusive clubhouse within the over 55s community, Aspire.

Member for Londonderry, Prue Car, and Deputy Mayor of Blacktown City Council, Tony Bleasdale, joined representatives from Stockland and local residents for the double milestone on Friday, July 12. After the official sod-turning at the site of the future parklands to mark the start of construction, Ms Car and Mr Bleasdale cut the ribbon to officially open Aspire's clubhouse, The Pavilion.

The new 24-hectare parklands will be a natural retreat for residents to enjoy, with seven kilometres of bike and walking trails leading to a three hectare lake.

The parklands will form the open space spine for the community and complement the abundance of already established green spaces and tree-lined streets within the community, as well as the new \$3.2 million water-themed children's playground, Livvi's Place.

Meanwhile, The Pavilion in the heart of Aspire features an outdoor heated pool, gym, library, lounge with fireplace and billiards table, covered outdoor dining and barbecue facilities, and an entertaining kitchen and bar.

Mike Milligan, Stockland Project Director, NSW Residential Development, said both projects were designed to enhance the liveability of Elara and support the health and wellbeing of residents.

"This is an important milestone in the development of Elara and we were delighted to welcome Ms Car and Cr Bleasdale to our community on Friday to carry out both the official sod turning and opening ceremony," Mr Milligan said.

"The parklands has been a collaborative effort between Stockland, the adjoining developer Winten and Blacktown City Council, and will add seven continuous kilometres of bike and dog-friendly walking trails, exercise spaces, barbecue facilities and play areas to the community."

Ms Car said Elara had a lot to offer residents and locals alike.

“Congratulations to Stockland on this terrific double milestone for the Elara community. I am particularly pleased to see investment in the riparian corridor which is absolutely necessary for new and growing communities in Sydney’s North West,” she said.

Mr Bleasdale said: “Both the Pavilion Clubhouse and the parklands are great examples of developers, Council and the community all working together.

“The Pavilion Clubhouse will be the social hub of the Aspire community and the new parklands will be an incredible outdoor asset not only for the Elara residents but also for the wider Marsden Park community.”

Scott Forbes, Development Manager at Aspire Elara, said the Pavilion Clubhouse would become a valued space for neighbours to share.

“One of the biggest advantages to moving into Aspire is sharing a community with like-minded people. Our exclusive resident clubhouse is designed to bring residents together and to encourage new friendships,” Mr Forbes said.

Aspire residents Terry and Jackie Marshgreen have been living at Elara for a year and are thrilled to see the addition of the new clubhouse.

“The things that attracted us here in the first place, like the close proximity to our children and grandchildren, and the facilities, like being in a safe, gated community, have kept us more than happy,” Mr Marshgreen said.

“There is a really good community here, one in which everyone is supportive of each other, but not intrusive. If we want to socialise we do, but if we want to relax at home, there is no pressure to engage.

“Now with The Pavilion opening, we know living here will just get bigger and better.”

When complete, Elara will comprise more than 4,000 homes, a shopping centre, playgrounds, a community centre, sports fields and a child care centre.


Aspire Elara is an exclusive, gated community for over 55s in the heart of Elara and Aspire residents enjoy 100 per cent ownership of their homes and land.

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](http://www.stockland.com.au/elara)

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