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## STOCKLAND ELARA COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL MARSDEN PARK FOOTBALL CLUB AHEAD OF ITS FIRST COMPETITIVE SEASON

Stockland Elara, in partnership with Elara Limestone Cafe is proud to announce its community contribution to local grassroots soccer club, Marsden Park Galaxy FC ahead of its first competitive season.

Community-built, Marsden Park FC is set to join the Blacktown District Soccer Association (BDSA) this winter season, becoming the first Marsden Park club in the competition. Stockland Elara and Limestone Cafe have committed an \$8,000 contribution that will be used towards the purchase of lightweight quality goals for the younger children and club's new kit wear.

Mike Milligan, Elara Project Director for Stockland, said that the community contribution to Marsden Park FC is an important milestone in the growth of the local community.

"Stockland Elara is proud to support our local community and provide opportunities for residents to connect over a range of activities including team sport. Fostering our communities' wellbeing and enhancing the lifestyle of our residents is extremely important to us.

"It has been amazing to see the Marsden Park Football Club grow from our Elara playing fields. Together with Limestone Café, our contribution to the club is an example of our ongoing commitment to the development of the Marsden Park community."

The Marsden Park club was started by an Elara resident, Vikrant Dogra, posting on a community Facebook page looking for people to play soccer on the weekend. Eighteen months later, the club has seen significant growth in interest and numbers with players of all ages and abilities joining.

Russell Ferrao, Public Relations Manager for Marsden Park FC explains that the new sponsorship from Stockland Elara and Limestone Cafe is an exciting development for the club.

"The club is still in its early stages but our aim is to build a fun, enthusiastic, fair, enjoyable environment for the children and adults to play soccer. We want to continue to bring local residents together and teach our children the importance of learning how to win and lose as a team. Our new sponsorships mark an exciting time for our football club, allowing our club to grow with quality equipment ahead of our first competitive season."

The club is expected to launch over 20 teams this season with registration now open to anyone five years or older. Currently, there are only three women registered in the club so Marsden Park FC is also seeking players to form a women's team.

The upcoming season commences in March 2020, teams are allocated mid-February however registrations are still open until mid-March. To register for a Marsden Park Galaxy FC team, please register by online at the club's website, [www.marsdenparkfc.com.au](http://www.marsdenparkfc.com.au) or at the grounds on a designated registration day (dates available on the website).

## About Elara

Elara is a family-friendly community in the heart of Sydney's fast-growing North West. With tree-lined streets, 40 hectares of green open space and views to the Blue Mountains, Elara at Marsden Park is the first choice for land, house and land packages, designer Terraces and secure living for over 55's in this growing area.

For more information about Elara, visit the Sales and Information Centre at Elara Boulevard, Marsden Park NSW 2765, which is open Monday to Sunday from 10am to 5pm. Alternatively, visit the website at <http://www.stockland.com.au/Elara> or call 13 LAND (13 5263).

You can also follow the community on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/elaracommunitymarsdenpark/>

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