

Friday 3 August 2012

LOCAL SCHOOL KIDS JOIN IN GROUND BREAKING EVENT FOR LIVVI'S PLACE ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND

Sixty local school children will join the Mayor at the turning of the first sod to start construction of *Livvi's Place at Yamble Reserve*, will take place on Wednesday 8 August at 10.30am.

Livvi's Place at Yamble Reserve is the first all-inclusive playground for children of all abilities to play, learn and socialise together to be built in the north-western region.

City of Ryde Mayor Clr Artin Etmekdjian said: "This inspiring project has been a year in the planning and shows that great things can be achieved when the whole community pulls together to work for a common cause.

"Completion date is scheduled for December 2012 ensuring that *Livvi's Place at Yamble Reserve* will be a wonderful gift to the community to be enjoyed by children and families for generations to come."

The project was born when the City of Ryde joined forces with the not-for-profit Touched by Olivia Foundation, with a pledge of \$400,000 (later increased to \$570,000) to kick-start the visionary plan.

The Council pledge also included the land at Yamble Reserve, playground design (with AECOM), amenities block, footpaths, parking and picnic facilities, community consultation and project management.

A successful community fundraising campaign raised over \$132,000 and both the State and Federal governments have contributed grants totalling \$440,000 to the project.

The final piece to drop into place was the appointment of Hargraves Landscapes to construct the playground. Construction will commence in September.

Who did what?

Design	City of Ryde in partnership with AECOM (pro bono)
Project Management	City of Ryde
Principle Contractor	Hargraves Landscapes
Community Consultation	City of Ryde in partnership with Touched By Olivia Foundation
Community Champion	Touched By Olivia Foundation

Dollars and Cents...

City of Ryde 4 year Delivery Plan 2011/2	\$350,000
City of Ryde 2011/12 Tree planting program	\$25,000
City of Ryde 2011/12 Playground landscape & furniture	\$25,000

City of Ryde 4 year Delivery Plan 2012/13	\$170,000
Federal Grant	\$147,000
State Government Contribution	\$200,000
State Government Metro Green Space	\$190,000
Dept Sport and Recreation	\$50,000
Government Funding Total	\$1,157,000
Community Fund Raising (TBOF) Total	\$132,239
<i>Key contributors –</i>	
<i>St George Foundation</i>	<i>\$47,000</i>
<i>Forming Circles</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<i>Mayors Golf Day in partnership with Communities 4 Communities</i>	<i>\$13,900</i>
<i>Hyecorp Property Group</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Crown International</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>

Hargraves Landscapes is also giving a \$20,000 donation to the project.
Boral is providing \$20,000 worth of product.

Photo Opportunity: City of Ryde Mayor Clr Artin Etmekdjian will turn the sod and celebrate with sixty local school children, project partners and principal contributors with a morning tea and opportunity for everyone to ‘make their mark’ by painting a tile that will be used at the playground’s entry. Wednesday 8 August 2012, 10.30am, Livvi’s Place Yamble Reserve, Quarry Road, Ryde.

Attachment: Final design of Livvi’s Place Yamble Reserve.

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