

Thursday 24 January 2013

## **LIVVI'S PLACE AT YAMBLE RESERVE – GRAND OPENING** **Sunday 3 February 2013, 10.00am – 2.00pm**

Livvi's Place at Yamble Reserve, Quarry Road, Ryde - the first all-inclusive playground for children of all abilities in northern Sydney - will open on Sunday 3 February.

When the ribbon is cut hundreds of children will enter a magical place where they can play, learn and socialise.

Celebrations include an official ceremony, entertainment headed by Touched by Olivia Ambassador Jay Laga'aia, and a whole lot of fun and discovery.

Livvi's Place combines traditional play equipment with purpose built play and landscape elements, providing a safe, outdoor environment for children and carers. Themed play zones that stimulate, calm and provide sensory interest for children with physical, intellectual and emotional disabilities are a feature of the design. They include a modified flying fox, swing style hammock, a maze path with sensory art and plantings.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Ivan Petch, said: "This inspiring project, right in the heart of Ryde, has been two and a half years in the planning and really shows that great things can be achieved when all levels of government in partnership with the whole community pull together to work for a common cause."

The project was born when the City of Ryde joined forces with the not-for-profit Touched by Olivia Foundation, with an initial pledge of \$375,000 (later increased to \$725,000) to kick-start the visionary plan.

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

A successful community fundraising campaign saw over \$150,000 flow in and both the State and Federal governments contributed grants totalling \$587,000 to the project.

### Program

10.15am	Welcome Jay Laga'aia – Ambassador for the Touched by Olivia Foundation
10.20am	Cllr Ivan Petch - City of Ryde Mayor; The Hon Andrew Constance – Minister for Ageing and Minister for Disability Services; The Hon Victor Dominello - Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Member for Ryde; John Neish – General Manager City of Ryde; Justine and John Perkins Founders of Touch by Olivia Foundation

- 10.50am Ribbon cutting and opening of the gate for the community to enter the playground.
- 11.45am Children's entertainment including performance by Jay Laga'aia, Magic show, dancing and singing, treasure hunt, face painting, sausage sizzle.

Parking: Clermont Avenue car park (access from North Road, or Aeolus Avenue and Jennifer Street) will be restricted to disabled parking permit holders only. Limited number of spaces available. General Parking is available on Quarry Road.

#### 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 2011/12	\$350,000
City of Ryde 2011/12 Tree Planting Program	\$25,000
City of Ryde 2011/12 Public Art Contribution	\$50,000
City of Ryde 2011/12 Park Amenity Building Upgrade	\$130,000
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
<b>Government Funding Total</b>	<b>\$1,312,000</b>
<b>Community Fund Raising (TBOF) Total</b>	
<b>\$150,000</b>	
<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>
<i>Hargraves Landscapes donated</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Boral donated \$20,000 worth of product</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Lend Lease (pro bono project management support)</i>	