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Lendlease and Touched by Olivia Foundation unveil Livvi's Place, first inclusive play space in Penrith City Council

Jordan Springs, 16 October 2016: Lendlease, Penrith City Council and the Touched by Olivia Foundation officially opened Livvi's Place at Jordan Springs today, marking the first inclusive play space within Penrith City Council.

Designed in consultation with local children, people with disabilities and their families and carers, local schools and playground specialists, Livvi's Place is an inclusive play space that will enable children of all ages and abilities to play side-by-side.

The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP, Member for Penrith, and Penrith City Council Mayor John Thain officially opened the play space alongside representatives from Lendlease and the Touched by Olivia Foundation.

General Manager of Lendlease Communities in NSW/ACT, Arthur Ilias, said after more than five years of planning and consultation with the community and our partners, it's great to open Livvi's Place at Jordan Springs."

"Livvi's Place is the first Touched by Olivia inclusive play space to be built by Lendlease where the children can come together and play. The design of the playground ensures that children can safely challenge themselves, socialise and learn from each other and enjoy time with their families.

"By combining a rock climbing wall, a water play area, sandpit and a variety of play equipment, Livvi's Place completes the Northern Road Oval parklands," said Mr Ilias.

Touched by Olivia Foundation Founder, Justine Perkins said Olivia's legacy is to help children become healthier and happier.

"The opening of Livvi's Place and our partnership with Lendlease and Penrith City Council will ensure that children in Jordan Springs and surrounding suburbs have plenty of opportunities to play outdoors with other children and enjoy the equipment no matter their age or ability," Justine said.

Penrith City Council Mayor John Thain said it's always exciting to launch a new playground in Penrith, but the opening of Livvi's Place in Jordan Springs was much more than a new place to play.

"Livvi's Place is an inclusive playground for our city and one that I'm personally really excited about," said Cr Thain.

"This is a great example of government, not-for-profit organisations and developers working together for the benefit of, and with, the community."



The state-of-the-art play space boasts several interactive spaces, including a large water play area with six water jets, a sandpit, trampolines, swings, rockers, spinners and a performance stage and picnic areas.

The opening of Livvi's Place was celebrated with a grand opening event featuring food, games and performances from children's entertainer and Touched by Olivia Foundation ambassador, Jay Laga'aia.

Livvi's Place spans over 2,350 square metres and includes more than 3,781 trees, shrubs, flowers and plants; 15 personalised pavers and 130 hand painted tiles. There are spaces for kids to spin, climb, slide, swing, jump, dig, run, sing and dance, eat and wheel with nearly all facilities at Livvi's Place being wheelchair friendly.

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About Touched by Olivia Foundation

Touched by Olivia was created by John and Justine Perkins in 2006 when their baby daughter Olivia died from a rare disease. The Perkins were determined that Olivia's legacy would be bright and full of joy. In the short time Olivia spent in hospital, the family contemplated what their life would be like when they took their baby home. They knew the simple pleasure of play would come with many complications. It became clear that Olivia's legacy should be a place where everyone was invited and included to play. Livvi's Place was born.

Touched by Olivia is a not for profit organisation, with 2.5 staff members and thousands of volunteers. The TBO Family works hard to ensure that councils, governments and communities have inclusive play spaces.

Livvi's Places are spread across Australia and are underpinned by the principles of universal design. 19 Livvi's Places have opened in less than a decade, with many more planned. Touched by Olivia's ultimate goal is to become redundant. This will happen when every play space in Australia considers the needs of all people.

