

Lendlease and Touched by Olivia Foundation unveil Livvi's Place, first inclusive play space at Jordan Springs

- **Inclusive play space for children of all abilities developed in partnership with Touched by Olivia Foundation, Penrith City Council and Lendlease**
- **Penrith City Council Mayor and Member for Penrith officiated Livvi's Place opening with performances from children's entertainer Jay Laga'aia**

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

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

The state-of-the-art play space boasts several interactive spaces including a large water play area with 6 water jets, a sandpit, trampolines, swings, a range of play equipment, a performance stage and picnic areas.

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

The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP, Member for Penrith and Penrith 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, consultation with the community and our partners, The Touched by Olivia Foundation and Penrith City Council, it's great to open Livvi's Place at Jordan Springs."

"Livvi's Place is the first inclusive play space to be built by Lendlease and has soft rubber flooring spaces, a rock climbing area, a water play area, access to public toilets and more to ensure that children of all abilities can play together," 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 the 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 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.”

Livvi’s Place spans over 2350 square metres and includes more than 3781 trees, shrubs, flowers and plants, 15 personalised pavers and 13 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.

- ENDS -

For more information, please contact:

Olivia King
One Green Bean
olivia.king@onegreenbean.com
+61 2 8020 1829

About Jordan Springs

Nestled around a 900ha Regional Park, the Jordan Springs 2014 UDIA Award winning community has been carefully designed with a balance of homes, shops, parks, hike & bike trails and many other community and learning resources and facilities to create a vibrant village atmosphere. From the parklands to the walking trails and sports fields, from the planned village centre shopping and community centre to the wide range of land and housing options, it is uniquely suited to the modern Australian way of living in Sydney’s Penrith Valley.

About Lendlease

Lendlease is a leading international property and infrastructure group. Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and with circa 11,900 employees worldwide, Lendlease’s capabilities span the property value chain.

In Australia we offer development management; investment management; project management & construction and asset & property management. Our expertise covers multiple sectors including commercial, residential, retail, retirement and infrastructure.

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 playspaces.



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. Olivia's ultimate goal is to become redundant. This will happen when every playspace in Australia considers the needs of all people.

Livvi's Cafe began from a need to activate the Livvi's Places with no funding for programming. Livvi's Cafes are now co-located with Livvi's Places, and provide employment opportunities to young people with disabilities.

