



The new town in the Swan Valley

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### **Award Winning Water Playground for Ellenbrook**

The new Ellenbrook Water Playground is set to become yet another Ellenbrook success story, winning two awards at the Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA) Industry Awards of Excellence - WA earlier this month.

A joint initiative between Ellenbrook Management Pty Ltd, the City of Swan and Department of Sport and Recreation, the playground took home both the Play Space Award and the Open Space: Design, Development and Management Award and has now qualified for the National Award in both categories, to be announced in late September.

LWP Senior Project Manager, Justine Mountford, said the water play ground was the result of a great team effort .

“It is a welcome addition to the growing Ellenbrook Town Centre and when opened will be the largest, free water playground in the Perth Metropolitan area and a fantastic facility for Ellenbrook,” Ms Mountford said.

City of Swan chief executive Mike Foley said the PLA Industry Awards of Excellence were established to encourage professional development and highlight the very high standard and range of best practice and innovation the industry has to offer.

“We are extremely pleased to receive the awards which recognise the creative and sound planning principles behind our decisions,” Mr Foley said.

“I congratulate the staff involved in bringing these projects to fruition and I hope both the people of Ellenbrook and the wider community have many hours of enjoyment from these quality facilities.”

The Ellenbrook Water Playground is located opposite the Ellenbrook Library on Library Avenue, Ellenbrook and is scheduled for opening this November.

It features shade sails, a clothes changing facility, public toilets and barbeques and has been extensively landscaped using mature trees.

Several environmentally sensitive design elements have been included in the project, as well as a number of initiatives, such as the splash pad surface, which have not been used in Perth before.

The concept for the water playground was finalised by Landscape Architects, Plan E, following community consultation and in-depth discussions with the project partners.

“The playground provides a unique visual and physical play area that has been designed to blend into the park setting and surrounding area,” Plan E’s Dave Smith said.

“The design of the playground has also been integrated with the Town Centre Irrigation Lakes, which will include a bird sanctuary island, boardwalk and extensive planting,” he added.

The City of Swan is currently running a competition to name the playground. Entry forms can be obtained at the Ellenbrook Information & Sales Centre and through the City of Swan. Further details can be obtained by visiting [www.swan.wa.gov.au](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au).

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