



inclusion through play



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To whom it may concern;

Re: Inclusive Play Space Partnership - Woollooware Bay

Touched by Olivia Foundation is pleased to partner with the Bluestone Group on the creation of an inclusive playground at Woollooware Bay, NSW. Both Touched by Olivia Foundation and the Bluestone share the belief that every person has the right to be part of a community.

Touched By Olivia Foundation is focussed on improving the health and happiness of Australian children through its' two key initiatives funding vital medical research and creating an equal playing field for Australians by the development of inclusive playspaces. We call this the Livvi's Place National Network. Fourteen Livvi's Place Inclusive Playspaces have been opened since 2007, and a further 42 sites have been carefully selected based on the needs of the community. TBOF plans to have this target achieved in the next 5-10 years. These facilities are being recognised as true community hubs, capable of generational change in the way people with a disability integrate in community.

The entire community will benefit from the creation of an inclusive playspace, in particular all the families with young children, and families that include people with diverse ability. Australian Bureau of Statistics reports that over 20% of Australians have a disability.

This will be the first truly inclusive playspace in the Sutherland Shire and will attract visitors from up to an hour away, looking for a special experience where all members of their family are in

Play is for everyone. Every member of the community benefits from the inclusive playgrounds we develop - all have exceeded visitation expectations. Post design research has shown that the design features that work for children with autism are appreciated by elderly dementia patients. The accessible design such as drop off zones and secure, fenced facilities means that children who have just started walking or adults with support structures can all get to the play space.

We support this project and would be happy to discuss in more detail at anytime.

Yours sincerely,

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