

Media Release



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Curry Reserve water play park update

The water play park at Curry Reserve, Elderslie remains on schedule to open in November 2018, with construction of the new amenities building delayed due to historical artefacts unearthed at the site.

To ensure our residents are able to fully enjoy Camden's first water play park when it opens in November, no construction work will take place on the amenities building during the summer period, to ensure there is no dust or noise that could impact residents.

The current amenities will remain available, supported by additional temporary facilities to be installed for use throughout the summer season.

Works on the amenities building was stopped at the site last month when artefacts including approximately 30-40 pieces and some intact, old bottles and crockery were uncovered during excavation of footings for the new changerooms and toilets planned as part of the water play park project.

This week, the report by the archaeologist who examined and assessed the items has advised that they are not rare with no cultural heritage significance.

The artefacts have been dated as being from between 1905 and the 1950s, the time Daniel Curry and his son, Daniel Curry Junior had a home at the site. There is also evidence that the site was disturbed when it was made a reserve in the 1970s.

The items will be catalogued and will be registered with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) as an unexpected find during the excavation works.

Council will apply to the OEH for approval to continue with the construction of the new amenities building based on the assessment undertaken by the Archaeologist.

If permission is granted, the new toilets and change rooms would begin in Autumn next year and will be constructed to the highest accessible standards, including all abilities change rooms with a hoist and adult change table.

The water play park has been designed to be accessible and all inclusive, catering for children of all ages.

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