

# Media Release

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## **New playing fields at Kirkham Park one step closer**

The construction of two rugby league fields at Kirkham Park in Elderslie is one step closer, with Camden Council appointing a contractor to undertake the work at last night's Ordinary Meeting.

The successful contractor, Western Earthmoving Pty Ltd, will begin earthworks, irrigation, turfing, and landscaping in the coming weeks, with the project expected to be complete by October 2019.

The \$1.39 million project will include one international size field and one modified league size field, for junior competition and training. This forms part of the \$3.1 million first stage of Council's Kirkham Park Masterplan, which also includes the construction of a new BMX track set to start later this year.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves, said Kirkham Park was an incredibly valuable recreational facility and community asset.

"By implementing this masterplan, we'll be creating one of Macarthur's biggest sporting hubs, right here in Camden," he said.

"I know our community is very excited about its delivery.

"Council engaged with residents when forming this masterplan in March 2018, to hear what they wanted for Kirkham Park, including sports facilities, parking and internal roads. What we're delivering here is what our community wants to see."

The complete Kirkham Park Masterplan includes:

- New synthetic cricket pitch;
- New rugby league grandstand with amenities and change room;
- New road network and formal car park areas;
- New amenities building;
- Upgrade of playground;
- Cycle paths;
- Formal connecting footpaths from surrounding residential areas;
- Relocation of fences; and,
- Improved drainage systems.

Western Earthmoving Pty Ltd was one of 16 companies that submitted tenders to Council for this project.

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