



PRESS RELEASE ARDEER COMMUNITY PARK COMMITTEE

Ardeer Community Playground Committee Inc is excited to announce that Brimbank City Council has allocated them \$140,000 in its 2007/08 draft budget. This demonstrates that Council is willing to get behind, not only a badly needed upgrade to a local park, but that it is supporting a community driven project. The Committee congratulates Council for its practical support of this community building initiative.

The Australian Government's Communities for Children project in Brimbank, facilitated locally by The Smith Family in partnership with ISIS Primary Care, have also been a driving support for the project. To date, funding has been granted by Communities for Children to assist with design and the development of a planning guide.

So far the Committee has raised over \$100,000, however they are still in need of \$340,000 in cash and donated materials.

This community built park will be a benchmark, setting new standards for child friendly neighbourhood level parks in Brimbank, and for community involvement in local projects.

"The Committee believes that we should all have high quality parks within easy walking distance of home," said Committee President, Geraldine Fowler. "If we are genuine about tackling the issues of obesity, diabetes, inactivity, and social isolation, then this is an important place to start. Local parks help to make a city healthy and child-friendly."

To support this project, the committee is fundraising and invites anyone who would like to assist, to purchase a hand-drawn paver as a lasting reminder of their involvement, or they can come along to any of the monthly committee meetings.

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