

Cr pledges to push for playground upgrade

BRIMBANK councillor Ian Douglas committed himself at last week's public meeting to see through the upgrade of the Audeer Community Playground. The McKay Ward councillor said he would press the council to grant \$40,000 in the next budget to upgrade the playground on the corner of Forest and Yallourn streets.

"The meeting on Monday was inspirational," he said. "To see so much community involvement in the planning is important."

"This will be a five-year concept. There are still a number of processes to go through, including confirmation that the site is suitable for an upgrade, and funding discussions with community players and the council."

Cr Douglas said the playground committee was

going about its fight for an upgrade the right way. "They have the support of local schools and businesses, and another petition of 150 signatures was presented to me at the meeting. This takes the total to more than 500 signatures."

Committee president Geraldine Fowler said the playground deserved safe equipment and the group would not relent in its effort to push for improved

amenities to make the park a better place. "The present playground has unsafe equipment, no shelter, no fencing, no grass or soft-fall ground covering and no maintained walkways."

Cr Douglas and the committee plan to raise the proposal to earmark funds for the playground again at the next council meeting.

Harriet Morley

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Not just child's play

Kellie Cameron

THE young, and young at heart, are having input on the design of a proposed playground in Ardeer.

The playground's designer last week met kindergarten children, school students and nursing home residents to gather ideas on what they wanted for the Forrest St park.

Parents started lobbying Brimbank Council to upgrade the rundown play equipment in late 2004, including sending a petition with hundreds of signatures.

They formed the Ardeer Community Playground Committee and earlier this year, got a \$50,000 federal grant to design the new play-

Playground Day

What: Have a say on the design of a park for Ardeer

When: Tuesday, June 13

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Where: Ardeer's Mother of God Primary School, Blanche St

ground. The group wants the park to suit young children, teenagers, families and people with disabilities.

Committee spokeswoman Vanessa Mill said members were looking for funds and expected building to start in November.

The committee has said the existing Ardeer playground has old equipment, a lack of grass, no shelter or safe fencing and is a dustbowl in summer and waterlogged in winter.

Details on the Playground Design Day, or to donate call Ms Mill on 0412 902 564.

You said it

THE LEADER asked students at Albion Primary School what their perfect playground would include.



“ Stuff that everyone would like, and look like ... Lego. There have to be trees.

NICHOLAS, 11,
Albion



“ Swings and a giant slide for bigger kids, and a smaller one for smaller ones.

DAVID, 12,
Sunshine



“ Mazes, a slide, picnic areas, and a little playground for younger kids.

MEGHAN, 11,
Deer Park



“ A see-saw and swings. For older people, mini-golf. Sand when people fall off

CHRISTENE, 11,
Albion

