Park lobby gets action

BRAVING the wet weather and muddy fields, Hurlstone Park Wanderers launched their Space to Play campaign on Saturday at Ewen Park.

Shadow Minister for Sport and State MP for Canterbury, Linda Burney, was in attendance as were ex-Socceroos Alex Tobin, Jim Fraser and Dennis Yaeger.

With the support of around 100 attendees, Hurlstone Park Wanderers president Paul Kougias called on Canterbury City Council to deliver on the *Plan of Management for Ewen Park* it adopted in November 2008.

"While demolition work of the old Sydney Olympic facilities have been completed, there is no sign that construction of the new ground is likely to start anytime soon," Mr Kougias said.

"Instead, the local community has been left with a rough, rarely used car park, and some old and dilapidated tennis courts."

Canterbury Council general manager Jim Montague said Stage 1 of the works, which included the demolition of the existing clubhouse, had been undertaken.

"Further works include replacing it with a brand new kiosk/café/ amenities building with space for community use," Mr Montague said. "In relation to the construction of a mini field and associated works, we are currently assessing tenders for that work.

"Following the adoption of the tender, construction of the mini fields is anticipated to commence in September this year and take eight weeks to complete."

Canterbury councillor, Linda Eisler - who attended the campaign launch - said the tender was worth \$300,000 and would be brought before tomorrow night's council meeting.