



Call for action: Luca Fleming and Benjamin Tarak joined Hurlstone Park Wanderers on Saturday for their Space to Play campaign launch at Ewen Park.

Sick of wait

By KIRSTY JAGGER

100 urge 'fix field now'

BRAVING the wet weather and muddy fields, Hurlstone Park Wanderers were joined by former Soccerroos Alex Tobin, Jim Fraser, and Dennis Yaeger in calling for action to upgrade Ewen Park "after three years of stalling".

Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation, State MP for Canterbury, Linda Burney, joined almost 100 people

for the Space to Play campaign on Saturday at Ewen Park, as Hurlstone Park Wanderers president Paul Kougius 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 has been completed, there is no sign that construction of the new ground is likely to start anytime soon," Mr Kougius said. "Instead, the local community has been left with a rough, rarely used car

park and some old and dilapidated tennis courts.

"With demand for recreational facilities growing, it's time that local council moved forward on the new soccer field and put the plan of management into action."

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

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"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.

"We are also currently installing picnic shelters and a barbecue area at Ewen Park in accordance with the plan of management."

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.