

Fun day to guide future for park

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WODONGA Council will hold a family day with parachute activities and gumboot throwing in an effort to attract suggestions for a 25-year master plan for Willow Park.

Over the next two months, Wodonga Council and the Friends of Willow Park will hold a series of "community conversations" seeking input into the park's future.

These include a "play and say" day, surveys, a community forum, on-line chat room and a storyboard in the Wodonga library.

Friends of Willow Park vice-president Alison Mitchell said the council and the lobby group had been building a partnership for two years but now was the time to get the ball rolling.

"The park offers a range of different environmental sectors, from the sports ground to the



● Alison Mitchell and council director of sustainable development Johan Louw hope the community will contribute ideas for the park. Picture: NIC GIBSON

bush to walking tracks, but we know it can offer a lot more," she said.

"By working together with council, we'd like to find out how the community would like the park to be used and what it should look like in the future."

The council's works manager Peter McLarty said the master plan

would set a 25-year vision with priorities established for the next five years.

The Friends of Willow Park has \$35,000 in grants to assist with park maintenance.

The council may also contribute depending on the outcome of community discussions.

The largest conversa-

tion event will be the Play and Say Day on August 22, which will offer a range of free activities including gumboot throwing, parachute fun and face painting.

The event runs from 10am to 1pm.

For information call (02) 6022 9300 or visit friendsofwillowpark.org.au.