



YAH: State Member for Mount Isa Betty Kiernan with Clay Riley Pentt, 3, Queensland deputy premier Paul Lucas officially opens the Q150 Family Fun Park.

Clay can't wait for park opening

CLAY Riley Pentt, 3, could not wait any longer for Queensland Deputy Premier Paul Lucas and State Member for Mount Isa Betty Kiernan to officially open the Q150 Family Fun Park on Friday - so he decided to make an early dash underneath the ribbon.

But Mr Lucas picked him up and Clay had the honour of helping to officially open the \$4.25 million state-of-the-art all-ability park.

With the hour long delay, around 100 very excited children had an early run through of the park including Mount Isa Special School students.

Mount Isa Special School principal Sheina Treuel said the kids were very excited to be at the official opening.

A liberty swing, which allows a child in a wheel chair to sit in a swing, is also a feature of the park.

State Member for Mount Isa Betty Kiernan described the park as "fantastic" for the fam-

ilies of Mount Isa.

"This park meets the needs of all children and their families," Mrs Kiernan said.

She said the play equipment gave families with a child with a disability the opportunity to play with their siblings and other children.

Queensland Deputy Premier Paul Lucas said the park was the result of an important partnership between Xstrata Mount Isa Mines, Mount Isa City Council and the State Government.

"It's a lot of fun," Mr Lucas said. "Kids today need more and more stimulation and they can entertain themselves here and feel safe while doing it.

Mount Isa City Council Mayor John Molony described it as a "wonderful day for Mount Isa."

The plaque stating that the park was officially opened by Premier Anna Bligh is to be altered to read Deputy Premier Paul Lucas.