Barkly Work Camp Shopfront Opens Next Week

Potential employees will be sought for the Territory’s first prisoner work camp at the Barkly Work Camp shopfront in Tennant Creek next week.

Corrections Minister Gerry McCarthy said construction of the new $5.1 million Barkly Work Camp would start in coming months and the search was on for people to work there in 2011.

“Budget 2010 invests $5.1 million to build the new 50-bed prisoner work camp near Tennant Creek with $2.5 million allocated towards operational costs,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The new Barkly Work Camp is part of this Government’s new era in corrections and will help to end the cycle of crime by helping prisoners learn valuable work and life skills to increase their employment opportunities.

“We want to build and open the new prisoner work camp as soon as possible and that’s why we are inviting Territorians living in the Barkly region to speak with Northern Territory Correctional Services (NTCS) staff about career opportunities with the Barkly Work Camp.”

Mr McCarthy said anyone interested in working at the Barkly Work Camp should visit NTCS staff at the Tennant Creek shopfront on May 20-22 to find out what job opportunities exist.

“The Work Camp is seeking 14 Territorians for this project and I am strongly encouraging anyone from the Barkly region to apply,” Mr McCarthy said.

“A dedicated team of NTCS prison officers will be on hand to answer any questions about what it is like working for prisons, eligibility requirements and training and career prospects.

“Work camps have been extremely successful in other parts of Australia in terms of prisoner repatriation and rehabilitation but also in contributing strongly to local community projects.

“Construction of the new work camp will also support jobs and boost the economy in Tennant Creek with ongoing opportunities through the supply of goods to the prisoner work camp.”

The Barkly Work Camp will create 14 new jobs in the Barkly region, employing 12 additional Prison Officers, a Chief Prison Officer and an Administrative Officer.

The shopfront will be held from midday to 6:30pm on Thursday and Friday and from 9am to 4pm on Saturday at 62 Paterson Street, next door to the Tennant Creek pharmacy.

Interested applicants can contact NTCS Training on (08) 8995 5703.

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