New Katherine Railway Heritage Trail Open

The Territory Government continues to support the Great Territory Lifestyle in Katherine with a new cycle path recently open to the public and work on a new cultural precinct underway.

Sport and Recreation Minister Karl Hampton today inspected both projects that will provide Katherine residents with more recreation options.

“The Great Territory Lifestyle is why many of us choose to live in the Territory and these two projects will become very popular among locals,” Mr Hampton said.

“The Katherine Region Cultural Precinct will provide the town with a venue to support the development of a high standard of arts and cultural practice for the Katherine region.

“The first stage of the new cultural precinct will include a multi-purpose hall, café and social function area, display and office spaces as well as external landscaping, public art and parking.

“Local company AJL Holdings is delivering the first stage of the three stage project with the cost shared between the Australian and Northern Territory Governments and Katherine Town Council.”

Member for Lingiari Warren Snowdon said more than 120 jobs have been supported through this project including apprenticeships and Indigenous employees with the project set for completion in about a year.

“About 75 per cent of the block work is complete with the steel roof framing and roof sheeting to follow,” Mr Snowdon said.

Mr Hampton said the new 5.2km Katherine Railway Heritage Trail provides a safe cycle route for the residents of Stuart Estate and Zimin Drive into Katherine.

“Territorians love the great outdoors and the Territory Government will continue to make our Great Territory Lifestyle even better,” Mr Hampton said.

“Riding your bike is a great way to exercise and socialise with your family, friends and neighbours and also plays a vital role in helping Territorians get to work or school. As a sustainable transport option, it’s also good for the environment.

“Several local companies delivered this $532,000 project that supported 17 local jobs.”

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