Fresh look at Howard Springs Nature Park

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The popular family day area, Howard Springs Nature Park, has recently undergone works to increase the capacity of the Park to accommodate larger group functions.

The Nature Park, only minutes away from Palmerston and even closer to Howard Springs, is a well visited place where visitors can walk, relax, explore and cool off in a safe and friendly environment.

The Giles Government is delivering for families with a new shelter built at Howard Springs as well as landscaping completed to provide a natural physical barrier of native plants between the rock pools and water hole. Irrigation has also been installed to ensure the Park stays green and fresh throughout the year.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Nungarrayi Price said Howard Springs was maintained as a bushland oasis for families to ‘get outdoors’, enjoy picnics and barbeques and get close to local and aquatic wildlife, such as barramundi and turtles.

MLA Lia Finocchiaro and local member Gerry Wood said ‘Howard Springs has always been a place for families and now even more people can enjoy it. I am proud and so is Gerry that we are continuing to invest in outdoor recreational opportunities for Territory families and Gerry hopes that one day there will soon be a regular public bus service to the Springs so that Territory families who haven’t got a car can get there!

The Nature Park includes facilities that will provide visitors and families with hours of fun, including:

- Shallow rock pools where people can cool-off in an attractive setting;
- A nature-based playground which uses existing trees as features;
- Picnic and barbeque facilities;
- A toddler pool; and
- Monsoon forest walk
Howard Springs Nature Park saw more than 150,000 people visit in the 2014-15 year, with gates open from 7.30 am to 7.00 pm daily.

These latest works provided jobs to local companies.

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