Upgrade for Katherine Sports Facilities

Minister for Sport and Recreation Karl Hampton has announced the approval of $250 000 to upgrade sporting facilities in Katherine.

“I am pleased to be able to approve the use of these funds by the Katherine Town Council to re-develop a number of sporting facilities,” Mr Hampton said.

“Sport plays an important role in the community here in Katherine and these upgrades will provide enhanced sport and recreation opportunities for local residents.”

The Northern Territory Government received a request from the Katherine Sports Precinct Network Group to use the remaining funds from the ‘Program of Works Capital Grant’ as well as interest accrued on this grant to improve a number of facilities.

An assessment is currently being developed by a consultant for the Katherine Town Council for the Katherine Sports Ground and following on from these recommendations $75 000 will be used to repair and upgrade the facility.

“The expenditure of the funds will also see $35 000 to install a soft safe surface at the Children’s fun park, $35 000 to extend the concrete runoff area at the netball courts and $50 000 to upgrade the change facilities at the Aquatic centre, Mr Hampton said.

“A further $10 000 will be used to update the existing Sports Master Plan for Katherine with a remaining $33 000 being kept by the council in a contingency fund for future sports needs.

“The use of these funds will see an improvement in sport and recreation facilities and I congratulate the Katherine Town Council on their forward planning for the town.

“The whole community will benefit from these upgrades with Katherine residents having access to enhanced and safer recreational facilities.”

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