Karl Hampton
MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION

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$795 000 to Upgrade Sports Facilities

Minister for Sport and Recreation Karl Hampton today announced $795 000 in funding to upgrade Territory sports facilities.

The following allocations have been made:

- $465 000 to upgrade lights at Austar Park
- $30 000 to develop a master plan for Richardson Park
- $50 000 to construct a BMX track at Galiwinku
- $30 000 to upgrade facilities at Marrara Hockey Stadium
- $50 000 for Boxing NT to further develop training facilities
- $50 000 to upgrade the surface for Katherine Bowls club
- $50 000 to upgrade the baseball/softball field in Tennant Creek
- $40 000 to upgrade lights at Fannie Bay Touch Fields
- $30 000 to upgrade facilities at Riding for the Disabled Alice springs

“Sport is an important part of our great Territory lifestyle and this funding will ensure Territorians have access to facilities of a high standard,” Mr Hampton said.

“We will see these upgraded and new facilities across the Territory, ensuring people living in the regions also have the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation activities.

“This investment in facilities will not only assist in developing grass roots sports but also in attracting first class sporting events.

“The project at Austar Park will involve moving the existing lights to the second field and building new high wattage lights on the main field.

“This will allow two fields to be lit for junior games with the main field lit to a standard where games can be televised at night.

“This will not only benefit the local Darwin Rugby Union competitions but will also allow the Heineken Hottest 7s to continue to grow.

“The Henderson Government is delivering for families across the Territory by improving our sporting facilities.”

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