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Leanyer Water Park Slides Open

The eagerly awaited waterslides at the Leanyer Recreation Park were officially opened today by the Chief Minister Paul Henderson.

The first to ride were 9-year-old Paige Morris, 11-year-old Cassie de Vries and Laura Moller, 13.

Paige, Cassie and Laura won the competition to name the slides and be the first to ride.

Speaking at the official opening where he was joined by Infrastructure Minister Delia Lawrie, Mr Henderson said funseekers could now get their fix on the red Funderstorm named by Cassie; the Blue Blast named by Laura and Paige’s Go Bananas yellow slide.

“Congratulations to the girls, their suggestions were chosen from more than 2,200 other entries.

“The Leanyer Recreation Park provides a free, fun and safe environment.

“Everyone will be racing each other to see which slide is the fastest. My tip is it will be a race between the Funderstorm and the Go Bananas slides.”

Ms Lawrie said the Park was a great part of the Top End lifestyle.

“It is central to many northern suburbs homes and is accessible to Palmerston and the rural area,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The redevelopment will provide hours of family fun and the project employed up to 200 workers, with up to 40 workers on site at any one time.

“The installation of the waterslides was part of a $5.2 million redevelopment of the Leanyer Recreation Park that includes new BMX moguls; a skate park half pipe, an upgrade to the kiosk and new shade and BBQ areas.”

Mr Henderson said the Park was a winner for kids, families and the construction industry, which is why the Government committed at the last election to build another water fun park facility at Palmerston.

“The Palmerston project is moving into the design stage and will be competed, as promised, in this term.”

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