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New Ngukurr Oval hosts Big Rivers footy match

The first home and away game of the regional AFL Big Rivers competition will be played tomorrow at the new Ngukurr Oval 320 kilometres south east of Katherine on the banks of the Roper River.

The Ngukurr Bulldogs take on 2009 Premiers the Arnhem Crows from Barunga.

Indigenous Development Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy and Chief Minister, Paul Henderson will open the oval by tossing the coin and sounding the siren to kick off the match.

Minister McCarthy said that the new oval means that Ngukurr Bulldogs will be able to host two home games on this season’s draw.

“The Bulldogs have been in the competition for more than 10 years and each year they continue to make the trip to Katherine to play footy – which is a big commitment,” said Ms McCarthy.

“With a new oval they will now be able to play in front of their home crowd which will be very exciting for everyone.

“The new oval is part of the Territory Government’s investment in Ngukurr, which is one of our Territory Growth Towns.

“AFL Big Rivers take their name from the Big Rivers Region of Local Government and they are working closely with the Roper Gulf and Vic Daly Shires and Katherine Town Council to bring this major sports event to the people in the region.”

AFL Big Rivers is an alcohol free event.

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