Youth encouraged to link up to activities and support

Alice Springs youth will be linked up to a range of recreation activities and support services with the Alice Springs Youth Hub website launched today.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson and Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton today launched the website to provide kids with a one-stop shop to promote youth-related activities and services available at the Hub.

“The Alice Springs Youth Hub is part of the Territory Government’s Youth Action Plan and the website links youth up to recreation, education and family activities as well as support services,” Mr Henderson said.

“The Community Action Plan identified the need for increased school holiday activities and the Territory Government has provided an extra $60,000 this year to support a wider range of activities.”

Mr Hampton said the Alice Springs Youth Hub had worked with youth service providers and government agencies to coordinate a range of activities on offer over the holiday period.

“The Alice Springs Youth Hub (ASYH) web page includes a calendar of events promoting the range of exciting things for young people to have a go at and get involved with during the summer holidays including circus classes, basketball games, dive in movies and blue light discos,” Mr Hampton said.

“The Hub also gives youth service providers a focal point and helps co-ordinate services, reducing duplication and ensuring government agencies and nongovernment services work together to better target kids at risk.

“Young people were involved in the development of the new website, which includes links to youth services and the ability for nongovernment organisations and community groups to book space for their activity or event.

“The staff and agencies based at the Hub are playing a vital role in ensuring Alice Springs is ready for summer, and are working closely with police to ensure there are measures and strategies in place to address crime and antisocial behaviour issues.”

To view the website visit http://www.youth.nt.gov.au/ASYH/index.html

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