Investing in Palmerston's Future

Minister for Sports and Recreation Karl Hampton today officially launched the new Rugby League fields and Raiders’ club house as part of the $33 million project to deliver on critical social infrastructure in Palmerston.

“Palmerston is a vibrant young community – it is the fastest growing part of the Territory and this social infrastructure will bind the community of Palmerston together now and into the future,” Mr Hampton said.

“We’ve taken the time to ensure local sporting groups and the Palmerston City Council’s vision for these facilities were adopted during the planning process for these amazing new sporting venues.

“This $7.8m project we are at today was awarded to local company Norbuilt just over a year ago supporting more than 180 Territory jobs.

“It is part of the Henderson Government’s $33 million election commitment to improve facilities in Palmerston for tennis, netball, soccer, AFL and rugby league.

The new Palmerston Raiders Rugby League Club Complex, located at the corner of Forrest Parade and Owston Avenue in Rosebery includes:
- Two full-size rugby fields with a first class playing surface
- Match quality lighting
- Grandstand to sit up to 300 people
- Car park for 90 cars

The club house also includes:
- Kiosk
- Change rooms
- Medical rooms
- Store rooms
- Spectator amenities

"The new facility is a marked improvement for the Raiders players who used to play at Archer, and with the Palmerston Raiders being the biggest club in the Territory, these new facilities will play a huge role in helping grow Rugby League right here in Palmerston," Mr Hampton said.

"More than 2000 Territorians are registered rugby league players and much of the future growth will come from right here in Palmerston.

"With NRL facilities launched today, and Tennis and Netball already officially opened, all that remains are the new facilities for Football and AFL in Palmerston; and we will see those come online in the coming weeks.

"These additions to Palmerston will create a new sporting hub to service the area and allow more families to enjoy the great Territory lifestyle, and harness more of our young talent into tomorrow's superstars."
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