MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION

NEW SHADE SHELTERS FOR PALMERSTON WATER PARK

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Budget 2013 will deliver much needed shade shelters to the Palmerston Water Park.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Matt Conlan said the previous Labor Government overlooked the need for shade when constructing the project.

“This is another example of where the Country Liberals Government has had to step in and clean up Delia Lawrie’s mess,” Mr Conlan said.

Budget 2013 provides $200,000 to construct shade shelters over the children’s wet play area and around the park area of the Palmerston Water Park. An additional $150,000 will be spent on building a new child safety barrier and new shade shelters over the rock pools at Howard Springs.

“We want Territory children to enjoy our great outdoors and warm climate as much as possible but we want to make sure they are protected from the harmful effects of the sun at the same time,” Mr Conlan said.

“These shade shelters will allow our children to cool off safely and will mean a more comfortable day out for mums and dads.”

The Country Liberals Government will also ensure the safety of swimmers at the Lake Leanyer Recreational Park through an extra $1.2 million in funding.

“Once again this is absolutely critical funding that Delia Lawrie’s former Government never provided,” Mr Conlan said.

“The Country Liberals Government will contribute $2.1 million a year overall to meet the ongoing operational costs of the facility such as the important employment of lifeguards, facility managers and café staff.

“This funding will ensure Lake Leanyer remains a safe, free of charge recreational facility for families to enjoy.”

The Northern Territory Government will also spend $60,000 to build a new shade shelter over field two at the Larrakia Football Stadium at Marrara.

Currently there is only a temporary shade shelter over the field which breaks easily during high winds and storms.

The Country Liberals Government is providing improved sport and recreation facilities across the Territory. Improved facilities encourage more Territorians to be more active leading to healthier communities.

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