PRISONERS LEND A HAND AT TENNANT CREEK SHOW

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Low security prisoners from the Barkly Work Camp at Tennant Creek will once again be putting in solid work hours to make sure this year’s annual Show is a resounding success.

Work crews have already been tasked to spend 504 work hours in the preparation and clean-up of this weekend’s Tennant Creek Show.

Minister for Correctional Services John Elferink said the work completed by the prisoners will save the community more than $7500.

“The prison work parties will provide assistance to the Tennant Creek Show Society under a joint agreement that will see nine low-security prisoners work at the show site,” Mr Elferink said.

“Prisoners will complete a range of jobs including rubbish removal, grounds maintenance, and setting and dismantling stalls.

“We have a labour force ready to work and these prisoners are able to do the work required.

“This is an opportunity for the prisoners to give back to the community and pay their debts to society.

“Prisoners are also able to use this opportunity to gain new skills and experience which can be used to gain employment once they are released from prison.

“The Country Liberals Government aims to make prisoners work-ready before they are released from the corrective system, increasing the likelihood of securing a job,” Mr Elferink said.

The low-security prisoners are supervised by a prison officer.

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