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**Shade shelters make rock pools more enjoyable for all ages**

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New shade structures at Howard Springs Nature Park mean Territorians can now make the most of the rocks pools while being sun smart.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said the shades were built after suggestions from the public.

“The man made rock pools are really popular with young families, and the new shades mean families can now enjoy an extended time in the pools throughout the day,” Mrs Price said.

“A few visitors had mentioned to rangers that while they loved the park, more shade would make the pools more inviting.

“One of the requests for shade was from 11-year-old Darwin girl Matilda, who sent a hand written letter to the Parks and Wildlife.

“Matilda went to great effort to detail why the shades would be built and even included reference to Mackay Regional Council’s “Shade for Playgrounds” policy that discusses the danger of skin cancers.

“It is so wonderful to have a young sun smart, proactive member of our community campaigning to make our parks even better for everyone.

“The Northern Territory Government is always looking at ways to improve our parks for everyone to enjoy and welcomes feedback and suggestions.”

The $75,000 works will benefit many of the 80,000 people who visit Howard Springs Nature Park annually.

Over $26,000 in upgrades to the park’s drainage and landscaping are expected to be completed by the end of this week.

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