Tennant Creek seniors go solar

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Tennant Creek seniors and young athletes are sharing in almost $30,000 in Community Benefit Fund Grants aimed at supporting the local community.

Chief Minister Adam Giles was in Tennant Creek today to handover a cheque for almost $26,000 to the town’s Senior Citizens and Pensioners Association.

“This grant will be used to install solar power at the Senior Citizens and Pensioners Association Hall,” Mr Giles said.

“It’s great to see that you’re never too old to go green, saving on your power bills and saving the environment at the same time.

“The Association hopes the savings from the solar panels will allow them to use more of their funds to improve their services to local community.

“Senior Citizens and Pensioner groups play a vital role in our community and I’m pleased we have been able to support the Tennant Creek Association with this grant.”

Mr Giles also handed over a cheque for almost $4000 today to the Tennant Creek Athletics Club to improve their infrastructure.

“While the Seniors of Tennant Creek are harnessing the sun, the local Athletics Club is thrilled to be receiving some protection with a grant for a mobile shade structure shelter,” Mr Giles said

“Little Athletics training is held at the Tennant Creek Primary School oval every Sunday between October and May.

“Sadly there isn’t any shade for children waiting in line for their turn at the Long Jump, Javelin or track events.

“This is a huge safety issue when temperatures reach into the 40s and we’re thrilled to be offering this grant for a mobile shade structure to give these young athletes some relief from the heat.
“It’s another way we can encourage our young people to get active and involved in sport.”

Territory-wide, 77 community and non-for-profit organisations are sharing in $686,732 in the most recent allocation of Community Benefit Fund grants.

The Community Benefit Fund receives money from levies imposed on the operation of electronic gaming machines in licenced hotels throughout the Northern Territory.

“I’d encourage all community and non-government organisations to consider applying for one of these grants in the next round,” Mr Giles said.

For further information on the Community Benefit Fund please visit www.nt.gov.au/cbf, email cbf.ntg@nt.gov.au or call 1300 650 153 (free call).