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Minister thanks workers ahead of opening of new look Leanyer Recreation Park

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The Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Kon Vatskalis, has thanked the many workers and taskforce committee members for their efforts during the upgrade of Leanyer Recreation Park.

Mr Vatskalis hosted a bar-b-que for around 200 people at the new-look park this morning, to personally thank those who have played a part in the 9-month redevelopment.

"This facility was built by Territorians for Territorians and is one we can enjoy with our families.

"So many people have been involved with this project, starting with the taskforce and the numerous members of the public who offered their suggestions, right through to the designers and construction workers who made it all a reality.

"We promised the people of Darwin a new, free recreational facility by Christmas and I’m very proud to be able to deliver.

"Gates will open to the public for the first time tomorrow, which I’m sure will be welcome news for parents looking to keep children entertained during the school holidays."

Mr Vatskalis said the upgraded facility includes:

- Swimming area up to 1200mm in depth, fenced and separated from the rest of the park;
- Shaded and fenced cascade pools for children under 5 years of age;
- Shaded water area with play equipment;
- Shaded area with play equipment for children with special needs;
- New entrance and carpark;
- Caretaker’s compound/workshop;
- Extension to skatepark;
- Full-size basketball court;
- Jogging and rollerblade paths;
- Elevated stage and amphitheatre;
- Kiosk and paved seating with umbrella area;
- Landscaped and shaded picnic facilities.

Mr Vatskalis said the upgraded Leanyer Recreation Park will be open from 8am to 8pm. The waterpark – including the swimming area – will be open from 10am to 7pm from Wednesday to Sunday, public holidays and 7-days a week during school holidays.