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Sports summit to tackle increasing funding to grass roots sport

A future Country Liberal Party Government will hold a summit of all sporting clubs within three months of coming to office aimed at increasing grass root sport funding levels.

Country Liberal Party Leader Denis Burke said all sports will be invited to the table to be a part of the Country Liberal Party’s plan to increase funding to assist with their struggle to sustain their sports.

“In conjunction with all NT sporting associations a sporting summit will be convened to discuss increased funding levels and to conduct an audit of current sporting infrastructure and develop a 4-year program to upgrade and build new facilities,” Mr Burke said.

“The CLP has an enviable track record in consistently supporting and promoting sport in the Territory over many years and a sports summit is a matter of urgency given the large number of Territory sporting clubs struggling to survive.

“Despite Government claims that sporting clubs have had their funding increased, the Country Liberal Party hears more and more that the Government is squeezing sporting clubs financially.

“A sport summit will give sporting groups the opportunity to meet face to face with Government and put their views on current methods of determining funding distribution to sporting groups.

Mr Burke said it is the Country Liberal party’s plan to provide a major increase in support for the development of sporting talent in the Territory and for continued development of sporting infrastructure.
A Country Liberal Party Government will:

- Initiate a **Youth Sport Development program** across all major sports, including sponsorship of visits and workshops by leading sportspersons.

- Further **upgrade the Northern Territory Australian Institute of Sport** facility.

- Continue support for the Arafura Games and the Alice Springs Masters.

- **Assist our representative teams to travel to international competition** in neighbouring regions.

- **Darwin Netball will get a new indoor home** at Marrara. Immediately on coming to Government the Country Liberal Party will enter into discussions with the Darwin Netball Association about a new home at Marrara.

- Give a commitment to **build a first class Soccer Stadium in Darwin.**

- Promote the use of Darwin as a **training base for national teams** attending the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

- Throw its support behind all Territory golf clubs by promoting a **golf tournament circuit** starting in Alice Springs and ending in Darwin with tournaments in every centre in between.

- Continue support for motor racing in the Territory

- **Provide safe recreational swimming in Darwin and Alice Springs**

- Investigate establishment of another **major sailing event** from Darwin

- Implement a program to develop and **expand Territory Horse Racing.**