Territorians at play: Sport

A CLP Government will increase support for Sport, to encourage development of these activities, so important to the way of life of most Territorians.

Additional Funding - $5.2 million
(subject to Independent Review)

SPORTS

The CLP has an enviable track record in consistently supporting and promoting sport in the Territory over many years.

We will provide a major increase in support for the development of sporting talent in the Territory and for continued development of sporting infrastructure

We will initiate a Youth Sport Development program across all major sports, including sponsorship of visits and workshops by leading sportspersons.

We will further upgrade the Northern Territory Australian Institute of Sport facility.

We will continue support for the Arafura Games and the Alice Springs Masters.

We will provide increased sponsorship for Northern Territory athletes and teams competing at National and international competition outside the Territory.

The Country Liberal Party recognises that not all Territory athletes will pursue their sporting dreams at the nation’s highest levels.

The Country Liberal Party wants to give those Territory sportsmen and sportswomen who chose a life at home in the Territory an opportunity to compete at international events in the Asia-Pacific region.

A Country Liberal Party Government will have an emphasis on assisting our representative teams to travel to international competition in neighbouring regions.

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.

Territorians have been well served by the current sporting infrastructure built by Country Liberal Party administrations. It is time to upgrade and build new facilities.
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Independent review into the impact of poker machines

The Country Liberal Party Government will immediately commence an independent review into the impact of poker machines in the community and their effect on clubs and sport from a socio-economic and financial perspective.

The Country Liberal Party wants to ensure that sporting clubs are getting the maximum financial gain from poker machines rather than the Government using the money to swell their coffers.

New Home for Netball

Under a Country Liberal Party Government 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.

The Parap facility has served thousands of netballers well over the years, but the CLP believes it has had its day as our main facility. The indoor facility will be built to national standard.

The Country Liberal Party also renews its commitment to build a first class Soccer Stadium in Darwin.

We will promote the use of Darwin as a training base for national teams attending the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

A Country Liberal party Government will 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.

We will continue support for motor racing in the Territory

The CLP is committed to promotion of motor racing in the Territory. It was a CLP Government that brought the V8 Supercars to the Territory.

Our redevelopment of the Hidden Valley racing complex in Darwin and the annual V8 Supercar Racing event has put the Territory on the International Motor Racing map and we will continue support for that event.

We will support the Central Australian Drag Racing Association in promoting motor racing in a safe and controlled way in Alice Springs. The CLP will continue with the recently announced support funding and will review ongoing needs for future development in both Darwin and Alice Springs.
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We will provide safe recreational swimming in Darwin and Alice Springs

A CLP Government is committed to providing safe swimming options for Territorians and visitors comparable to other Australian regional centres in Australia.

We will upgrade Lake Alexander in Darwin as a major recreational water park venue.

We will examine a proposal to make the Little Mindil Beach as a safe swimming beach, complete with appropriate facilities, for full public access. Any commercial development at Little Mindil Beach will be secondary to the development of the public beach and access area.

We will further enhance facilities at Mindil Beach to compliment public use and access.

New Sailing Event

We will investigate establishment of another major sailing event from Darwin.

An annual mid-year sailing event across the Top of Australia or Around Australia will be considered and supported if feasible, similar to past CLP Government support for the Darwin to Ambon Yacht race.

Horse Racing

We will implement a program to develop and expand Territory Horse Racing.

We will work with the Principal Racing Club of the NT to further develop Fannie Bay as the Centre for Top End Racing.

This is a key sporting and tourism industry sector that will benefit from further support to develop its full potential in the Australian Racing scene.