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Seals seen swimming in Central Desert?

Minister for Community Development, Sport and Recreation, John Ah Kit, yesterday said he would look forward to children from Santa Theresa being represented at swimming events and carnivals as he re-opened the local swimming pool at Ltyentye Apurte swimming pool today.

"Nguiu has the Tiwi Turtles, so perhaps we could see the Santa Theresa Seals giving other swimming teams a run for their money, Mr Ah Kit said.

Mr Ah Kit was re-opening the pool, built in the 1970s, after it had been closed for repairs. The Northern Territory Government has contributed $35,000 towards the costs of repairs.

"Swimming pools are an important asset towards health and lifestyle, contribute towards better school attendance and lower juvenile crime levels.

"There is also evidence that swimming regularly in chlorinated pools reduces skin disorders and other diseases so prevalent on Aboriginal communities."

Santa Theresa School held a swimming carnival at the pool today to celebrate the re-commissioning of their pool.

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