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TERRITORY TO HOST AUSTRALIAN UNDER 23 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Northern Territory has been selected to host the Australian under 23 Softball championships.

Featuring teams from all states and the Territory, the championships will showcase some of Australia’s best softball players including current Australian players and those on the cusp of national selection.

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr Kon Vatskalis, congratulated Softball NT on what is an important and historic step for the sport in the Territory.

“The Martin Government’s $800 000 grant to the Tracy Village Sports and Social club to upgrade its sporting facilities for NT baseball and softball leagues means night competition is now possible in Darwin,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“Sport is part of the great Territory lifestyle and I am thrilled that this strategic investment in sport infrastructure is now paying dividends.”

Softball NT President Christine Heron said Softball had been working closely with Softball Australia over the past few years in their bid to host a National Championship in the Northern Territory.

“This is a big step in the history and development of Northern Territory Softball,” Ms Heron said.

“The erection of lights at Tracy Village as part of NT Softball’s move to make Tracy Village the headquarters for the future development of the game has been crucial to Darwin being awarded these championships.

“The under 23 National Softball Championships will be the first National championship to be held at the new improved facilities at Tracy Village sporting ovals which include new change rooms, Canteen and ground upgrades for the co-tenancy between Softball NT and Baseball NT,” Ms Heron said.

Tracy Village President Gary Ross said he looked forward to continuing to work with Softball NT to see the game grow and develop in the Territory.

The Australian under 23 National Championships will be held from the 10th to the 14th of April as part of ‘60 years of Softball in Australia’ celebrations.

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