Racing in to new park

PARENTS in Palmerston will be thrilled to hear the new Palmerston Water Park will open to the public from 11am on Saturday June 23. This means free school holiday water fun for Palmerston residents.

The kids will be lining up for a chance to race each other on the six-lane multilane racer water slide which has 14m high slides that are 10m long.

There is also a wet play area for families and toddlers featuring sprays, water curtains and a shallow wading pool.

There is another wet play area for teens featuring more active water cannons, brackets and high intensity interactive play.

Fully-qualified lifeguards will be on duty at the water park and parents can enjoy the facilities as much as the children.

There is a kiosk for snacks and drinks, and toilets and change rooms are located at the entry of the park.

Families can also bring along some sausages and steaks for the barbecues which are located in the open grass play area and there is plenty of shade to relax under.

The car park caters for 217 cars, two bus coaches and bicycles, and there is a drop-off area.

Along with the construction of the Palmerston Water Park, the adjacent Palmerston Skate Park also received significant upgrades.

These upgrades include 120sqm of new ramps, decks and steps to the eastern end of the existing skate park.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Karl Hampton said the Palmerston Water Park makes good on an election commitment made in 2008 to create more fun recreation areas for families in the Palmerston and rural area.

“The Palmerston Water Park is sure to be a great attraction providing free recreational fun for Territory families in one of Australia’s fastest growing cities, Palmerston, as well as catering to the expanding population in the surrounding rural areas,” Mr Hampton said.

A Family Fun Day is planned for Saturday, June 23 to celebrate the opening of the Palmerston Water Park with activities and entertainment for families.

Water slides and water play will remain open to the public until 6pm and the park itself closes at 8pm.

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To celebrate the upcoming opening of the Palmerston Water Park the Territory Government is offering school children the opportunity to name one of the three coloured racing lanes of the 14 metre high water slide.

For your chance to be one of three lucky winners and first down the slide at the Palmerston Water Park opening on 23 June 2012, enter the competition to name the teal green, lime green or yellow lanes.

Each winner will also receive a $50 voucher to the Palmerston Water Park café. For more information visit www.lifestylent.gov.au

Completion closes 15 June 2012.