Creek dips in to new park

The children of Tennant Creek will soon be able to keep cool in a new water park at the swimming pool.

More than $12 million of funding allocated to upgrade Tennant Creek sporting facilities was welcomed by Barkly Shire Council Acting CEO Rodney Donne.

“I think it’s really excellent news for the town and will provide quite a boost to the civic amenities,” Mr Donne said.

The funding will also provide new change rooms at Perkins Reserve, as well as the replacement of pumps and filtration at the swimming pool and toddler’s pool.

Mr Donne said plans for the already announced water parks at Ali Curung and Elliot have been put on hold until they can obtain funding for security fencing and toilet facilities.

The funding was announced as part of the Coalition’s new Community Development Grants Programme’s $4.455m funding by Senator Nigel Scullion. Alice Springs tenning by Senator Nigel Scullion. Alice Springs tenning by Senator Nigel Scullion. Alice Springs tenning by Senator Nigel Scullion. Alice Springs tenning by Senator Nigel Scullion. Alice Springs tenning by Senator Nigel Scullion. Alice Springs tenning by Senator Nigel Scullion. Alice Springs tenning by Senator Nigel Scullion. Alice Springs tenn

Skaters flock to new shop

Matty Day has opened a skateboarding shop, Valor, in the Todd Mall precinct.

The shop will mean a lot for the local skateboarding community, Mr Day said.

“Valor means courage and bravery, which is a reflection of my life of being an artist and skateboarder, and I think that sometimes it takes courage and bravery to follow your dreams,” he said.

“I will be selling both my own art and also pieces from other street artists, as well as skateboarding products and men’s, women’s and children’s fashion and footwear.

The response has been overwhelming so far, and it has been great that the other shops around us have been very welcoming, and we hope to work with them to enliven the whole alleyway with artwork and make it a vibrant space for Alice Springs.”

Mr Day said the primary goal of the store was to fill a gap in the town’s skateboarding market while supporting the Australian skateboarding industry.

“There’s been a hole in the Alice Springs skateboarding market for quite some time now, and with the success of the Skateboarding Australia workshops and the Skatehub, it looks like it’s the time to open,” he said.

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For more details, contact Matty Day on 0400 844 001.

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Health Reporter

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