Pooled joy over upgrade

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HOLIDAYMAKERS are set to reap the rewards of a new pool complex being built at the Big 4 MacDonnell Range Holiday Park.

The new heated pool will set a new standard for holiday accommodation in Alice Springs, being the first to include both a lap pool and a waterslide.

The $600,000 complex will include four pools: a waterslide pool, a 20m lap pool, two deep swimming pools and a toddler pool set in landscaped surrounds.

Spokesman for the MacDonnell Range Holiday Park, Fiona Johannsen, said she was looking forward to the opening of the new water complex at Easter.

“It’s going to be fantastic. The guests will love it,” she said.

She said the park had wanted to invest in a new pool area for some time now.

“Our old pool was approaching 30 years old and needed to be replaced,” she said. “Our biggest feedback from guests was to get the pool heated, so finally we have responded.

“We are busiest in winter and people from down south (who stay in the park) want to swim all year round.” Ms Johannsen said the new pool complex was designed to appeal to both grey nomads and families.

“Lap swimming is very popular with grey nomads and families will love the waterslides and the other pools,” she said.

Residents eager to check out the new facilities will have to wait until April.

“We are planning some special accommodation deals and free day passes when we open,” Ms Johannsen said.

The pools are being built by Alice Pool and Spa, with building work undertaken by Michael Heenan Builders.

The holiday park has set up two above-ground pools for holidaymakers to enjoy in the interim.

Late activist proudest of family

DURING his lifetime, Alec Kruger witnessed some of the most unjust sides to Australia’s modern history and the most uplifting.

The former member of the Stolen Generations, indigenous activist and author died peacefully on Sunday, surrounded by his family.

Mr Kruger had turned 90 on Christmas Day.

Despite the extensive list of his achievements, his daughter Anita Kruger said his proudest was his family. She described her father as a loving, caring and respectful man.

Mr Kruger was also a soldier, public servant and social justice advocate, having taken the Federal Government to the High Court in Canberra.

He also wrote an autobiography, Alone on the Soaks: Life and Times of Alec Kruger.

Curry to share her healthy ideas

ONE of Australia’s original golden girls of the pool is coming to Alice Springs.

Triple Olympian Lisa Curry is on a mission to improve the health of Territorians as part of her national “One Life One Chance” road trip.

The Central Australian leg starts at Tennant Creek on March 7, visiting Alice Springs on March 9, before finishing at Uluru on March 13.

“As an elite athlete for over 30 years, I learned some great techniques, showing how to create a strong healthy foundation,” Curry said.

“If I want results, I must take responsibility for putting myself first and choose every day to do something different.

“This is what I help people do. I make it easy for them to put themselves first and take a step in a different direction.”

DECEASED: Author Alec Kruger.

Deceased: Former Olympian Lisa Curry.

Builder Darren Brown constructing the new pool.