

## Sports Policy

Sport is an important part of our Great Territory Lifestyle and the Territory Government has drafted their first ever Sports Policy and wants Territorians to have their say on it.

The Territory Government is committed to developing a vibrant, self managed, accessible and sustainable sport and active recreation system across the NT and this policy is a significant step towards that goal.

The Draft Policy focuses on four key areas:

1. People
2. Partnerships
3. Participation Pathways
4. Places

Territorians have a life long involvement in sport and active recreation so it's important that the local community get involved to help guide the future direction of sport in the Territory.

Community consultation will be open until 12 November 2010.

To have your say on the *draft Northern Territory Sport Policy One* or for further information [click here](#).

## WWII Bomb Crater in Darwin CBD

Heritage Minister Karl Hampton has announced a report into the depression discovered on the corner of McMinn and Bennett Streets in the Darwin CBD during recent road works has confirmed it is a World War II bomb crater.

NT Archaeologist Dr Silvano Jung conducted the excavations and report which said that based on the historic and stratigraphic data on site indicates that it is most likely a bomb crater from the 1942 Japanese Air Raid.

On the 19 February 1942 hundreds of bombs were dropped from the 188 planes that were involved in the first raid on Darwin but this is the only known remaining bomb crater in the city.

The Department of Construction and Infrastructure will be working with the NRETAS Heritage Branch to landscape the site in an appropriate fashion and install interpretive signage.

## Free Family Fun Continues at Leanyer Recreation Park



Fun activities with family and friends is part of what makes the Territory's lifestyle so great and the Leanyer Recreation Park has been providing locals and visitors with free family fun since opening in 2004.

The Territory Government is pleased to announce that local not-for-profit community organisation YMCA will operate Leanyer Recreation Park over the next three years, starting 15 November 2010.

Entry to Leanyer Recreation Park will remain free and the recreational and aquatic experts at YMCA will enhance the experience for locals and visitors bringing more services, programs and activities to this fantastic facility.

The YMCA has an excellent track record for running recreation facilities across the Territory, including the Palmerston Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre and the Palmerston Recreation Centre, and they will make sure the Park continues to be a great place for families.

Outsourcing is a key part of the Territory Government's 2030 strategy towards Economic Sustainability with a commitment to developing the contribution from the community services sector.

For more information about the Leanyer Recreation Park [click here](#).

## Heritage Grants

The Territory has a rich and diverse history and our heritage sites not only preserve and protect our history but also act as major drawcards for tourists.

The Territory Government is committed to ensuring our heritage places are properly maintained and continues to provide more than \$200,000 every year to private owners to assist in the conservation of heritage listed places.



The 2010-11 Northern Territory Heritage Grants Program recently awarded over \$215,000 funding to 15 successful recipients across the Territory.

This year for the first time the guidelines also allowed people to apply for funding for festivals and events connected to historic places and \$5,000 was awarded to the National Trust (NT) for the 2011 Alice Springs Heritage Festival.

For more information about heritage grants [click here](#).