Funding Boost For Alice Springs Youth Hub

Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton today announced a $1.1 million investment in the Alice Springs Youth Hub as part of Budget 2011.

Mr Hampton said the funding for capital works would see the Youth Hub expand and enhance its role as a one-stop-shop for youth-related services in Alice Springs.

“There are already 14 staff working with family support services, Youth at Risk Team, Street Outreach Services and a youth co-ordinator all based at the Hub,” Mr Hampton said.

“There are youth activity spaces and recreation spaces, as well as areas where alternative education programs are operating.

“The Youth Hub has hosted many recent successful events, such as the Harmony Day dance party which attracted around 300 young people, and is used as the base for many youth-related activities.”

Mr Hampton said the $1.1 million of works at the Youth Hub will see:

- Old class rooms converted to office space for NGO and Government youth services;
- Installation of a commercial quality kitchen;
- Installation of a skate ramp;
- Upgrading of access to the Youth Hub to comply with Australian mobility standards including the installation of a ramp to the first floor;
- Installation of a lift; and
- Internal renovations such as painting and flooring and electrical.

“Having a commercial kitchen will enable training activities to be run from the Hub and installing a skate ramp will expand the recreation areas available to young people,” Mr Hampton said.

“With a range of youth and family support services in the Government and non-government sector based at the Hub, as well as recreational areas for youth, the Youth Hub is helping ensure young people get the services they need and is helping to close any gaps in provision.

“Youth service providers have expressed interest in operating from the Hub and the office and recreational spaces are already in demand.

“The Youth Hub is a key part of this Government’s four year, $15.6 million Alice Springs Youth Action Plan, which is making an impact on youth-related issues as well as helping make our community safer.”

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