Investing in the Great Territory Lifestyle

The Territory Government will invest more than $600,000 through sport and recreation facility development grants to boost the great Territory lifestyle.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Karl Hampton today suited up and did a few laps at Arunga Park Speedway Complex where the Alice Springs Karting Club Inc will be able to resurface the 585m kart track thanks to a $37,500 grant.

“Territorians love their motorsport and karting is one of the most popular sports in Alice Springs,” Mr Hampton said.

“It’s a great sport for people of all ages and particularly popular among families, either as a fun activity on weekends or in a more competitive capacity.

“Membership at the Club has increased from 86 to 114 this year with hundreds of spectators enjoying the meets regularly, including yesterday’s Alice Springs titles, with competitors as young as 7 years old racing in 11 different categories.

“Activities like karting bring families and the community together and build lifelong friendships.

“That’s why I am proud to announce the Alice Springs Karting Club Inc is one of 18 organisations sharing $630,000 in sport and recreation facility development grants this year.

“This Club’s grant will improve safety for all users of the track and help support the Club’s bid to host the 2013 national titles.

“Sports plays a huge role in the great Territory lifestyle and these grants will go towards upgrading existing facilities right across the Territory.

“This important investment also aligns with the Territory 2030 strategic plan ensuring Territorians have access to a wide range of facilities that enhance the great Territory lifestyle.”

Alice Springs Karting Club Committee member Jamie De Brenni said: “The upgrade has been a major concern of the committee this year as we pride ourselves on a duty of care towards all our competitors especially our juniors who are the future of the club.

“The club is very grateful for this grant and can really push to grow our junior numbers as we will be able to provide a positive sportsmanship environment and the best possible racing surface.”

A list of this year’s grant recipients is attached.

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