



Paul Henderson
CHIEF MINISTER

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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE FOR TENNANT CREEK FAMILIES

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today announced \$650 000 in funding to upgrade community and sporting facilities in Tennant Creek.

Mr Henderson said the Barkly Shire Council has received a \$500 000 grant to upgrade and install lights at Purkis Reserve, bringing the Government's total funding commitment for the project to \$1 million.

A further \$150 000 grant to the Council will be used to upgrade the Tennant Creek's basketball courts.

"These grants are an investment in the future of Tennant Creek to make it an even better place to live, work and raise a family," Mr Henderson said.

"Purkis Reserve is used by the community throughout the year for sports including Aussie Rules, youth programs, and for community events such as the annual Christmas Tree fete.

"The Government's \$1 million investment will see lights installed at the Reserve for night use, and to beautify the reserve to make it more family-friendly.

"During a visit to Tennant Creek last month, Julalikari Council told me that many young people were playing basketball into the evening, but the courts are in need of repair.

"The \$150,000 grant will enable the courts to be resurfaced and upgraded, making it a better place for young people to play to help keep them occupied and out of trouble.

"My Government is delivering for Territory families where-ever they live, and we will continue to invest to grow our regions."

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