MINISTER FOR PARKS AND WILDLIFE

FUNDING TO IMPROVE CYCLING AND WALKING TRACKS

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The Northern Territory Government is creating a better lifestyle for Territorians with $1.35 million in Budget 2013 to upgrade and build new cycling and walking tracks right across the Territory.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Matt Conlan said the funding was an investment in the health of Territorians.

“Better bike tracks and walking tracks will get more Territorians enjoying our great outdoors and leading active and healthy lives,” Mr Conlan said.

“This $1.35 million investment is making sport more affordable while enhancing the unique Territory lifestyle to ensure it remains the best in Australia.”

The planned upgrades will improve visitor experience to the Territory’s parks while also helping with the environmental management of the walking tracks.

Included in Budget 2013 upgrades are:

$300 000 for Casuarina Coastal Reserve to:
- Upgrade existing 3 metre wide gravel walking and cycling track constructing new tracks where required
- Formalise beach access points at Lee Point to help protect sensitive foreshore dunes
- Upgrade paths to better link Lee Point car park with beach access, including the disabled car park

$150 000 for Alice Springs Telegraph Station to:
- Develop a series of graded mountain bike tracks at the Station for beginners, intermediate and advanced
- Final locations will be determined to avoid any sacred sites

It is expected the new mountain bike tracks will help boost tourism in Central Australia by catering to the adventure traveller.

The remaining funding will go to upgrading walking tracks at Nitmiluk National Park, Litchfield National Park and the George Brown Botanic Gardens.

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