Boosting Freds Pass

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The Northern Territory Government will inject $3 million into the Freds Pass Reserve Master Plan, to deliver upgrades to roads, irrigation, fencing, lighting and electrical infrastructure.

The funding is part of the Government’s $100 million Boosting Our Economy construction package aimed at creating work for the small and medium sized business sector.

Member for Daly Gary Higgins welcomed the funding for the facility.

“Freds Pass is well used and the centre of much of the sporting and recreation activity of the rural area – this injection for their master plan is something I’ve been championing with my Cabinet colleagues,” Mr Higgins said.

“There is much to be done at the Reserve and I’m pleased there is now the funding to move forward with plans for needed upgrades. It’s a win for rural residents and visitors.

“I look forward to seeing the master plan in action and I know it will be appreciated by the users of Freds Pass.”

Freds Pass Reserve is on 82 hectares with 23 user groups and an estimated weekly participant base of 4000.

The Master Plan developed by the community and user groups outlines the upgrades and developments required to meet the needs of the community and ensure that sporting and recreational opportunities can continue to be offered to the rural (and increasingly) Palmerston residents.

The Reserve is managed by the Litchfield Shire Council and Mayor Maree Bredhauer welcomed the additional funding.

“We thank the Giles Government for this fantastic funding,” Ms Bredhauer said.

“$3 million will go a long way to improving our facilities for the benefit of Litchfield residents and the greater Darwin region.”

Freds Pass Board chair Judy Cole said the funding will be well used.
“Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve Management Board are excited at today’s $3 million announcement for the Reserve,” Ms Cole said.

“This funding will set the foundations for the power, water and roads to allow for growth of our community groups.”

Upgrades to the Reserve to meet both the needs and expectations of the user groups and community include:

- Developing a new pump house and irrigation
- Improved drainage
- Improved lighting to parking areas
- Electrical upgrades and improved reticulation
- Improved road networks and parking
- Construction of shower/toilet blocks across the complex
- Improved fencing
- Building certifications

Each of these enhancements would improve the amenity of the complex and be considered a multipurpose asset across the 23 user groups.

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