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Jobs and better facilities: \$6.2 million for Alice Springs sporting infrastructure

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Seven projects will be funded thanks to the Territory Labor Government's \$6.2 million investment in community sporting infrastructure in Alice Springs.

Member for Braitling, Dale Wakefield said the Alice Springs community provided feedback on the priorities identified by the Alice Springs Town Council.

"Creating jobs and investing in our sporting facilities, clubs and associations is the key to creating vibrant communities," Ms Wakefield said.

"We know that sport unites Territorians in a unique way; it brings us together as a cohesive community and encourages us to live more active, healthy lives.

"We have consulted with the community, listened to feedback and taken decisive action."

Mayor Damien Ryan said the Alice Springs Town Council's Sport Facility Advisory Committee consulted with sporting groups and associations to determine the priorities for Alice Springs.

"I welcome this announcement as it allows Council to upgrade facilities used by a broad cross-section of our sporting community," Mr Ryan said.

The priorities include:

- Resurface of the hockey pitch at Traeger Avenue
- Evaporative cooler and fans at the Alice Springs Basketball Centre
- Jim McConville oval change rooms and canteen facility
- Ross Park change room and canteen
- Flynn Drive oval facility rebuild, storage and canteen
- Rhonda Diano oval upgrades to track and field amenities
- Albrecht oval additional change room and storage.

Executive Officer from Hockey NT, Ian Harkness welcomes the investment to resurface the hockey pitch at Traeger Avenue.

"This announcement is fantastic news for the hockey community and will allow players, both senior and junior, to develop their skills on a quality playing surface," Mr Harkness said.

"The existing surface is now over 12-years old and showing some disrepair, so the time is right for an upgrade.

"We appreciate the NT Government and Alice Springs Town Council's show of support for hockey in Alice Springs. It will certainly boost the development of the sport."

The consultation also identified other facilities that may benefit from upgrades which will be considered in future programming.

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