



Delia Lawrie
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GOVERNMENT KICKS A GOAL FOR GAPUWIYAK

The community of Gapuwiyak will have a new oval sooner than expected with the Martin Government bringing forward an election commitment to upgrade the ground.

Sport and Recreation Minister, Delia Lawrie, said the Government promised to upgrade the oval in 2006/07, but an unexpected opportunity has arisen, and work will be carried out immediately.

“The Gapuwiyak Council has alerted Government that contractors are currently in town for other projects, but will be able to extend their stay and carry out the upgrade now,” said Ms Lawrie.

“We’re very happy to make the most of this opportunity, get the job done and deliver on another important election commitment.

“This of course is welcome news for the people of Gapuwiyak who will be able to use their upgraded sports oval a year earlier than expected.”

Ms Lawrie said she was recently on Groote Eylandt and saw first hand the positive impact a new oval has had on the community.

“In Angurugu, the new oval has benefited everyone in the town and has given the community great pride and a sense of ownership over the ground,” she said.

“Sport is an important part of our great Territory lifestyle, and everyone should be given the opportunity to take part, particularly in our remote communities.”

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