

TERRITORY FAMILIES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Sport, Recreation and Strategic Infrastructure

February
2022



We respectfully acknowledge the
Traditional Owners of this country, the
Larrakia.

We recognise their continuing
connection to the land we are on today,
their waters and their culture.

We pay our respect to their
Elders past, present and emerging.

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**NT Sport and
Active Recreation
Strategic Plan
2021-25**



Active participation

Strategic goal

Territorians participate regularly in sport and active recreation to improve their health and wellbeing.



Places and spaces

Strategic goal

Places and spaces inspire sport and active recreation participation, improve liveability and are vibrant places where everyone belongs.



Achievements

Strategic goal

Achievements across sport and active recreation are celebrated and inspire the community.



Partnerships

Strategic goal

Partnerships are agile, responsible and focussed on optimising the collective impact of Territorians participating regularly in sport and active recreation.



**KEY
ACTIONS**

NT Sport, Recreation and Strategic Infrastructure Grants

Grants



Partnerships

Our strategic goal

Partnerships are agile, responsible and focussed on optimising the collective impact of Territorians participating regularly in sport and active recreation.

Our role

Deliver high-quality services through respectful interactions that support the achievement of our strategic goals.

Grants



Partnerships

Key Action

Deliver grant programs that drive the achievement of our strategic goals.

Review and update **funding program guidelines** to support current programs, innovative practices and embrace emerging activities.

- * Grassroots Grants
- * High Performance Officiating Program
- * Gender and Equality Grants
- * Disability Grants
- * Quick Response Grants
- * Multicultural Grants
- * Seniors Grants



**NT Sport and
Active Recreation
Infrastructure Plan
2022-32**

Infrastructure Plan



Places and spaces

Our strategic goal

Places and spaces inspire sport and active recreation participation, improve liveability and are vibrant places where everyone belongs.

Our role

Plan, invest in and deliver active places and spaces that respond to cultural and community needs to support Territorians to be active.

Infrastructure Plan



Places and spaces

Key Action

Develop a long-term sport and active recreation infrastructure plan.

We will collaborate across all levels of government to design an **infrastructure plan** that delivers optimal investment in current and future places and spaces across the Territory.

- Grassroots Infrastructure Policy
- Infrastructure Plan 2022-32
- Infrastructure Investment Principles
- Infrastructure Investment Process



Infrastructure Plan



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Grassroots Infrastructure Policy

Grassroots sport can be defined as community-driven sport activity at a **local level** that has rules but is mainly recreational which ensures everyone who wants to participate (at an appropriate level) can.

Grassroots infrastructure is operated and maintained primarily for the purpose of the facilitation of grassroots sports activities which includes any activity which is undertaken within community sport infrastructure, including volunteering and recreational activities as highlighted on the next slide.

WHY?

Grassroots is the greatest level of participation in the Territory, with 38% of all residents in the Northern Territory aged under 25 the most active age group.

Infrastructure Plan



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Grassroots Infrastructure Policy

Stage		Participant	Level of Participation
Progression of Skills	Explore	Infants and toddlers	Learn elementary skills such as crawling, standing and walking
	Fundamental Movement	Preschool children	Develop basic skills such as running, throwing and jumping.
Grassroots Sport and Active Recreation	Learn	School children	Develop more refined skills, learn the rules of games and positive attitudes towards sport and active recreation.
	Participate	Young people and adults in clubs and local games	Participate in organised sport, training and active recreation motivated by multiple factors such as enjoyment, performance and challenges.
	Perform	Players in regional and state based competitions	Identify and develop talent in sport.
	Excel	Athletes in national and international competitions	Achieve excellence in one sport and compete at a world-class level.

Infrastructure Plan



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Infrastructure Investment Guiding Principles

The Plan is governed by four guiding principles that reflect how sport and active recreation infrastructure will be invested in. The Northern Territory Government will:

1. Invest strategically based on **outcomes**: delivering the outcomes outlined in our strategies, policies and plans (including the National Sport Plan: 2030), and in partnership with the sector, local and regional councils, and schools.
2. Invest to help achieve **equity** for all Territorians: by addressing known community needs and network gaps first while enabling everyone to have access to quality facilities regardless of their circumstances.
3. Invest wisely to deliver the maximum **value** for Territory: including the services, activities and assets (outputs) and the social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits (outcomes).
4. Invest for **sustainability**: by identifying and investing in facilities that are desirable to users, feasible to deliver and viable to operate.

Infrastructure Masterplan



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Phase 1 – All Infrastructure Proposals

The Initial Business Case

The first step required for the sport and active recreation sector to submit a proposal to the Northern Territory Government requesting investment in infrastructure, is to complete an **Initial Business Case**.

The Department has developed an Initial Business Case template and guide to support this stage of the process.

The Initial Business Case is the only requirement for Minor Works proposals, that is works **less than** one million dollars in value.

For Capital Works proposals, that is works **above** one million dollars in value, a Full Business Case will be required when the project is prioritised.

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Phase 1 – All Infrastructure Proposals

The Initial Business Case

The Initial Business Case will be reviewed against the below criteria in order to evaluate the project's ability to:

- promote participation in physical activity,
- demonstrate a need through current and past participation,
- meet compliancy or mitigating occupational health and safety issues,
- encourage the development of multi-use, shared facilities,
- strongly align with master plans/strategies,
- demonstrate a need through trends and demands of the sport,
- align with Northern Territory Government documents such as the Northern Territory Sport and Active Recreation Strategic Plan 2021-25, and
- source potential external funding opportunities or contributions.

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Phase 1 – All Infrastructure Proposals

Assessment Process

1. An internal recommendation on Minor Works proposals provided to the Department and Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics for assessment against infrastructure priorities.
2. Proponents of Minor Works proposals will be advised of the assessment outcome recommendation, accompanied with feedback.
3. An internal recommendation of Capital Works proposals provided to the Department and Department's Infrastructure Committee for approval to progress for further funding consideration. If progressed, a Full Business Case is required.

All proposals remain on the Infrastructure Plan until funded or withdrawn by the sector body.

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Phase 2 – Capital Works Proposals The Full Business Case Assessment Process

The Full Business Case will be reviewed against the below criteria in how the proposal:

- Prioritises development and investment in multi-purpose community facilities, and where possible, meet required national and where identified, international sporting competition standards,
- Delivers ‘value for Territory’,
- Aligns with the Northern Territory Government 10 Year Infrastructure Plan: 2019-2029 projects,
- Demonstrates sustainability of the asset through effective governance, management and operation, and
- Improves the economic, social and environmental outcomes for the community.

Proponents of Capital Works proposals will be advised of the outcome and receive feedback.

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For example....

* **Change rooms at Lake Alexander (Minor Works)**

1. 'Sport' completes an **Initial Business Case** and submit to Sport, Recreation and Strategic Infrastructure (SRSI) online portal.
2. SRSI assesses against criteria and provides recommendation to Departments.
3. 'Sport' receives outcome on Departments inclusion in following years funding program or current grant programs (**pipeline**).
4. IBC remains on the Infrastructure **Plan** list until funded or withdrawn by the sector body.

COVID ...



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COVID-19 Safety Planning



- 1. Plan:** implement plans, processes and systems to meet government and health requirements to provide safe sport environments.
- 2. Prepare:** ensure safe facility and participant practices.
- 3. Respond:** timely in addressing changes that quickly occur in regions/locations.
- 4. Recover:** consideration of protocols to optimise good public and participant health in to the future.

