

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY****WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Giles to Minister for Sport and Recreation;

**Sport and Recreational Needs of Territory Growth Towns**

In relation to the delivery of sport and recreation facilities in the Northern Territory growth Towns:

For each of the identified towns of Maningrida, Wadeye, Borroloola, Galiwin'ku, Nguiu, Gunbalanya, Milingimbi, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Angurugu/Umbakumba, Gapuwiyak, Yuendumu, Yirrkala, Lajamanu, Daguragu/Kalkarindji, Ramingining, Hermannsburg, Papunya, Elliott and Ali Curung.

1. What planning has been put in place to answer the sport and recreational needs of the proposed growth towns.
2. For each growth town, please identify the NTG supported and funded sport and recreation facilities that are currently in use.

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**ANSWER:**

1. Plans are currently being developed for each growth town as part of the baseline and place based planning work being coordinated through the Service Delivery Coordination Unit.
  - The Indigenous Sport Unit (ISU) is developing a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with each Shire to be completed by the June 30, 2010. The MoU will address the specific roles that the ISU will perform in each Shire across 11 communities including the Territory Growth Towns (TGT). These roles will include information about funding streams, employment opportunities/assistance, peak sporting organisation information and links, mentorship/training opportunities, Festival/Cultural events and support mechanisms and facility information – funding and links.
  - Sport and Recreation continues to fund the eight Local Government Shires through the Active Remote Community (ARC) Funding program for the employment of Community Sport Recreation Officers (CSRO). One CSRO is funded in each of the Growth Towns, with one each in Angurugu and Umbakumba; totalling 21 positions across the 20 growth towns.
  - ISU meets every six months with all Shire Youth and Sport and Recreation Coordinators, forming better partnerships and pathways to address the sport and recreation needs of the CSRO and their respective communities.
  - ISU is further forming better working partnerships with the peak sporting organisations to develop key programs that directly support the sport and recreational needs of remote communities.

- ISU is also working with the Federal Government (Department of Health and Ageing) to explore potential Sport and Recreational needs that support the Territory Growth Towns initiative.
2. The sporting facilities in the growth towns are managed and operated by the Shires. Funding for any upgrades has been provided by the NTG to supplement Shire funds through the facility development grants program.