



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
Sessional Committee on Sport and Youth

COMMITTEE NEWS

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One week left to go!

THE DEADLINE FOR your input to the Sessional Committee on Sport and Youth approaches - in fact, it is one week from today!

Peak sporting organisations, schools, physical activity groups, industry professionals, mums and dads and young people are encouraged to comment if you have anything at all to say about sport and youth in the Northern Territory.

Some themes relevant to the Committee's brief include: physical education in schools, exercise out of school hours, organised sporting competition, recreational pursuits, obesity, diet, school canteens, method of sport delivery and instruction, attitudes to sport, health and medical outcomes, benefits of participation, limitations to delivery of programs, access to sport for all, sporting infrastructure, funding, and the use of volunteers.

For those who are in the process of writing (and those who intend to), guidelines to assist with your preparation appear on the Legislative Assembly web site (www.nt.gov.au/lant). Select Committees from the options at the bottom of the screen. Then select *Witness Guidelines* near the top of the white screen. The first part of that publication deals with writing submissions for Parliamentary Committees.

Note that 'submission' does not mean 'funding submission', nor does it mean a PhD thesis - a couple of pages will suffice if they deal with what you have to say!

FINAL CALL FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

On 16 August 2005, the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory provided a reference to the Sessional Committee on Sport and Youth.

Your input is now invited and should address the Terms of Reference, in particular:

(a) the ability and effectiveness of existing structures and programs, from grassroots to elite, to deliver in urban, regional and remote areas, and recommendations for improvement;

(b) the role and benefit of School Sport NT programs and links to participation; and

(c) demonstrated links between participation in sport and reduced antisocial behaviour.

**THE CLOSING DATE
IS FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2006.**

Where possible, electronic submissions are preferred. To forward a your input or request further information, please contact:

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Committee activity

THE COMMITTEE HAS HAD further deliberative meetings and a range of consultations with community groups.

Chairman Chris Natt recently accompanied the Select Committee on Substance Abuse in the Community to Central Australia, where many of the issues raised are relevant to the Sport and Youth Committee.



Above: residents of Engawala (Alcoota) with members of the Substance Abuse in the Community Committee and Chris Natt (at rear) from the Sport and Youth Committee and, below, with community leaders from Papunya. Photographs taken in March 2006.



Chris met with the Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians in Darwin in mid-May to discuss any issues of concern to them (photograph below), and to encourage them to urge people in their own regions to have their say to the Committee.



And this week, Chris attended the Sports Seminar 2006 series organised by Sport and Recreation where he presented a seminar on the role of the Committee and its activities to date.

The second half of this year will see the Committee moving around the Territory and hearing from various organisations and individuals involved with sport and youth. Most of these hearings are anticipated to be open to the public, and anyone is welcome to attend.

Details on the timetable of meetings and the Committee's travel schedule will be made available when they have been confirmed. This will include whether a meeting or meetings are open to the public.

LEFT: Loraine Braham, Terry Mills, Rob Knight, Chris Natt and Alison Anderson (Chair of the Substance Abuse Committee) with kids from Drumatum in Alice Springs who have taken to drumming, which is proving to have positive social and educational outcomes for the Hidden Valley Town Camp.