



MEDIA RELEASE

Howard Springs Nature Park Public Meeting

Parks and Wildlife Service regional parks north director Dave West today invited the public to attend a meeting to discuss the release of the draft Plan of Management for the Howard Springs Nature Park.

Mr West said in February this year that PWS had assigned a planning team to assess the long term options for maintaining water quality at the park's waterhole and develop a draft Plan of Management.

He said the draft Plan of Management is being finalised for public release, fulfilling a promise made at a public meeting in February when the development of a draft Plan of Management started.

"Public input is crucial in determining the best options for managing the park and it is hoped the public meeting held in February this year, display at May's Freds Pass Show and the meeting on Monday will ensure outcomes that are supported by the community," Mr West said.

"The draft Plan of Management is not entirely about the water quality at the park's waterhole but rather setting the management direction for the whole park including management of natural and cultural values, management of recreation and tourism activities and park infrastructure.

"Parks and Wildlife Service want to make sure we get things right as the public's concern about water quality at the park's waterhole during the past year has highlighted the community's commitment and passion for the Territory's oldest park."

The Howard Springs Nature Park reopened to swimming in April this year after considerable efforts were made to improve the water quality and bring it back to safe standard for swimming.

Mr West invited the public to attend the 26 June meeting at Whitewood Hall, Whitewood Road, Howard Springs, which is scheduled to begin at 6.30pm

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