



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Leanyer Recreation Park**

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service advises that the swimming pool and children's playground at Leanyer Recreation Park are closed to the public until further notice.

Darwin region chief district ranger Dal Hartley said the closure has been necessitated by repair and maintenance works to the children's playground.

"Chlorine from the swimming pool during the past several years has had a negative impact on the glue holding the soft fall, the compressible rubber-type substance in the children's play area, from separating from the concrete beneath it" Mr Hartley said.

"The swimming pool and play area are closed each Monday and Tuesday every week for normal repairs and maintenance work, but this week's heavy rain has impeded the speed of these necessary works.

"At this stage, we are confident the swimming pool and playground will be reopened by Friday, but this of course depends on the weather as it is difficult to do this type of work unless it is dry."

Mr Hartley said closing only the playground and not the pool would probably be futile, as splashing water containing chlorine could easily spread to the soft fall.

He said the public would be notified when the playground and pool were ready to be re-opened.

Ends

**Media Note – For more information contact Dal Hartley on 0418 589 830**

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