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## **Leanyer Water Playground Closing for Maintenance**

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts (NRETA) advises that the swimming pool and children's playground at Leanyer Recreation Park will be closing for repairs and maintenance between 6 May and 6 June 2008.

Parks and Wildlife Service Darwin region Chief District Ranger Dal Hartley said the repairs and maintenance were scheduled to ensure the area was in top condition for the dry season.

"The closure has been timed so we get repairs completed prior to the school holidays and peak tourist season where visitor numbers are at their highest," Mr Hartley said.

"Visitor health and safety at all parks and reserves administered by NRETA is the number one priority."

Some of the repairs scheduled include replacing the rubber matting on the children's playground and general repairs to the play equipment.

"Chlorine from the swimming pool has a negative impact on the glue holding the rubber matting in the playground so we regularly replace it," Mr Hartley said.

"The main pool will be undergoing repairs to the pebblecrete surface and the cascade pools will have missing tiles replaced.

"Maintenance will also be carried out on the pool separation fencing, Tipping bucket repairs and repairs to the tiles in the Cascades."

The picnic and barbecue areas at Leanyer Recreation Park will remain open during this period at the normal times, 8am to 8pm daily and the Skate Park will also remain open daily from 8am to 9pm.

Ends

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

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