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\$392,000 FACELIFT FOR TENNANT CREEK'S LAKE MARY ANN RECREATION AREA

The Government has announced a funding package to upgrade facilities at Tennant Creek's popular Lake Mary Ann Recreation Area.

Infrastructure and Transport Minister Dr Chris Burns said the works involve a new sealed parking area and landscaping.

"Lake Mary Ann is a great spot for a picnic or a swim, or somewhere to watch the water birds," Dr Burns said.

"The Government is adding \$240,000 to the \$120,000 grant given to the Tennant Creek Town Council last year.

"It has also committed an additional \$32,000 to pay for project management services supplied by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure."

The grants follow the commissioning of a masterplan landscape design by DPI to upgrade the facilities and amenity in the recreation area, located 5km north of the town, just beyond the Honeymoon Ranges.

The scope of works includes:

- Extension of existing bitumen access road to Lake wall, providing turnaround area for large vehicles;
- Reconstruction of the existing gravel carpark to provide 39 bitumen-surfaced vehicle parking bays;
- Relocation of existing palm trees to carpark island planting beds;
- Planting of shade trees and shrubs on carpark island and perimeter planting beds;
- Relocation of existing electricity pole and equipment with underground conduits for future lighting;
- Stormwater mitigation; and
- Automatic irrigation system.

Lake Mary Ann is named after the Mary Ann Mine which was started by Harold Williams and Nuggett Wilson as a surface scraping in 1946. Later a shaft was sunk by Jim Smith and Bill Hoews, but brought no result. It was known as the Mary Ann Dam until late 2005, when it was renamed Lake Mary Ann.

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