

# The Berry News

**HALF-BASKETBALL  
COURT & SHADES  
HAVE BEEN  
INSTALLED!**

**Berry Springs Rec Reserve**

*Fresh Facilities for Our Community!*

A big shout-out to the NT Government's Community Benefit Fund and with operational assistance from Litchfield Council — we now have a brand-new half-basketball court and three fabulous shade structures.

The final landscaping stage is underway, we thank you for your patience. The finish line is in sight, and soon the Reserve will be back looking better than ever!

# What's been happening at the Reserve?

It has been a busy few months for the Reserve Committee, and we are pleased to share some updates on the improvements and initiatives underway:

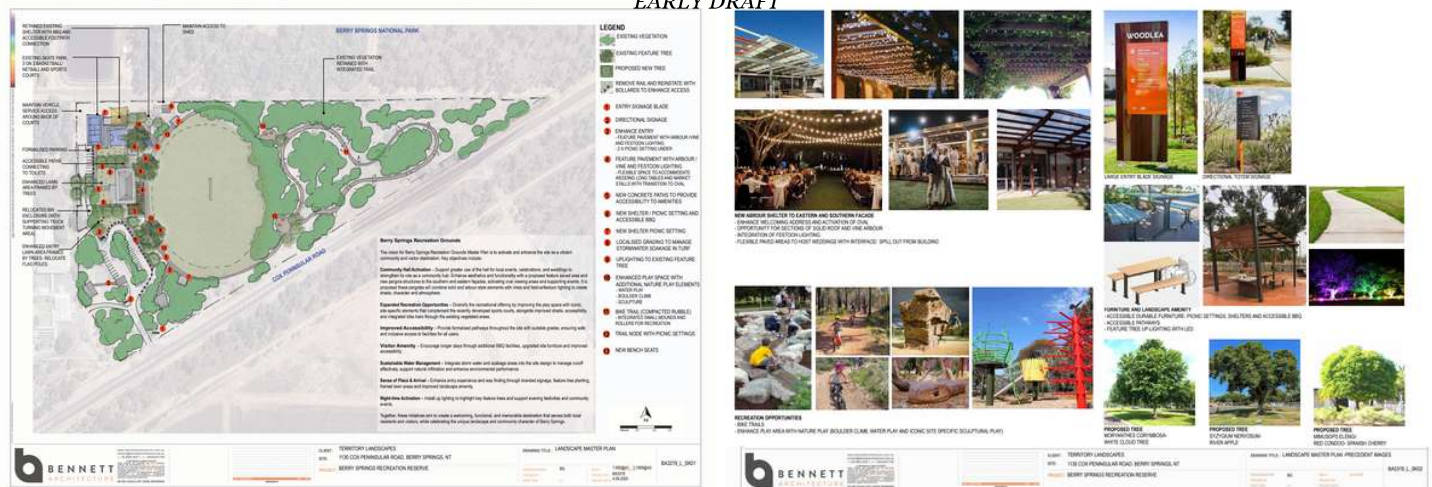
## a. New Topsoil and Turf

New topsoil and turf has been installed around the recently upgraded areas, as well as in several older low-lying sections that required attention. These areas will remain off-limits while the turf establishes over the coming weeks. With water meter assessments now completed by Litchfield Council and recent irrigation repairs carried out, we are confident the grounds will soon return to a healthy, lush green.

## b. Landscape Master Plan

The Committee is working with Landscape Architect, Fiona Eddleston, who is drafting a Landscape Master Plan for the Berry Springs Recreation Reserve. While the plan is still in its early stages and will involve consultation with the community and stakeholders, we are excited to be planning for the future of the Reserve and to see the space continue to evolve.

### EARLY DRAFT



## c. Plumbing Maintenance

Over the past few months, the Committee has been able to undertake significant plumbing maintenance that had been pending. There are, however, still a number of projects to be completed — including works around the meeting room and outside the kitchen. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and will do our best to minimise disruption.

## d. Congratulations – Berry Springs Markets

Congratulations to the Berry Springs Market Association NT, who held their first successful market in June. The following events have demonstrated the capability, dedication, and community spirit of the new association. We are excited by their success and positivity and look forward to seeing their continued growth and contribution to the Berry Springs community in the future.



## e. Security Audit

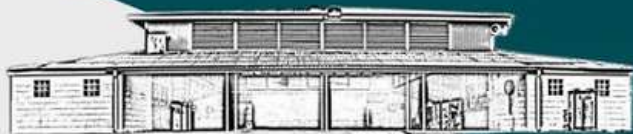
A full security audit of the Reserve has been completed. As part of this process, locks have been updated and additional measures introduced to improve safety and security. Please note that vehicle access to the rear of the Reserve (via the chain fence) will no longer be permitted. This change has been made to ensure the health and safety of all who use the area.

## f. Funding Agreement with Litchfield Council

We are pleased to announce that the 2025/2026 Funding Agreement between Litchfield Council and Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Inc. has now been signed. Under this agreement, Litchfield Council will continue to support the Reserve by contributing to repairs and maintenance, as well as the ongoing operational costs of its asset. This supports the Management Committee's focus on maintaining, improving, and activating the Reserve for the benefit of the community. The funding provides greater certainty for the year ahead and allows the Committee to plan with confidence — ensuring the Reserve remains a safe, well-cared-for, and welcoming space for all who use it.

## g. New Cleaner Appointed

We are welcoming a new cleaner at the Reserve, who will help ensure facilities are kept to a high standard, with greater attention to detail and presentation for all who use the space.



Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Inc.

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HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RESERVE

# BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

Only \$5

2024-2025  
MEMBERSHIPS  
HAVE NOW  
EXPIRED!

**Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Inc.**

**A Not-for-Profit, For the Community**

We're a volunteer-run organisation dedicated to creating an active, welcoming space for everyone in the rural community. From maintaining facilities to hosting events, every effort is made by locals, for locals. But we can't do it alone.

We're inviting community members to become members of the Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Inc.

Membership is more than just signing up – it's a way to show your support for the managing body of the Reserve. Your membership fees go directly towards helping our association maintain, improve, and grow this important community space.

**To become a Member, go to**

<https://pci.jotform.com/berryspringsrecreationreserve/NewMembership>

Or, go to our website [www.bsrr.com.au](http://www.bsrr.com.au) and click on the button to join!

Thank you for supporting your local Reserve!

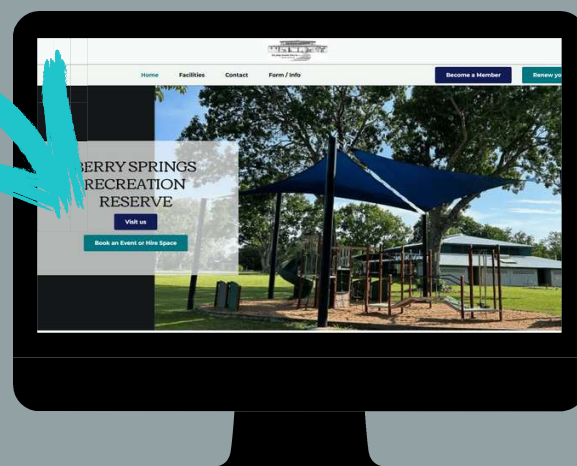


## BOOKING FORM - NOW ONLINE!

We're pleased to announce our booking form is now live at [www.bsrr.com.au](http://www.bsrr.com.au)

This makes it easier to book your event or hire, anytime, from your computer, tablet, or phone.

If online booking isn't for you, don't worry – you can still contact us the usual way and we'll be glad to help.



# Territory Day 2025

## Our Community Came Together This Territory Day!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Berry Springs Recreation Reserve for this year's Territory Day celebrations. It was an unforgettable evening filled with fun, laughter, and of course the unbeatable Territory spirit that makes our community so special. Families, friends, and neighbours came together to enjoy the entertainment, food, and festivities — creating a wonderful atmosphere that truly showcased what community is all about.



We were delighted to provide free entertainment, from the hilarious Sumo Suits to a challenging obstacle course, which kept both kids and adults smiling all night.



A huge thank you to our major sponsors, the Northern Territory Government and Litchfield Council, whose generous support made this celebration possible.

Special thanks also to Territory Logistics and CDC Northern Territory for providing the free giveaways — they were a huge hit and brought plenty of joy to the crowd.



We would also like to acknowledge everyone who helped keep the Reserve clean and safe throughout the evening. Your respect and care for our shared space ensures the Reserve remained welcoming for all. Preparations are currently underway for the 2026 Event!

✨ Relive the magic! To view the highlights of the night, click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19n9i66b9s/>



### ANDREW MACKAY MLA

Member for Goyder

19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Committee  
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Dear Committee Members,

RE: Territory Day at Berry Springs - Adjournment Speech

On Thursday, 31st July, I had the opportunity to speak in Parliament about the Territory Day celebration held at the Berry Springs Recreation Reserve. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to the Committee for hosting this year's celebration.

Enclosed is a copy of the Hansard extract from my adjournment speech, included for your records.

I've received a great deal of positive feedback from attendees who appreciated the safe and enjoyable environment your team created. Well done on delivering such a successful event. Your efforts in planning and running the evening are greatly appreciated, and it's clear that Territory Day at Berry Springs continues to be a highlight on the local calendar.

I look forward to celebrating Territory Day at Berry Springs for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Mackay MLA  
Member for Goyder



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#### HANSARD EXTRACT

Territory Day  
Berry Springs Recreation Reserve

#### ADJOURNMENT SPEECH

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025


**Mr Mackay:** I had a great time at the Berry Springs Rec Reserve for Territory Day celebrating 40-something years of self-government in the Northern Territory. This year's event was a bit different and more family focused with no personal fireworks, but with jumping castles and activities for the kids and, of course, the CLP barbecue. Thank you to Tou, Danny, Bev and the team who kept us all fed. Well done also to the committee for hosting a family fun night. I have heard lots of positive feedback from other spectators. I look forward to celebrating our anniversary of self-government there for many years to come.

Delivered in the Legislative Assembly Chamber

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN N.T. 0800

A big thank you to Andrew Mackay for your support, and to the Elected Members of Litchfield Council for kindly mentioning us in their July meeting. We're truly blown away by the encouragement and support – it means so much to us! xx



 **Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Inc.** 

**Annual General Meeting – Sunday 12th October 3pm**

***The Association is looking for enthusiastic and committed people to join the 2025/2026 Management Committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your skills, ideas and energy, and to help shape the future of the Reserve for the benefit of the whole community.***

***Everyone is welcome – come along, get involved, and make a difference!***

***Expressions of Interest @***

***<https://form.jotform.com/berryspringsrecreationreserve/ManagementCommitteeEOI>***



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# Mango Festival

**Date Saver!**

Join us for the annual Berry Springs Community Market NT, 2025 Mango Festival! A day of celebration featuring exquisite mango-inspired creations, engaging activities for all ages, and a showcase of local culture and community spirit.

**MANGO-EATING CONTEST**

**COMMUNITY MARKET**

**FOOD STALLS**

**LIVE PERFORMANCES**

**KIDS ENTERTAINMENT**

**AND MORE!**

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**  
**8AM - 1PM**  
**BERRY SPRINGS RECREATION RESERVE**  
<https://www.facebook.com/berryspringscommunitymarket>




For Stall Holder Bookings - go to [www.ozeemarkets.com.au](http://www.ozeemarkets.com.au) & follow the prompts.






Your local Community Playgroup in Berry Springs for all ages and families. Wednesdays 9am-11am at Berry Springs Rec Reserve.

**PRESCHOOL**

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 NOW OPEN**

If your child is turning 4 before June 30, 2026, they are eligible to commence preschool at the beginning of the year. Preschool students are entitled to 15 hours\*\* a week which entails either attending Monday/Tuesday\* or Thursday/Friday\* (full days) with fortnightly 1/2 day on a Wednesday.  
\*Subject to student enrolments  
 \*\*Averaged over a fortnight period

**BERRY SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Enrolment forms are available from the preschool or front office. Get your forms in as soon as possible to secure your child's position for 2026.

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**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025**  
**BERRY SPRINGS COMMUNITY MARKET NT**  
**8AM - 1PM**

