

# ELLIOTT FOOTBALL OVAL AT JIM RENNIE RESERVE \$940,000

## AFL NORTHERN TERRITORY WINNER

Stakeholders	Contribution	Utilisation	Football Clubs
Northern Territory Government	\$500,000	2019: 0-5 hours	Elliott Hawks Football Club
Barkly Regional Council	\$440,000	2021: 11-15 hours (+10)	
User Groups (in-kind)	Origin Energy - Earth Clearing		

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A brand-new oval development in remote NT (Barkly). Significant consultation with stakeholders and traditional owners was undertaken to select the site, then the land was cleared before oval earthworks, irrigation installation and planting of turf. It was then fenced for the local community and football club to use.



### UTILISATION AND BENEFITS:

- > In 2018 the Elliott Local Authority proposed that a football oval be constructed in the Elliott Town Centre to make an oval accessible to both North and South camp as well as Marlinja. It was then added to Council's five-year infrastructure plan.
- > The Elliott Hawks have played in the Barkly Australian Football League for majority of the 30-year competition.
- > In order to compete, they would make a 500 km round trip to Tennant Creek each weekend of the season.
- > Access to their own oval means they are now able to host 'home games' and will also provide them with a place to train (previously used to train in a 30m x 15m area at the town park).
- > The reserve is now a focal point and sense of pride for the wider community.
- > It will also be utilised by the local school and other community groups and sets Elliott Hawks up to become a hub for footy in the region as the local school has a dirt oval that is very small and a burden on the school to maintain.
- > The intention is also for neighbouring schools to also utilise the oval for footy carnivals and matches.





## Northern Territory: Elliott Football Oval

### LINKS:

- > **The Origin Beetaloo Exploration Project – video:**  
<https://fb.watch/1AvY5d76UB/>
- > **Katherine Times article about the new oval being announced on 11 May 2018:**  
<https://www.katherinetimes.com.au/story/5394185/new-oval-for-elliott/>
- > **NT Government media release on 1 March 2019:**  
<https://newsroom.nt.gov.au/mediaRelease/28717>
- > **The Origin Beetaloo community case study:**  
<https://originbeetaloo.com.au/community-case-studies/>
- > **AFLNT Facebook post on 29 April 2019 just as grass was being laid:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/AFLNT/posts/1978994228896120>
- > **AFLNT Facebook post on 10 February 2020 as grass had covered the ground:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/AFLBarkly/posts/1553557491467269>
- > **AFLNT Facebook post on 3 September 2020 just before Elliott Hawks first home game:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/AFLNT/posts/3009981669130699>
- > **NT News article prior to first Elliott Hawks BAFL home game on 4 Sept 2020:**  
<http://www.ntnews.com.au/sport/news-story/a3c621b17026ed31570d7e8e46335b995b99>

