



Karl Hampton

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Titans Confirmed To Play Cowboys In Darwin

Sports Minister Karl Hampton today announced Darwin will host an NRL derby when the North Queensland Cowboys host the Gold Coast Titans on 27 February next year.

Mr Hampton said the pre-season game between the two NRL finals contenders formed part of an \$890,000 deal with the Cowboys to play pre-season games in Darwin and Alice Springs over the next three years.

"I am absolutely delighted to announce that the Gold Coast Titans have been confirmed as North Queensland's opponents to play at Richardson Park next year," Mr Hampton said.

"Both teams wanted to play here next year and it's great to see that outcome achieved.

"The \$890,000 deal will see the North Queensland Cowboys play two games in Darwin and one game in Alice Springs during the next three NRL pre-seasons as well as holding training camps and numerous community programs and promotional visits.

"I look forward to seeing the Cowboys in action next year and hopefully Alice Springs recruit Quinton Pomare-Anderson will put on a show for Territory fans - alongside Johnathan Thurston and Matt Bowen - and against the likes of Scott Prince and dual international Mat Rogers.

"Mat Rogers is an honorary Territorian - having spent much of his childhood here while his late father Steve was chief executive of the Darwin Rugby League - as well as playing on several occasions in Darwin.

"I am sure many local sports fans are already looking forward to next year's match between the two popular Queensland teams."

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