Katherine tourism businesses receive boost from NT Government grants

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The Edith Falls kiosk will be upgraded and signage improved for Marksie’s Stockman’s Camp Tucker Night with the help of Northern Territory Government tourism infrastructure grants.

Member for Katherine Willem Westra van Holthe said the two projects were being supported under the Country Liberals Government’s $4.75 million Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund.

“Editih Falls (Leliyn) is one of the most popular spots within Nitmiluk National Park attracting about 100,000 visitors and more than 15,000 campers a year with its safe waterfall swimming in the dry season, nearby lookouts and extensive picnic area,” he said.

“Currently, the kiosk, retail and information centre runs out of a six metre container that is too small to cater for the needs of visitors during the peak season.

“The Northern Territory Government’s $46,636 tourism grant will go towards expanding the business to a 12 metre demountable kiosk and retail area with a four metre deck.

“This new facility will provide a better space for both tourists and locals visiting the area, and bridge a gap between Darwin, Litchfield and Katherine.”

Mr Westra van Holthe said a second grant of $4020 would be provided to improve signage promoting Marksie’s Stockman’s Camp Tucker Night.

“Marksie’s Stockman’s Camp Tucker Night provides a unique dining experience for domestic and international tourists at the Top Didj Grounds in Katherine,” he said.

“With the support of this grant, a large sign with reflective writing will be installed at the new Top Didj Grounds site, a sign will be installed near the local cemetery directing tourists to the new site, and a banner sign will be placed at the Katherine Visitor Information Centre.”

Chief Minister and Tourism Minister Adam Giles said the $4.75 million Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund was the largest Government tourism grant program in the Territory’s history.
“It is a significant boost for the NT tourism industry that will help attract more visitors here and encourage them to stay longer,” he said.

“The Country Liberals Government is committed to expanding the range of tourism experiences on offer in the Territory, particularly in our regional and remote areas, so we can create more jobs and drive economic development in these communities.

“It’s all part of the Country Liberals Government’s plan to build a $2.2 billion visitor economy by 2020.”

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