Putting tourism disability adventures into focus

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Tourism experiences for the disability market are set to improve at Outback Tour Services in Yulara and at Kings Canyon Resort.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said funding of $54k has been provided to purchase two purpose-built wheelchair-accessible camping accommodations at each unique location.

“Outback Tours Services can now cater for outdoor adventures by providing disability friendly accommodation for people with that specific need,” Mr Giles said.

“Tourism experiences and adventures are important for everyone to enjoy with their families no matter what their physical capabilities may be.

“Each accommodation site will be twin-share and come equipped with a disability ramp, railing, heavy duty floor, a sliding door and access to an off-road wheelchair.

“I encourage other tourism operators to help pave the way to assist our disabled visitors get the type of tourism experiences that everyone can enjoy.”

Pieter Bosch Managing Director of Outback Tour Services has thanked the Northern Territory Government for generously funding the project and supporting tourism in the NT.

“We have installed two purpose-built accessible tents at both Yulara and Kings Canyon Resort, representing a great step forward for our company to deliver these products,” Mr Bosch said.

“Outback Tour Services is proud to pioneer accessible camping tours in this region in what is believed to be a first in Australia. The idea behind this is simply to open the great “Outback” to everyone.

“The building of these camps form part of a two year project that is all about creating global awareness that accessible touring and camping is well and truly possible in the NT.

“As part of this project, we have purchased two purpose-built vehicles as well as our popular “Off Road Wheel Chair”. The chair is the “Outback” version of a “Beach Wheel Chair” so visitors can go swimming and is fully submersible.

“Outback Tour Services has received two awards over the last two years for Innovation in this market, (2014 Disability Services Award and 2015 Tourism Central Australia Award) and these awards created awareness of our products and the opportunities available.”

“This year the Northern Territory Government is investing another $5 million to help tourism businesses with infrastructure developments to provide a greater variety of experiences through the Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund," Mr Giles said.
There's $5 million available for tourism projects through the Boosting Our Economy package, to accelerate Infrastructure Developments for projects that target new markets.


"It's all part of the Country Liberals Government's plans to continue to increase tourism in Northern Australia and build a $2.2 billion visitor economy by 2020," Mr Giles said.

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