Upgrades get cash nod

The Aurora Alice Springs hotel and Turf Club will benefit from a combined $180,000 in Tourism Quality Projects grants.

Minister for Tourism and Major Events Matt Conlan congratulated five successful Territory businesses for receiving substantial grants under the Tourism Quality Projects, T-QUAL Grants Program.

“These are tourism access stories showcasing quality tourism experiences and they can be justly proud of their achievements,” Mr Conlan said.

Four Territory businesses received the maximum amount, $110,000 under the Federal Government scheme.

The successful projects are:

- **Aurora Kakadu Rejuvenation Project**: The rejuvenation of guest rooms to bring them to a 4-Star rating standard, increasing the quality of facilities available in the Kakadu area. The quality of the reception and front bar areas will also be increased. The hotel is self-sustaining and the upgraded facilities will make the system more efficient. $10,000.

- **Dave Fogarty Pavilion Upgrade Project** - The Alice Springs Turf Club will upgrade the existing function venue. The completed work will make the facility more attractive and support the club’s ability to attract more business events. $49,000.

- **Refurbishment of rooms and common areas**: Hotel Darwin - Completion of the overall refurbishment of the Novotel Hotel. Work will be undertaken on accommodation rooms and in common areas, to increase the star rating of the hotel and the quality of the visitor experience. $110,000.

- **Leaders Creek Fishing Base Enhancement Project 2014**: Ongoing development of the camp, construct and redevelop environmentally sensitive eco-tents, ablution block, shaded social and dining area and other facilities. The new and upgraded facilities will meet the expectations of increasing number of visitors. $30,000.

- **“We are exciting times for tourism in the Northern Territory and we are undergoing great change to boost visitor numbers and grow the economy,” Mr Conlan said. “This endorsement continues the path that the Territory Government is undertaking to improve tourism experiences and excite visitors coming to our great part of the world.”**

- **T-QUAL is the Federal Government’s quality framework for tourism.**

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