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Gurumbai Cultural Trail now open

The Airport Development Group's (ADG) new and improved trail at the Gurumbai Creek (also known as Rapid Creek) is now open to the public.

The Gurumbai Cultural Trail provides improvements to the amenity, safety, accessibility and useability of the previously degraded track, whilst creating an opportunity to honour the cultural significance of the area.

"Gurumbai Creek is a special place for the Larrakia people and we wanted to use this upgrade as an opportunity, in partnership with Larrakia Nation, to help share culture with the community, tour groups, school groups and community groups who will use this path," Airport Development Group Executive General Manager People, Culture and Community Sandra De Kock said.

"We have incorporated educational signage along the length of the trail with QR codes which introduce people to Larrakia culture and provides information about the flora and fauna and land management in the region."

The upgrade included replacing the 650m stretch of trail between Henry Wrigley Drive and the flood mitigation weir with a 2-metre-wide wheelchair accessible concrete path including a disability access ramp.

The project also includes the installation of a small seating and stage area adjacent to the creek, a water access point, 3 new bin enclosures and the planting of 370 native plants.

"Investing back into the communities where we do business is important to achieve our vision of growing the Territory and making this a great place for locals and visitors," De Kock said.

Larrakia Nation's Host Manager David Kurnoth highlighted the numerous benefits of the project, including cultural, environmental and educational.

"The chance to collaborate on such a project has provided Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation an opportunity to showcase our stories as we work towards future opportunities while maintaining our responsibility to country and the education of our youth."

ADG has invested \$550 000 in this project, with \$116 000 secured through 2 community grants; the NT Tourism Visitor Enhancement Experience Program (VEEP) and an IFM Community Grant.

Local company THE Mining and M+P Builders completed the work, and community members lent their hand planting some of the new trees which they can watch grow for the years to come.

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