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Airport Development Group Supports Reeling Veterans Fishing Program in Darwin

Airport Development Group (ADG) is proud to support *Reeling Veterans Fishing for Therapy* through its Community Grants Program, supporting six defence veterans from across Australia the opportunity to connect, heal, and share experiences during a fishing retreat in Darwin.

Reeling Veterans Fishing for Therapy is an initiative that uses fishing as a form of therapy, bringing veterans together to strengthen peer support networks, reduce isolation, and promote positive mental health outcomes.

As part of ADG's support, Darwin Airport Resorts hosted the veterans, many of whom were visiting Darwin for the first time, with tailored accommodation and hospitality packages showcasing the Top End's unique tourism offering.

Raymond James Bragg, General Manager Darwin Airport Resorts added: "It was an honour to host the veterans during their stay in Darwin. We wanted to ensure they felt welcomed and experienced the best of our hospitality. Hearing their stories and seeing the bonds formed throughout the program was truly special, and we are proud to have played a role in their journey."

Sandra de Kock, Executive General Manager People, Culture and Community at ADG, said the partnership reflects ADG's commitment to supporting community wellbeing.

"Reeling Veterans is an inspiring initiative that creates a safe and supportive space for our veterans to connect with one another. ADG is proud to play a part in helping these men and women experience the Territory, while supporting their journey towards wellbeing and recovery."

Michael Hurren, President of Reeling Veterans Inc, said the Darwin experience would have a lasting impact.

"Many of the veterans on this trip had never been to Darwin before, and the support from ADG and Darwin Airport Resorts gave them an unforgettable experience. More importantly, it gave them the chance to reconnect with fellow veterans, talk openly, and build the kind of support networks that are life changing. We are deeply grateful for this partnership."

The ADG Community Grants Program supports initiatives that strengthen the Territory community, with a particular focus on wellbeing, cultural connection, and community development.

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