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Airport Development Group Proudly Supports Acacia Hill School Through Community Grants Program

Airport Development Group (ADG) is proud to support Acacia Hill School in Alice Springs through the ADG Community Grants Program, helping deliver the Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Central Australia Program for students living with disabilities.

The ADG Community Grants Program provides funding to initiatives that strengthen communities across the Northern Territory, supporting education, inclusion, wellbeing, and opportunity.

Through a \$2,000 grant, ADG has helped enable Acacia Hill School students to participate in equine-assisted riding sessions delivered by Riding for the Disabled Central Australia. The program supports physical coordination, emotional wellbeing, communication skills, and confidence-building in a safe and inclusive environment.

Acacia Hill School is Central Australia's only specialist school supporting young people aged 3–18 with intellectual impairment and complex disabilities, with approximately 80 per cent of students identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The funding has assisted with program delivery costs, including therapeutic riding lessons, specialised equipment, and volunteer-supported training resources, ensuring students can continue accessing one of the school's most valued learning experiences.

Airport Development Group Executive General Manager People, Culture and Community, Sandra De Kock, said organisations like Acacia Hill School play an essential role in strengthening Territory communities.

“At ADG, we are committed to supporting programs that create meaningful opportunities for Territorians. Acacia Hill School delivers life-changing outcomes for young people and their families, and we are proud that our Community Grants Program can help students participate in an activity that builds confidence, wellbeing and connection.”

A spokesperson for Acacia Hill School welcomed the partnership with ADG.

“The Riding for the Disabled program is one of our students' most loved activities. These sessions support emotional regulation, physical development and joy through connection with animals and community. ADG's support ensures our students can continue participating in a program that makes a real difference to their lives.”

ADG's Community Grants Program supports grassroots organisations across the Northern Territory that promote inclusion, community participation, and local development.

Through partnerships like this, ADG continues to invest in stronger, more connected communities across Northern Australia.

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