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New era begins in Kimberley tourism

Travellers to Australia's far North West now have a new destination for luxury outback adventure.

Home Valley Station, owned by the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC), is a working cattle station and premium tourism operation on the Gibb River Road in the East Kimberley.

The station is nearing completion of nine months of extensive renovations to provide high quality tourist facilities, placing the operation at the pinnacle of Australian outback experiences.

Combining a pastoral enterprise with world-class tourism facilities, Indigenous cultural experiences, wilderness adventures, fishing and eco-tourism packages, quality accommodation, dining and camping facilities, the completion of the significant upgrade at Home Valley Station will mark a new era in pastoral based tourism in the area.

ILC Chairperson Shirley McPherson said Home Valley Station was a ground-breaking operation that would contribute significantly to Australian tourism as a whole.

"We are extremely proud to be able to support this kind of development knowing it will provide a significant economic boost to the region," Ms McPherson said.

"The new facilities at Home Valley Station will meet the enormous demand for quality accommodation in the Kimberley, provide new and exciting cultural experiences and give travellers to Australia's last frontier an entirely new swag of outback adventures to choose from.

"We invite everyone to discover the new Home Valley Station and enjoy its world class facilities."

As well as all-new accommodation options, Home Valley Station now enjoys a new Dusty Bar & Grill, two lagoon style pools, new reception and Station Store, conference facilities, a cultural centre, and a purpose built learning centre for the on-site TAFE Academy.

Accommodation across the station provides options for travellers of all preferences - from those who prefer their rugged outback adventure with a twist of luxury to those seeking a more intimate experience with the country.

The premium level of accommodation, the spacious Grass Castles on idyllic Bindoola Creek are lavishly appointed, providing guests with the ultimate in outback lodging.

Homestead Guesthouse Rooms are a contemporary take on stockman's quarters which provide a comfortable retreat perfect for couples and families.

The safari-style Sand Castle Eco Tents, located in a quiet bush setting, will impress those seeking to connect with nature.

Those wishing to roll out a swag under the stars are invited to enjoy the Gibb River Road's best camping facilities at the Homestead and the picture perfect Bindoola River Bush Camp.

Home Valley Station offers a number of all-inclusive itineraries available during both the Dry and Wet seasons, including the Bindoola Dreaming Experience. The station will make history in 2008 by becoming the first on the Gibb River Road to open to the public during the stunning Wet Season (Nov 1 to March 31) to enable visitors to see the region at its dramatic best.

Home Valley Station is a 700,000 acre outback oasis set at the base of the majestic Cockburn Range with access to several river systems and waterholes making it the perfect location for barramundi fishing, boating, canoeing and ancient gorge walks, as well as a wealth of other activities such as cattle mustering, horse riding, bird watching, hunting, and target shooting. It is 120km from Kununurra along the famous Gibb River Road.

Coupled with the valuable knowledge of Indigenous Tour Guides, Home Valley Station offers the opportunity to experience an outback adventure like no other. Explore an ancient land with those who know it best.

The Indigenous Land Corporation acquired the pastoral lease for Home Valley Station on behalf of the traditional owner group the Balangarra people in 1997.

The ILC also acquired the pastoral leases for neighbouring out stations Karunjie and Durack River Stations on behalf of the Nyaliga people. Home Valley Station managers and staff are responsible for the cultural and business diversification of all three stations (combined area 3.5 million acres), providing each with a viable business future while working with individual traditional owner groups to ensure sustainable outcomes are achieved which will benefit and respect their culture and way of life.

Home Valley Station opens to the public July 1, 2008.

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