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Grant gives \$20,000 boost to veterans' mental health

Townsville veterans' mental health services have been given a \$20,000 boost thanks to a grant by Morris Family Foundation.

The Oasis Townsville was awarded a community grant to help them continue delivering the highest quality services to local veterans experiencing mental health challenges.

"The Oasis Townsville does a fantastic job linking Townsville veterans to local services by being that 'single front door' people can go to when they need support," Morris Family Foundation Director Hayley Morris said.

"Their service assists veterans to reach out when they need help by making the process simple, and providing them with a safe place that understands their sometimes complex experiences and needs."

Ms Morris said the community grant is part of the Morris Family Foundation's commitment to supporting projects that focus on preventative mental health and wellbeing.

"Our philosophy is that preventative solutions are key to improving the mental health and wellbeing of Australians," she said.

"So we support any project that enables people and communities to reach their full potential and live healthy and happy lives. That's why we're proud to be able to assist a service like The Oasis Townsville."

Morris Family Foundation is the charity arm of Morris Group, which owns a number of North Queensland tourism businesses including The Ville Resort-Casino, Orpheus Island Resort, Daintree Ec Lodge, Mt Mulligan Lodge, and Nautilus Aviation.

The Ville CEO Michael Jones said the foundation's grant would come as welcome news for the local veteran community.

"We know that mental health can be a significant challenge for our veterans so it's important that they have access to the best support services in their local community," he said.

"We're proud we're able to play a role in supporting our veterans through funding projects like this one with The Oasis Townsville, which I'm certain will make a real difference in people's lives for years to come."

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