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Australian Cruise Association (ACA) Economic Impact Assessment shows Darwin Port's cruise industry is booming

Darwin Port is pleased to report the Northern Territory has recorded an increase in cruise related activity in the ACA Economic Impact Assessment of Cruise Tourism in Australia 2024-25, with total output rising 13.3% to \$206 million. While the result alone is impressive enough, the Northern Territory was also the only jurisdiction in the country to record an increase in this area.

Darwin Port CEO Peter Dummett was delighted to see ACA's reported result.

"We're thrilled to report Darwin Port's cruise industry is booming with a 13.3% increase in cruise related activity.

"This is a fantastic result for the Territory and shows this is a growing area, particularly when it comes to midsize to larger ships," he said.

Mr Dummett said Darwin Port recently released a Master Plan, which shows continued strong growth in the cruise sector.

"The Territory is a must-see destination and we expect this upward trend to continue into the future."

"If required, to support this growth, the existing Fort Hill Wharf could be potentially extended by around 70 metres, providing the ability to berth future vessels of up to 380 metres in length, whilst also providing greater flexibility to accommodate multiple smaller vessels," said Mr Dummett.

Every ship that visits helps support local jobs, businesses and the Top End's vibrant tourism story.

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