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ADG Celebrates NAIDOC Week by Bringing Generations Together

Airport Development Group (ADG) was proud to honour NAIDOC Week 2025 with a special luncheon held earlier this week, celebrating this year's theme: "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy."

The event held Darwin Airport Resort, brought together ADG's and Darwin Airport Resort's Indigenous team members alongside 50 invited Indigenous Elders from across the Darwin community. The luncheon celebrated the achievements of past generations, acknowledged the strength of current leaders, and looked forward to the legacy being built by the next generation.

A Welcome to Country was delivered by Larrakia man Brandon Kurnoth, followed by a line-up of inspiring guest speakers including Professor Maryann Bin-Salek, Barbara Nasir, Sue Roman, Helen Fejo-Frith, and Regina Bennett, all respected voices in community leadership, cultural knowledge, and advocacy.

ADG is committed to creating opportunities for cultural connection, storytelling, and capacity building, with a particular focus on supporting Indigenous employment, training, and engagement.

"Our NAIDOC luncheon is about recognising the wisdom and leadership of our Elders, while also celebrating the strength and potential of our young Indigenous team members," said Sandra de Kock, Executive General Manager, People, Culture and Community. "It's an opportunity for reflection, respect and reconnection, all vital to building a stronger and more inclusive future."

The event was made even more special by the involvement of the Sisterhood seniors' group, who handcrafted the table decorations over recent weeks. Their contribution brought a warmth, creativity, and a strong sense of community pride to the event.

Guest speaker Barbara Nasir said, "This gathering reflects what NAIDOC is all about, keeping culture alive, giving young people a voice, and acknowledging the strong foundations laid by our Elders."

The luncheon is part of ADG's broader commitment to Indigenous engagement and community connection, recognising that meaningful partnerships begin with listening and learning from the people who've walked before us.