

# **Media Release**

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## Gold Coast Suns get ready to light up the Top End

The Gold Coast Suns touch down at Darwin International Airport today ahead of their back to back Territory tussles.

The 2024 season is well on its way, and the Suns will be vying for a possible spot in the top 8 when they take on North Melbourne this Saturday at TIO Stadium. The Suns stick around in the Top End to take on season standout Geelong the following Thursday on the same turf.

"We absolutely love seeing elite sports and the investment it brings in the Territory," Airport Development Group Executive General Manager Airports Rob Porter said.

"It brings in new business for locals and boosts the local economy through tourism and partnership opportunities, a key pillar of Airport Development Group's commitment to enhancing the Territory."

Top-tier sporting events are an important tourism cornerstone for the Territory, bringing visitors from across the country to the Top End to enjoy the game. Airport Development Group (ADG) is proud to partner with the Northern Territory Major Events Company (NTMEC) in welcoming the Suns through Darwin International Airport.

## **About Airport Development Group**

Airport Development Group (ADG) is a major provider to the Northern Territory economy, contributing an estimated \$709 million annually. It's anticipated that ADG will continue to be a significant contributor to the NT economy, with airport activities alone forecast to contribute up to \$1.8 billion to NT GSP in 2043 and delivering up to 7,400 jobs over the period.

ADG is more than an airport operator. ADG owns and manages a diverse portfolio, with assets across aviation, tourism, property, infrastructure and utilities and strong interests in environment, community, and inclusion.

#### Media event

Date:Thursday 9 May 2024Time:1:45pm arriving on VA447Location:Darwin International Airport

To the left of the escalators

#### **Interview opportunities**

Interviews with Gold Coast Suns players and coaches via <a href="mailto:aaron.cooper@goldcoastfc.com.au">aaron.cooper@goldcoastfc.com.au</a> or 0411 454 474.

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