### Airport Development Group

## Media Release

# **ADG Unveils 8 New Pool Villas and Honourees Named**

Airport Development Group's (ADG) redevelopment of the Mercure and Novotel hotels has reached another milestone, with the unveiling of eight new pool villas.

Each of the 5-star villas is named after a prominent Territorian, and a smoking ceremony was held on site to recognise the importance of the occasion.

The ceremony was attended by honourees and their families, with many travelling from across the NT to attend. ADG Chair Mike Mrdak and Chair of ADG's Indigenous Advisory Committee, Eddie Fry also attended.

This is the second round of villas to be named, bringing to fourteen the number of villas now available.

Mike Mrdak hailed the villa naming as a celebration of Indigenous culture that will benefit the NT tourism industry.

"ADG is investing in our hotels and airport terminals to provide tourists with an outstanding and unique customer experience.

"These villas compliment the broad range of accommodation available at the resort, with each offering their own private pool and deck.

Eddie Fry said he was delighted to see positive progress being made to include and involve Indigenous culture into ADG's business.

"The Indigenous Advisory Committee provides advice to ADG on the views of Traditional Owners and seeks their support on a broad range of initiatives.

"These initiatives include the 'Darwin Didgeridoo' which stands at the entry to the Mercure, the Indigenous Training Academy which operates from the Mercure, and plans for a cultural tour through the Rapid Creek area."

Once completed the resort will include a stunning lagoon pool, bars, restaurants, conference facilities, and an RV park. The resort is on track to be completed in mid-2023.

The eight honourees recognised:

- SISTER ANNE GARDINER
- GEORGE MANFONG
- MICK MARKHAM
- GEOFFREY MUNGATOPI
- NEIGHBOUR
- BROTHER JOHN PYE
- TUDAWALI
- MIRIAM-ROSE UNGUNMERR BAUMANN

#### **About ADG**

ADG is a Darwin-based private company that own diverse assets across the Northern Territory, including airports in Darwin, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek, utilities, and a significant property portfolio.

ADG is 100% Australian owned by IFM Investors and Palisade Investment Partners Ltd, which contribute to the retirement funds of more than 75,000 Territorians.

ADG is committed to acknowledging and celebrating Indigenous culture and in 2022 released its first Indigenous Engagement Report - <a href="https://www.adqnt.com.au/indigenous-engagement-report-2022">www.adqnt.com.au/indigenous-engagement-report-2022</a>

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