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Airport Development Group Celebrates Dual Wins at the 2025 Australian Airports Association Industry Awards

Airport Development Group (ADG) is proud to announce it has been recognised with two major honours at the Australian Airports Association (AAA) National Airport Industry Awards 2025, held last week, highlighting a year of achievement for the organisation and the Northern Territory.

ADG received the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Award for its Indigenous Training Academy, a program designed to create meaningful employment pathways, strengthen cultural capability, and support First Nations participation across the ADG workforce.

Sandra de Kock, Executive General Manager, People, Culture and Community, said the recognition reflects the commitment of both the Trainees and the ADG team. “This award is a tribute to our Indigenous trainees, whose dedication, resilience, and pride continue to inspire us all. The Indigenous Training Academy is built on genuine opportunity and cultural respect, and we are honoured to see its impact recognised at a national level.”

In addition, Tennant Creek Airport was named Airport of the Year – Small Regional Airport, acknowledging its outstanding contribution to regional connectivity, sector innovation, and the delivery of an exceptional passenger experience.

ADG Executive General Manager Airports, **Rob Porter**, said the award highlights the strength of the local team. “Tennant Creek Airport plays a vital role in connecting the Barkly region, and this award recognises the professionalism, commitment, and community spirit of our on-the-ground team. Their focus on safety, service and operational excellence has made Tennant Creek a standout among Australia’s regional airports.”

ADG Chief Executive Officer and the ADG Board congratulated the teams across the organisation, noting the accolades reflect the collective passion and effort of ADG’s workforce.

“These awards demonstrate the dedication of our people and the impact of the work they do every day. We could not be prouder of the Tennant Creek team, our Indigenous trainees, and the many team members and business partners who contribute to excellence across the Group.”

2025 marks a milestone year for Airport Development Group, firmly positioning the organisation as well as the Northern Territory on the national stage.

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