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Airport Development Group Welcomes New Indigenous Training Academy Cohort

Airport Development Group (ADG) is proud to welcome the newest intake of trainees into the ADG Indigenous Training Academy (ITA), reinforcing its ongoing commitment to creating meaningful employment pathways and supporting Indigenous participation across the aviation and hospitality sectors.

The 2026 intake brings six new trainees into the program, increasing the total number of active participants in the Indigenous Training Academy to 20 trainees, a significant milestone for the program's continued growth and impact.

The Indigenous Training Academy provides structured training, nationally recognised qualifications, and hands-on workplace experience across multiple operational areas within the Darwin International Airport precinct. The program is designed to build long-term career pathways while strengthening local workforce capability.

The new trainees commenced on Wednesday 8 April, completing their first week with a comprehensive induction program, Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certification and accredited First Aid training.

2026 Indigenous Training Academy Trainees

- Monique Narrier: Front of House/Reception | Certificate III Business
- Maya Wauchope: Housekeeping | Certificate III Hospitality
- Kamali-Liza Tom: Food and Beverage | Certificate III Hospitality
- Rosharni Archer: Housekeeping | Certificate III Hospitality
- Curtis Marriott: Kitchen | Certificate III Cookery
- Jermaine Cummings: Maintenance Operations | Certificate II Construction

Executive General Manager People, Culture and Community Sandra de Kock said the Indigenous Training Academy remains a cornerstone of ADG's commitment to community development and workforce inclusion.

“The Indigenous Training Academy is about creating genuine opportunities that lead to long-term careers. Each new cohort represents not only individual achievement, but a stronger and more inclusive workforce for the Northern Territory.

We are incredibly proud to welcome our newest trainees and to see the program continue to grow, now supporting 20 participants across the Academy.”

Since its establishment, the Indigenous Training Academy has supported participants through accredited training, mentoring and real workplace experience, helping trainees develop practical skills while building confidence and professional networks.

ADG remains committed to investing in people, strengthening regional employment opportunities, and supporting Indigenous workforce participation across its airport operations and broader precinct businesses.

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