

## Media Release

## Airport Development Group Indigenous Training Academy Announces 2025 Cohort of Trainees.

Airport Development Group (ADG) is proud to announce the 2025 cohort of trainees participating in the Indigenous Training Academy (ITA) program. Seven participants from the Northern Territory will embark on a transformative journey through the ITA, with traineeships in hospitality, and business.

The ITA program aims to inspire and empower the next generation of Territorians by providing hands-on training and career pathways in key sectors. With a focus on skill development, cultural exchange, and real-world experience, the program is designed to set participants up for long-term success in the workforce.

Samantha Watkins, Indigenous Training Academy Manager, said: "The ITA is about more than just training — it's about igniting a sense of possibility and pride in the future of young Territorians. Our participants are not only gaining skills and qualifications, but they are also being inspired to realise their full potential. We are so excited to support this new cohort of trainees, and we can't wait to see them succeed in their fields and contribute to the growth of their communities."

Eddie Fry, Chair of the Indigenous Advisory Council, also expressed his enthusiasm for the program: "The Indigenous Training Academy plays a crucial role in bridging opportunities for our future leaders. By offering hands-on experience across industries like hospitality, and business, the ITA empowers individuals to carve out a path of success for themselves, their families, and their communities".

"The ITA not only trains the workforce of tomorrow but builds confidence and fosters a sense of pride in what is possible when we support our youth."

The 2025 cohort of trainees will gain valuable work experience with ADG at the Darwin International Airport and Darwin Airport Resorts. ADG is one of the Territory's leading employers committed to community development and cultural inclusivity. The program is a key initiative to ensure that the skills of tomorrow are being cultivated today, and to inspire the next generation of Territorians to push boundaries and thrive.

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