

## Local Hospitality Upskilling & Development Fund – Launches Today

Hospitality NT is excited to announce a Local Hospitality Upskilling & Development Fund that is now available to the Territory's hospitality staff.

The **Local Hospitality Upskilling & Development Fund** is a pilot project that aims to fill a gap in funding currently available for existing hospitality staff and provide opportunities for our valued employees to further develop their skills and careers. The fund is available for assistance with the costs of non-accredited training and workshops, interstate trade and industry forums and competitions, attendance at expos or conferences and any other relevant upskilling or development activity.

Hospitality NT Chief Executive Officer, Alex Bruce says, *“This is about incentivising existing hard-working employees to stay in our industry and improve and master their skills.*

*Given continued border uncertainty it is imperative we grow and develop our own local workforce.”*

The Local Hospitality Upskilling & Development Fund has the support of Minister for Jobs and Training, Hon. Paul Kirby MLA:

*“As Minister for Jobs and Training, I will always welcome initiatives that offer increased training opportunities for Territorians, like the Upskill Your Hospo program by Hospitality NT.*

*Our hospitality industry is a thriving and diverse industry that plays an important part in the vibrancy of the Territory – I encourage eligible workers to apply for this fund and continue to be an important part of the future of that sector.”*

Hospitality NT has been involved in workforce development initiatives all throughout the NT for many years now. This has involved working with schools and their students, undertaking promotional activities, attending expos and encouraging Territorians to consider a career in our industry, working with local registered training organisations, supporting trainees, and connecting them with employers and jobs.

The Local Hospitality Upskilling & Development Fund seeks to fill a gap that Hospitality NT has identified through this work and to provide financial assistance for upskilling and professional development opportunities for Territory hospitality workers.

Employees will become eligible for this Fund if they have worked in the Territory's hospitality for more than six months.

For more information, please go to the Hospitality NT website:  
<https://hospitalitynt.com.au/351/upskilling-and-development-fund>

