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13–15 October 2025
Garramilla Larrakia Country

Location: DoubleTree Hilton



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Acknowledgement

The NTIBN acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters where our businesses are founded and will grow.

We recognise Countrymen from all over the nation, and are proud of the resilience, strength and survival of our people. We are grateful for each unique nation across Australia that so generously shares their space, time and stories with us.

We recognise, respect, prioritise and preference Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of being, knowing and doing. Importantly, NTIBN acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business owners, for the significant, empowering, innovative and lasting economic impact we are creating. Together we are Closing the Gap and generating new futures for our people.





Message from the chair

It is with immense pride that the Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN) presents the 12th Aboriginal Economic Development Forum (AEDF12) - Australia's premier event dedicated to Aboriginal economic empowerment and enterprise.

Drawing upon the powerful theme of “**Blak & Bold**,” our keynote speakers will deliver transformative presentations focused on building Aboriginal Economic Power - a movement fundamentally rooted in the principles of ownership and self-determination.

This vital discussion will explore practical strategies for taking back control of economic futures, ensuring that resources, assets, and enterprises are managed by Aboriginal people, for the benefit of Aboriginal families and communities, marking a significant step toward true economic sovereignty.

I encourage everyone committed to a prosperous and equitable future to join us on Larrakia Country to be part of the Blak & Bold movement.



Raymond Pratt

*Chairman, Northern Territory
Indigenous Business Network
(NTIBN)*



About the theme

The unifying theme of this year's forum is **Blak & Bold** -

A declaration of strength, ambition, and unapologetic leadership. It celebrates a future grounded in deep connection to Country, culture, and community, and calls for a new era of Aboriginal-led economic transformation.

Blak Economic Power is more than a vision; it's a movement to place economic opportunity where it belongs - in the hands of Aboriginal people, families, and communities. As the fastest-growing population in a rapidly expanding region, the Northern Territory's Aboriginal demographic presents immense potential for economic growth. The Forum provides an ideal platform for Aboriginal businesses and entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services to key stakeholders with a vested interest in advancing Aboriginal economic development.

Emphasising the importance of knowledge-sharing, relationship-building, and collaboration, AEDF12 will encourage stronger connections between Aboriginal entrepreneurs, the private sector, industry, government, and non-government organisations.

Join us. Walk with us. Work to build an economy led by **Blak & Bold** vision.



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DAY 1 Monday 13 October 2025

TIME	SESSION OVERVIEW	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
3pm - 4:30pm	Registrations Open and Exhibitors Bump In		
5.00pm	WELCOME CEREMONY		
	Welcome To Country	Larrakia Nation Edwin Fejo	The Raft
	Smoking Ceremony	Larrakia Nation Trent Lee	The Raft
	Cultural Performance	Mer Peibre Dance and Cultural Troupe	The Raft
5:45pm	Australian Government	Senator Malarndirri McCarthy	Foyer L1
	NTIBN Chair Address	Chair Raymond Pratt	Foyer L1
	Northern Territory Government	Hon Steven Edgington	Foyer L1
	Leader of the Opposition	Selena Uibo MLA	Foyer L1
	Darwin City Council	Lord Mayor Peter Styles	Foyer L1
6:30pm	Networking Drinks	Entertainment Lily Garamanak Browne	Foyer L1

TIME	SESSION OVERVIEW	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
7:00am	Coffee and Registration		Foyer Entrance
8:00am	Welcome Day 2 / House Keeping	Kamahi Djordon King, Emcee	Grand Ballroom L1
8:15am	Setting the Scene - Blak & Bold	Naomi Anstess Big Boss NTIBN	Grand Ballroom L1
All Day	Tradeshow		Reflection Room Ground Floor
All Day	Blak Market Stalls		Hotel Lubly Lounge
8:45am	Keynote: "The Gumatj Decision"	Djawa Yununpingu Gumatj Executive Chairman	Grand Ballroom L1
9:30am	Keynote: Energising the Economy - AEMEE, The Blak Energy Club	Jyi Lawton, CEO AEMEE	Grand Ballroom L1
10:15am	Morning Tea		Foyer L1
10:45am	Regional Economic Development Workshops	Workshop 1 Arnhem Land & Beyond: Damien Djerrkura, North East Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation	Litchfield Room L1
		Workshop 2 Remote Business and Social Enterprise: Anthony Hale & Alinta McGuire, Impact North	Territory Rom L1
		Workshop 3 Working for our Young People: Damien Mick IBC Social Enterprise	Darwin Room L1
		Workshop 4 Barkly Business: Ben Neade Barkly Regional Council	Grand Ballroom L1
12:30pm	Lunch		Foyer L1

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DAY 2 Tuesday 14 October 2025



TIME	SESSION OVERVIEW	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
1:00pm	Agreement Making Workshops: The Definition of Aboriginal Economic Development & Requirements for Proof of Aboriginality	Workshop 1: Damien Mick IBC Social Enterprise Workshop 2: Naomi Anstess & Stephen Cardona NTIBN Workshop 3: Deb Anstess Vallejo & Darwin Terry NTIBN Workshop 4: Hakon Dyrting & Tiffany Schuback NTIBN	Litchfield Room L1 Territory Room L1 Darwin Room L1 Grand Ballroom L1
2:30pm	Afternoon Tea		Foyer L1
2:40pm	What's in it for Blak Territorians?	Barbara Shaw Chair of Aboriginal Investment NT	Grand Ballroom L1
3:00pm	Keynote: Blak Equity, Blak Capital: Take Back What is Ours - A national approach	Darren Godwell Chair of Indigenous Business Australia	Grand Ballroom L1
3:40pm	Bright Blak Futures A message from our young ones	Hakon & The Young Ones!	Grand Ballroom L1
4:10pm	Closing Comments	Kamahi Djordon King, Emcee	Grand Ballroom L1

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DAY 3 Wednesday 15 October 2025



TIME	SESSION OVERVIEW	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
7:00am	Coffee and Registration		Foyer Entrance L1
8:00am to 10:00am	Tradeshow		Reflection Room Ground Floor
All Day	Blak Market Stalls		Hotel Lubly Lounge
10:00am	Morning Tea		Foyer L1
10:30am	Blak and Bold Stories from Industry: Breakouts	Workshop 1: Resources Jyi Lawton CEO AEMEE Ray Pratt DICE	Litchfield Room L1
		Workshop 2: Civil & Construction Chris Stedman Stedmans Construction Tradara Briscoe Mbudg Mburrum	Litchfield Room L1
		Workshop 3: Creative Arts Stefan Smith Ltyentye Apurte Traditional Craft Centre Sarrita King Artist	Darwin Room L1
		Workshop 4: Bush Foods & Botanicals Rayleen Brown Kungkas Can Cook	Grand Ballroom L1
12:00pm	Lunch		Foyer L1
12:30pm	Keynote: Blak and Bold - Setting the Agenda for Aboriginal Control	Rayleen Brown Kungkas Can Cook	Grand Ballroom L1
1:00pm	Definitions and Decisions: A Statement from the Summit	Hakon Dyrting & Tiffany Schuback NTIBN	Grand Ballroom L1
1:30pm	AEDF Wrap Up: What did we hear?	Ray Pratt, Stephen Stavrinis, Rayleen Brown & Naomi Anstess	Grand Ballroom L1
2:00pm	Forum Concludes		
6:00pm	Blak Business Awards		Darwin Convention Centre

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