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**AUSTRALIAN UNMANNED SYSTEMS ACADEMY (AUSA)  
LAUNCHES FUTURE SKIES® INDIGENOUS PROGRAM WITH  
MEN OF BIAMI**

V-TOL is proud to announce that under the first Australian Unmanned Systems Academy (AUSA\*) Future Skies® Indigenous Program license agreement, it has partnered with the Men of Biami, a registered Australian Indigenous Corporation, located in the City of Ipswich.

The aim of the partnership is to deliver a tailored program that will successfully engage aboriginal youth with the various career pathways that can be pursued in the emerging global unmanned systems industry. For the Men of Biami the program offers an opportunity to reengage aboriginal youth with their traditional lands using 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. The key objective of the program is to graduate students in Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) courses.



**Mr Micah Hill (Program Director for “Men of Biami”) with a V-TOL mini-Warrigal UA trainer and reviewing the Warrigal Ground Control Station in UAV01 with Andrew Rieker, V-TOL Systems Engineer.**

“We are very excited about the possibilities of this program. Attracting our youth back to managing our traditional lands using cutting edge technology will be a great step forward for our people. In partnership with V-TOL, through AUSA, it is our vision that through this program all aboriginal youth will have the opportunity to be included in a new generation of highly trained and motivated pilots and technicians,” said Micah Hill, Men of Biami.

“It is our intention to graduate the first indigenous UA pilots and technicians through this Future Skies® program. Considering it was the Australian aboriginal who invented the first UA in the form of the boomerang, it is fitting that our indigenous youth be amongst the first AUSA graduates,” said Mark Xavier, V-TOL Group Managing Director.

V-TOL Aerospace is an Australian leader in UAS technology, flight operations and training.

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