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Airservices technical trainees graduate in Wagga Wagga

Airservices latest group of technical trainees will take up permanent positions across the country after being presented their Diploma of Engineering - Electronics and Communications at a ceremony in Wagga Wagga yesterday.

The graduates will join the nation's air navigation service provider as technical officers working with cutting-edge equipment and systems as Airservices continues to roll out a \$942 million, five year capital expenditure program.

During the ceremony, technical trainee Miss Tin Yan Wong, who will take up a role in Darwin, was also presented with the Airservices Award for Technical Excellence, which recognises academic performance, leadership qualities and the pursuit of excellence.

Airservices Chief Executive Officer Margaret Staib said the 14 graduates would join Airservices Projects and Engineering group, which has around 300 technical officers stationed around the country.

"Airservices has a unique role to play at the heart of the aviation industry, and these graduates will play a crucial role in helping to maintain safety-critical aviation equipment including instrument landing systems, radars and other air navigation aids around the country," Ms Staib said.

The two-year diploma course undertaken by the trainees was delivered through a partnership with TAFE NSW's Riverina Institute which was established in 2009.

"Since this partnership was established in 2009, we have seen 41 technical trainees graduate from the program, the large majority of whom go on to continue their careers with Airservices.

"Importantly, this has also enabled us to ensure that the future of Australia's air navigation system is in good hands," Ms Staib said.

The group of four women and 10 men will now take up roles in Perth, Darwin, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Mackay.

Photographs of the graduation are available for download at

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