

The north doesn't reward shortcuts. **This day is built around that.**

A Northern Academy program • Field skills

DRONE READY NORTH

One-day drone training for the north

Sub-250 g operations, done properly

Most drone training is built around the licence pathway. **Drone Ready North is built around the actual job.** In one day you fly a sub-250 g drone under supervision, complete your CASA operator accreditation and learn how to look after people, wildlife and Country while you do it. Built for remote northern Australia by people who fly here.

One day, 9am to 4:30pm

5 to 8 people per group

Sub-250 g DJI Mini 4 Pro

CASA accreditation on the day

SAFE FLYING COMES FIRST

WHERE YOU CAN FLY

Airspace, aerodromes, helipads and geofencing, and how to ask permission.

WILDLIFE AND WEATHER

Nesting birds, turtles and eagles. Squalls, salt and wind that change in minutes.

CONSENT BEFORE CAPTURE

People, homes and workplaces. Ask first, and know who to ask in a community.

WHERE THE FOOTAGE GOES

Storage, sharing and what never gets uploaded to a public AI tool.

CULTURAL SITES AND SEA COUNTRY

Some places are not to be filmed. You find out before you launch.

CHECKING THE AI

AI planning tools can be wrong about airspace. Check every answer against a CASA-verified app.

THE DAY - FOUR BLOCKS

01 Stories, safety and foundations

Real lessons from the field, the CASA picture for sub-250 g drones, airspace, conditions, consent and AI-assisted pre-flight planning.

02 CASA operator accreditation, live

ARN setup, the myCASA portal and the accreditation quiz with support. You leave with it in your digital wallet.

03 In the field: everyone flies

Pre-flight checks, manual flight, automated modes and emergency procedures under direct supervision, then an AI post-flight workflow.

04 Debrief, pathways and close-out

Group debrief, your 30-day flight log challenge, the pathway to a full RePL and planning your next mission with RACE.

Session times and content are indicative and may change to suit your group, location and needs.

BY 4:30PM, YOU'RE OPERATIONAL

- **Real flight time** on a sub-250 g DJI Mini 4 Pro
- **CASA operator accreditation**, valid three years, in your digital wallet
- **Two signed checklists**: pre-start safety and operator familiarisation
- **An AI workflow toolkit** for pre-flight and post-flight work, built with RACE
- **A consent and commercial use framework**
- **A Drone Ready completion card**
- **30-day email support** and a clear pathway to a RePL

WHY IT HOLDS UP TO PROCUREMENT

CASA operator accreditation

Flying a drone for work, even a sub-250 g model, requires CASA drone registration and an RPA operator accreditation (or a Remote Pilot Licence). Participants complete their accreditation on the day.

The RACE Framework

A simple four-step method for briefing AI tools. It shapes your flight planning, risk assessment and post-flight work, and you keep it for every mission after.

Your facilitator

John Palmer, Managing Director of Emver Partners and a CASA-accredited RPA operator, with over a decade on Thursday Island flying the conditions of the remote north.

Working with students: when participants are school students, a teacher or suitably qualified staff member from the school or client organisation must be present for every session.

BUILT FOR PEOPLE WHO FLY FOR WORK UP HERE

01 Councils and corporations

02 Rangers and land management

03 Construction and contractors

04 Government field officers

05 Tourism and media

06 Years 11 and 12 and school leavers

INVESTMENT

From \$895 + GST per participant

Public cohorts of 5 to 8. Closed groups for government, councils, corporations and NGOs from \$8,500 + GST per day, up to 8. Every group is capped at 8; larger groups need an extra Emver Partners facilitator and drone, added to your quote.

WHERE WE DELIVER

Planned on Thursday Island and flown across the Torres Strait, Cape York and northern Australia. Travel at cost plus a 10% management fee for delivery at your site.

ENQUIRE

Use the Contact us button on the program page. Tell us where you operate and how many need to be in the air. We reply within two business days.

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SCAN FOR THE FULL PROGRAM

Prices are from prices, ex GST. Your final quote depends on venue hire, catering, the number of people and the number of sessions, and discounts apply when you book more than one session. An introductory program for sub-250 g micro RPAs. It is not a Remote Pilot Licence course and Emver Partners is not a CASA-accredited RTO; RePL referrals go to a partner CASA-accredited RTO. Drone type may change without notice. The consent session is an introduction to principles, not legal advice.