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AILAN KASTOM WIN QUEENSLAND MULTIMEDIA AWARDS

Ailan Kastom: the Culture of the Torres Strait has been awarded Best Documentary in the 2014 Queensland Multimedia Awards in Cairns on 8 November 2014.

The award-winning documentary, based on lifestyle and culture in the Torres Strait, was produced by filmmaker Brett Charles and the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).

TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, said the documentary was a major project of the TSRA's Culture, Art and Heritage program, led by the team's Cultural Development Officer in collaboration with Mr Charles and communities in the region.

"The Ailan Kastom documentary aimed to both promote and document the unique culture of our region, and events that have influenced its development over time", Mr Elu said.

"We must thank each community and their individual members who generously shared their knowledge, experiences and time towards the making of this documentary, and of course congratulations to Brett and the team at Leftfield Productions for crafting such a comprehensive onscreen account."

The 90 minute DVD shows in detail the unique lifestyle, ceremonies, languages, songs and dance of Torres Strait Islanders. The documentary was filmed over six months in the outer island communities of the Torres Strait.

The DVD is available to purchase for \$20 through the Gab Titui Cultural Centre Gallery Shop.

The Queensland Multimedia Awards recognise excellence in the media industry, covering print, television, radio and multimedia.

For more information visit www.queenslandmultimediaawards.com



TSRA Cultural Development Officer Leitha Assan, Culture Art and Heritage Project Manager Bronwyn Jewell, and filmmaker Brett Charles with the Queensland Multimedia Award for *Ailan Kastom: the culture of the Torres Strait*.

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