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### **TRAIL graduates gain confidence in their leadership abilities**

Three emerging leaders from the Torres Strait recently attended an eight-day Training Rural Australians In Leadership (TRAIL) program in Canberra.

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) selected and sponsored Patricia Akee, Uel Bani and Leitha Assan to participate in the program alongside seven other people from across regional Australia.

The TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, said the TRAIL program focuses on developing the skills, attributes and knowledge for emerging leaders to engage their organisations, communities and industry in proactive solutions to long term issues in rural Australia.

“The program has been designed to establish collaborative skills, build team cooperation and understand individual’s behavioural preferences,” Mr Elu said.

“The TRAIL programme allows our young leaders to gain new perspectives and gain confidence in their leadership abilities.”

Applications will be called for the next TRAIL programme early in 2016.

Mr Elu said the TSRA has sponsored over 40 people from the Torres Strait on various leadership and development programmes in partnership with the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF).

“Other programmes run in conjunction with the ARLF include the Australian Rural Leadership Programme, Torres Strait Young Leaders Programme and the TSRA Women’s Leadership Programme,” Mr Elu said.

“Application forms can be downloaded from the Leadership Capacity Building section on the TSRA website.”

For more information on TSRA’s leadership programmes, please visit [www.tsra.gov.au](http://www.tsra.gov.au) or contact Ms Shakira Whap at the TSRA on 4069 0700 or by eMail [info@tsra.gov.au](mailto:info@tsra.gov.au).

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