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### **2015 BUSINESS WORKSHOPS IN THE TORRES STRAIT**

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), in partnership with Indigenous Business Australia, is seeking participants for the first round of *Into Business Workshops* on 18 March 2015 on Thursday Island.

The workshops are designed to assist Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people to investigate and research their business ideas before taking the leap into business ownership.

The three one-day workshops are spread over several weeks to give participants time to complete further research and homework on their business idea or plan.

The TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, said the TSRA is committed to fostering economic development in the region.

“We live and work in a challenging environment for business, with our remoteness having a great impact on the commercial viability of businesses in the region,” Mr Elu said.

“As such it is crucial for us to support those people who aspire to own and operate a commercially viable small business.

“These workshops assist participants to develop strategies and provide some of the tools, to build successful businesses in this challenging environment.”

The workshops form part of a suite of services offered by the TSRA to support aspiring and current Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal business owner operators.

Other services offered by TSRA include concessional business loans and business mentoring.

The workshops are free to attend and participants will be provided with workbooks to enable the development of a business plan, the first step towards entering small business.

Participants from across the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area are welcome to attend.

For information on the workshops, please contact the TSRA’s Economic Development Team on 4069 0700 or via email: [edteammbx@tsra.gov.au](mailto:edteammbx@tsra.gov.au)

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*Into Business Workshop* participants on Badu Island. From left: Workshop Facilitator, Keith Murray, participants Solomon Booth, Josie Nawia, Louise Manas and TSRA Senior Project Officer Tarita Bin Doraho