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WARRABER AND IAMA TSRA RANGERS PUT NEW BOAT TO WORK

Warraber and Iama Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Rangers have wasted little time putting a new six metre boat Malu Urui to work.

The day after the boat was officially welcomed to Warraber by the TSRA Chairman, Mr Joseph Elu, Rangers from the two islands were on their first operational trip in the vessel.

The Malu Urui, one of seven Ranger boats being rolled out in the Torres Strait, had previously been blessed in a ceremony on Iama Island.

The six Rangers from both islands combined to conduct marine and wildlife surveillance and a clean up of Maza Guiya which is in a proposed Indigenous Protected Area.

Covering just under 2.5 hectares, the Maza Guiya sand cay is about seven nautical miles south of Warraber.

Mr Elu said the activity highlighted the benefit of increased mobility for the Rangers.

“The beach clean up produced nine bags of rubbish, a dumped fridge and a ghost net.

“The Malu Urui is a shared asset between the two communities and the Rangers will be coming together to do a lot of similar activities.”

Mr Elu said the Ranger boats now operating in the Torres Strait are under constant monitoring from the Ranger Operations base of Thursday Island with regular phone contact to ensure safety of crews and vessels.



Caption: The TSRA Chairman, Mr Joseph Elu, and Alternate Deputy Chairman, Willie Lui, at a community gathering on Warraber to welcome the Malu Urui



Caption: Detailed voyage planning for the trip with Skipper, David Baragud.



Caption: Aken Baragud, Ned David, David Baragud , Richard Kepa and Mark Pearson with rubbish collected on Maza Guiya .



Caption: Tangled in fishing line this sea bird was released after the hook was removed from its beak.



Caption: Warraber and Iama Rangers remove a ghost net from the beach.

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