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HORN ISLAND WINS SMALL REGIONAL AIRPORT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Horn Island (Ngurapai) Airport has taken out the Small Regional Airport of the Year award for 2015 for its Airport Chapel project.

The awards are conducted by the Australian Airports Association (AAA) and celebrate and honour contributions and achievements made by AAA members each financial year.

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), funded the airport upgrade and raised the issues relating to the management of the deceased in transit. The successful completion of the Horn Island airport facilities is due to the ongoing partnership and cooperation between the Torres Shire Council (TSC) and TSRA.

“The TSRA congratulates TSC on winning the Small Regional Airport of the Year Award 2015”, the TSRA Chairperson Mr Joseph Elu said.

“We are pleased to see that our concern about the management of the deceased in transit, which was raised by the TSRA Board Members in 2014, has been fully addressed by the TSC and there is now a permanent, culturally appropriate facility for the region.”

The TSRA has funded several stages of upgrades of the Horn Island Airport and continues to work closely with the TSC to ensure communities receive key infrastructure through the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area.

This support includes almost \$3.1 million for Stage 1, which extended the airport runway and constructed a temporary security screening shed and \$1.5 million for Stage 2 which upgraded the terminal facilities.

The Horn Island Airport won against other finalists in the category including Latrobe Regional Airport, Toowoomba Aerodrome and Warrnambool Regional Airport.

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