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### **TSRA support the recording and release of the new Ettie Mosby CD**

Thursday Island resident, Pastor Ettie Mosby, has recorded a new CD and revealed it in a public launch on Friday 13 November 2015 at the Country Women's Association hall on Thursday Island.

The CD, titled *Father and Son*, is a compilation of locally composed gospel songs written in both English and traditional Torres Strait language. The project was jointly supported by the Torres Strait Regional Authority and funding from Arts Queensland's Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund (IRADF).

The TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joesph Elu, congratulated Pastor Mosby on the successful launch of the CD.

"Ettie's CD recording is just one example of the type of successful, community-driven activity that is supported by the TSRA's Culture, Art and Heritage Programme," Mr Elu said.

"Through this process, Ettie has undertaken an important cultural maintenance activity – sharing knowledge and recording traditional language for the future."

Pastor Mosby said he had been inspired by fellow musician Pastor Freddie David and had wanted to highlight the importance of the father/son, elder/youth relationship in traditional knowledge transmission.

"The importance of this project was to continue to give substance to our unique cultural values and beliefs by showcasing a principle that is engraved in the theme of this project," Pastor Mosby said.

"This is how we, as a people, pass on knowledge from one generation to the next. This very principle in Western Island language is referred to as *Wakai-Weian*."

Both Pastors Mosby and David feature on the CD, which includes songs such as *Baba Ninu Ya* (Father You Are Here) by Pastor David and *Maigi Nel* (Holy Name) by Pastor Mosby.

The *Father and Son* CD will be available for the public to purchase from the Gab Titui Cultural Centre either on-line or from the Thursday Island gallery shop, from December 2015.

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