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GROUP GOVERNANCE TRAINING FOR LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

Board representatives of six not-for-profit organisations recently came together for a governance workshop facilitated by Effective Governance and funded by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).

The participating organisations included Mura Kosker Sorority, Lena Passi Women's Shelter, Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Sporting Association, Torres Strait Co-operative Society, Port Kennedy Association Home and Community Care and Torres Strait Kaziw Meta.

TSRA Chairman, Mr Joseph Elu, said the two-day workshop provided the board members of those organisations with advice on corporate governance, strategy, risk management and corporate sustainability.

"Many people volunteer themselves for board roles in organisations that they are passionate about, but some do not have a great understanding of what is involved in their executive roles," Mr Elu said.

"The workshop was funded by the TSRA to aid professional development and provide local board members with the knowledge of roles, responsibilities and the government processes relevant to their organisation.

"As a result of the training program, they are now better-equipped to implement more effective corporate governance strategies for their community organisation."

Mr Elu said the Port Kennedy Association coordinated the group application for funding so that several different local organisations could benefit from the governance training.

"Submitting one application for all six organisations provided the smaller groups the opportunity to access education and support they would not have been able to gain otherwise," Mr Elu said.

"The added advantage of these organisations coming together for the workshop meant there was a better learning environment for participants with the ability to network in a larger and more diverse group of people. The TSRA applauds the Port Kennedy Association initiative and thanks all the organisations involved for the cooperative way in which they approached this development opportunity."

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