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TSRA STAFF GRADUATE FROM INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP COURSE

Nine staff members of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) graduated in September with a Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership.

The course delivered by the Canberra based Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre led to Land and Sea Management Unit (LSMU) staff Dimas Toby, Chicka Turner, Troy Stow, Boggo Gela, Kevin Levi, Don Whap, Loice Naawi, Dulcie Manuel and Laura Pearson completing their studies.

TSRA Chairman Mr Joseph Elu said all graduates showed great enthusiasm throughout the course.

“The course involved attendance at three one-week intensive training blocks on Horn Island; the completion of pre-reading coursework, study and assignments between training blocks and written assessments for each unit of study,” Mr Elu said.

“It exposed the staff to leadership models and styles and how they impact on the community, with an emphasis on developing personal, professional and community leadership.

“The training over the three weeks gave participants the necessary knowledge, skills and confidence to further develop their leadership capabilities.”

Mr Elu said the highlight of the course was the way each participant rose to the occasion and completed all of their course work and assessments as well as supporting other team members on their journey.

“Each day of the training blocks, one of the participants took the position of ‘leader for the day’, which involved planning motivational activities and keeping all participants on track,” Mr Elu said.

“Participants planned and implemented a range of Torres Strait Island community based projects around land and sea. This was an opportunity to put into practice what was being learnt.

“Throughout the entire course, students were encouraged to identify their own strengths in order to plan their leadership journeys.”

Mr Elu congratulated the graduates on their achievements.

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Group photo (rear L-R) Dimas Toby, Chicka Turner, Troy Stow, Boggo Gela, Kevin Levi, Don Whap (front L-R) Loice Naawi, Dulcie Manuel, Laura Pearson (Image: TSRA)



Caption: Certificates and sashes about to be presented to the graduands (Image: TSRA)