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Torres Strait Maritime Pathways Project awarded for excellence

The Torres Strait Maritime Pathways Project (TSMPP) has been recognised in the Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council (TLISC) Awards for Excellence for the second year running.

The TSMPP provides nationally accredited coxswain, marine engine driving, fishing operations and wild harvest diving courses, which are delivered by the Australian Maritime College (AMC).

The AMC was announced as the joint winner of the *Chairman's Award* this year, following last year's win with the *Excellence in Industry Promotion Award* for the project.

The TSMPP is funded by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and delivered in partnership with Maritime Safety Queensland and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

The TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, said the awards provide much-deserved recognition on a national scale for the Maritime Pathways course.

"The training program hones the seafaring skills of Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people and helps strengthen our region's economy," Mr Elu said.

"It increases the number of Indigenous people who will be safer, more skilled and confident in running sustainable maritime businesses and fisheries related businesses in particular.

"Gaining recognition from the TLISC is a major achievement for the project, which effectively creates employment pathways for its graduates to obtain work in marine based industries.

"Of the 217 students who have taken part in the program to date, 87 per cent have completed their qualifications and 90 per cent have gained employment in the maritime sector."

The TLISC Awards celebrate exceptional contributions made by Australian organisations in training and workforce development across six industry sectors including; Road Transport, Logistics and Warehousing, Rail, Aviation, Maritime and Ports.

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