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NEW WEB SITE IMPROVES COMMUNITY ACCESS TO TSRA INFORMATION

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, has launched a substantially upgraded TSRA web site improving access to a wide range of services and information for internet users.

Mr Elu said the www.tsra.gov.au site has a brand new look and was much more user friendly.

“It supports a wider range of content including voice recordings, music and video.

“Information has been re-organised and updated and we have added a community calendar where events can be displayed.”

Mr Elu said he hoped people would visit the new site and also to let the TSRA know about important events in their communities so this can be added to the calendar to be shared by everyone in the Torres Strait. Advice on community events can be sent to our email address, info@tsra.gov.au, to be included in the calendar.

“All TSRA Programs will regularly review the site to provide updated content to keep the site relevant and interesting.

“Over the next 12 months we will also be redeveloping the Gab Titui Cultural Centre web site to the same high standard.”

Mr Elu said an example of the upgrade included the web site posting of the nineteen Regional Plan Community Booklets 2012.

“The booklets have been produced by the TSRA’s Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) Project in partnership with the Department of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA).

“They detail all government services available in each community or within the Region and they play the role of a directory of services.

“They also list community aspirations expressed during the 2008 consultations which informed the production of the *Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Regional Plan 2009-2029*.”

Mr Elu said the booklets also served as a baseline for services and infrastructure for each community.

“This baseline is a vital component of the ISD initiative for the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area and can be used by communities and government agencies to measure progress, improvement or change in the delivery of services and programs.”

Mr Elu said it was also hoped the Booklets would contribute to greater collaboration and information sharing between government and communities and motivate communities and individuals to take the initiative where aspirations were not a government responsibility.

“The ISD Project intends to review and update the Booklets every two years.”

Mr Elu said the review and update process would enable a stock-take on progress and allow new community priority needs to be included.

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