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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE AUSTRALIAN RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is calling for applicants for the Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP) Course commencing in May 2016.

The ARLP is a 59-day programme delivered in six sessions over 17 months in various locations throughout Australia and includes an overseas study tour. The ARLP is delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF). Each year the TSRA sponsors one Torres Strait Islander or Aboriginal leader from the region to participate in this prestigious development opportunity.

ARLP participants are drawn from various government and non-government sectors such as agriculture, agribusiness, fishing, forestry, mining and quarrying industries. The current sponsored participant is Ms Regina Turner. Recent past TSRA sponsored graduates include Ms Vonda Moar-Malone, Mr Kenny Bedford, Mr John Mosby and Mr Torres Webb.

The TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, said this programme offers participants the opportunity to develop themselves and their careers.

"The TSRA is proud to acknowledge our most recent graduate from the ARLP Course, Ms Che Stow, a proud Torres Strait Islander from Badu Island. Che graduated with her cohort of 33 people at a ceremony held in Wagga Wagga, NSW in September 2015," Mr Elu said.

"Over the past 15 years Che has forged a career as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker by engaging and supporting Indigenous Australians who live in urban, rural and remote settings, to navigate health systems in order to address their needs.

Ms Stow said the programme was very diverse and hands on, exposing her to leadership role modelling, negotiation skills and a wealth of knowledge.

"The ARLP exposed me to a fantastic cultural experience and I gained so much treasured knowledge in a diverse range of industries, not to mention getting to meet other people from different backgrounds," Ms Stow said.

"Coming from a career in health, it was interesting to gain a better understanding of what's being done in Australia in regards to welfare; and thus what is possible to be achieved in other developing countries.

"I'm a big advocate for this programme and encourage people to apply for next year's intake; it really does open your eyes and changes you as a person.

“Dare to do it, apply, it is well worth the opportunity!”

Application kits for the 2016 course can be found in the Leadership Capacity Building Section of the TSRA Website. For more information on TSRA’s leadership development programmes, please contact Ms Shakira Whap on 4069 0700 or by email info@tsra.gov.au

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(L – R) Mr Matt Linnegar, CEO of the ARLF; Mr Wayne See Kee CEO of the TSRA; MS Che Stow, Graduate; Mr Joseph Elu, AO, Chairperson of the TSRA.
