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TSRA awarded the National Trust Heritage Award

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) are proud to have accepted the National Trust Heritage Award for Interpretation and Promotion of work completed at King Point, Horn Island.

The TSRA Chairperson Mr Joseph Elu said the TSRA and the Torres Shire Council were instrumental in the conservation work completed at King Point as part of the Torres Strait World War Two Conservation Project.

“The TSRA has been committed to supporting the Torres Strait World War Two Conservation Project, as a way of assisting in the preservation of history and helping to link people with their family’s stories,” Mr Elu said.

“The Project has seen visitors, veterans and their families, and members of the local community accessing King Point. They are now able to visit the site and read the interpretational signage, in order to find out what happened on Horn Island.”

“This year the site hosted visits by the Governor of Queensland, the American Consulate General, the Indigenous Advisory Council, the Queensland Premier’s Office and Cabinet, the Prime Minister’s Office and the Chief of Defence Air, Chief Marshall Binskin.”

Vanessa See Kee from Torres Strait Heritage will present the TSRA with the award for Interpretation and promotion of the 34th Australian Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, King Point.

“Torres Strait Heritage is grateful for the TSRA’s assistance with this project. We have visitors commenting regularly on how the TSRA and the community are working together and doing a fantastic job at preserving our combined history,” Ms See Kee said.

“As a result, we have a large number of children visiting the site this year to see where their fathers and grandfathers have served; and on a few occasions they have discovered their relative’s names on the plaques or photos.

“It is of great importance to acknowledge that we continue to work towards conserving the other sites identified in the Torres Strait World War Two Conservation Plan.”

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