

Horn Island Wasaga Village Roads & Drainage Project

The Wasaga Village Roads and Drainage Project is delivering the re-construction of roads and major drainage networks within Wasaga Village and the construction of the Loggy Creek Pump Station building on Horn Island.

Improved roads enable year round community access and reduce the high levels of dust experienced during the dry season. This helps to prevent eye, ear, skin and lung infections. Better drainage reduces the pooling of stagnant water in the wet season reducing mosquito populations. This work is an important part of the management of water borne diseases, including dengue fever.



The Team



The project is being delivered by the Torres Shire Council and has provided five new jobs for local school leavers. As part of this work Council has purchased modern technology and equipment and their workforce has been trained in

its use, completing training in engineering, construction and operations and maintenance. This skilled and experienced project team now forms the nucleus of the construction team which will complete ongoing Council projects.

“In the future we can say to our kids, I built that; I did this for my community”

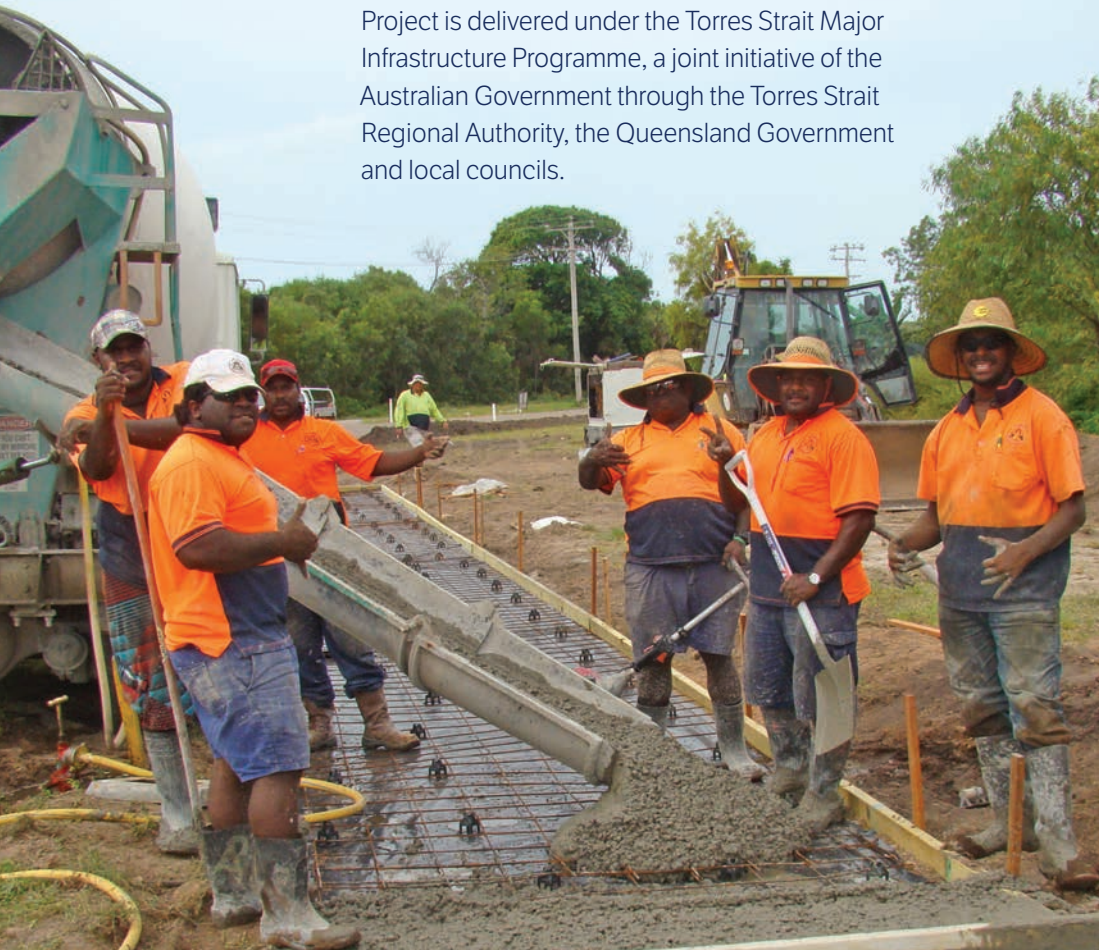
Keith Yorkston, Manager Engineering Services, Torres Shire Council.

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Torres Strait Major Infrastructure Programme (**MIP**)

The Wasaga Village Roads and Drainage Project is delivered under the Torres Strait Major Infrastructure Programme, a joint initiative of the Australian Government through the Torres Strait Regional Authority, the Queensland Government and local councils.



“Doing work that’s out in the open,
it builds up community confidence
and makes family proud”

Keith Yorkston, Manager Engineering Services, Torres Shire Council.

Building Healthy and Safe Communities

Since 1998, the Australian and Queensland Governments have jointly invested \$204 million in MIP. This partnership has successfully delivered more than 100 critical environmental health infrastructure projects in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area of mainland Australia.

The Programme provides reliable, essential infrastructure, ensuring safe drinking water, sanitation and the reduction in water borne diseases through improved drainage and storm water infrastructure.

These projects are vital to the development of the council’s workforce, building experience and passing skills on to new staff to create a positive cycle of knowledge.

