



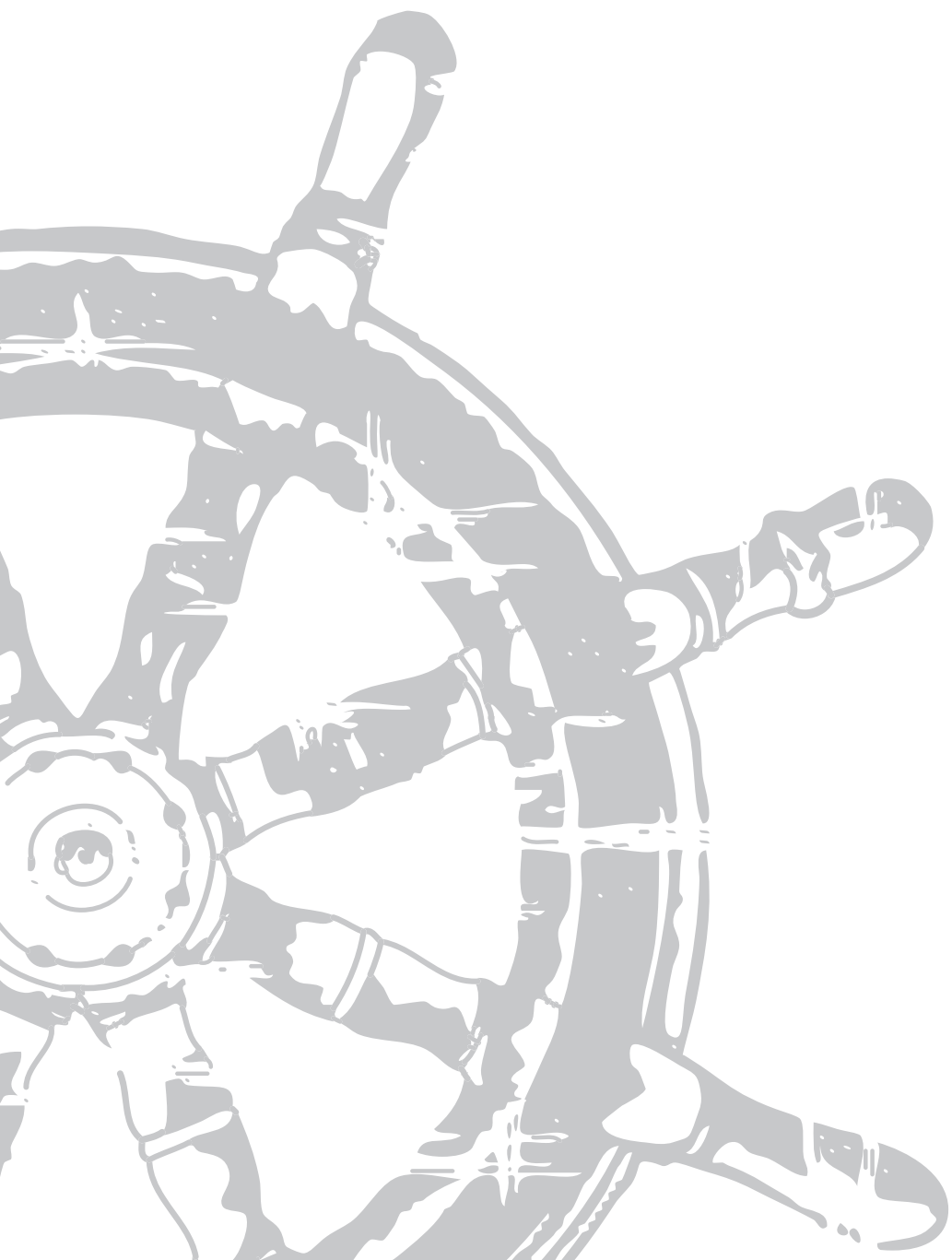
TORRES STRAIT AND NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA

**REGIONAL
PLAN** 2009-2029

THURSDAY ISLAND COMMUNITY BOOKLET 2012

Safe Communities **Schooling**
Economic Participation **Health**
Early Childhood **Healthy Homes**
Governance and Leadership





Cover illustration by Thomas Loban.

The ship's wheel illustration on the front cover represents the role this Booklet plays in guiding **Thursday Island** towards improvement in each of the **Closing the Gap Building Blocks** and delivering on the **Regional Plan** goals.

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FOREWORD

I am pleased to endorse the **Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Regional Plan 2009-2029 Community Booklet.**



On behalf of the Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) project steering committee, I wish to thank the seven Regional Plan Working Groups for their work over the last two years, which has enabled the publishing of ISD Booklets for each community in the Torres Strait and for the Northern Peninsula Area. I also thank the many community members who provided feedback and verified the information to enable the publishing of the Booklet.

This Booklet represents the 2012 'baseline' for your 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 working in the region to measure progress, improvement or change in the delivery of services and programs. This information will inform the decision-making and prioritisation processes of communities and government agencies. The sharing of information will contribute towards greater collaboration between agencies as they can see the bigger picture of who else is delivering services in the region.

I hope this Community Booklet will help explain the range of government services available in your community and the region, and show clearly who is responsible for those services. In fact, the Booklet serves as a directory of services. Your community can also use this booklet to monitor the progress of delivering the additional services identified for your community in the *Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Regional Plan 2009-2029*.

I encourage community members to provide formal or informal reports to the Integrated Service Delivery Coordination Unit on changes or updates to the status of projects, programmes and services. Comments can be sent to isdcoordination@tsra.gov.au and will be referred to the appropriate area within the ISD project for action.

It is the goal of ISD that all stakeholders in the region work more efficiently and in a collaborative, constructive, open and transparent manner. This is a major step towards fostering and strengthening a spirit of genuine partnership and shared responsibility.

Let us all work together to achieve our vision of **'empowering our people, in our decision, in our culture for our future'**.

John T. Kris
 Chairperson
 Torres Strait Regional Authority

INTRODUCTION

In 2007 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed on the need to close the gap in life **outcomes and opportunities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous** Australians.



The National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA) lists a number of targets to end Indigenous disadvantage. To address the targets, the government has made a long-term commitment across seven key areas (known as Building Blocks).

The Building Blocks are:

1. Early Childhood
2. Schooling
3. Health
4. Economic Participation
5. Healthy Homes
6. Safe Communities
7. Governance and Leadership

TORRES STRAIT AND NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA

REGIONAL PLAN 2009-2029

In 2008, the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), the Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), the Torres Shire Council (TSC), the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC), and Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Services (ATSIS) from the Queensland Government Department of Communities*, recognised there was a need to create a plan to guide the development of the region, and identified that integrated planning and service delivery would maximise opportunities and resources in the region.

In August and September 2008, teams with representatives from the TSRA, NPARC, TSC, TSIRC and ATSIS spoke to all communities and elected leaders in the region about their needs and aspirations. In 2009, the *Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Plan 2009-2029* (the Regional Plan) was developed.

The Regional Plan:

1. outlines the communities' vision for the region;
2. specifies goals based on the seven COAG Building Blocks and three extra goals specific to the region;
3. outlines how to achieve these goals; and
4. calls for a regional partnership with all levels of government working together to build a strong future for the region.

*In 2012 ATSIS became the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, DATSIMA.

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An Integrated Approach

The TSRA, TSC, TSIRC, NPARC and ATSIS realised that for the Regional Plan to be effective, all government agencies needed to meet and plan to work more closely together in the region. This closer working relationship is embodied in the concept of Integrated Service Delivery.

Seven Regional Plan Working Groups were established to:

- identify all current services in the region;
- highlight gaps and duplications of services;
- prioritise community issues that need to be addressed; and
- identify short, medium and long-term goals.

A joint agency project management team was formed to:

- provide administrative support;
- bring all the working group information together for analysis;
- identify issues that cut across all working groups or Building Blocks; and
- develop a framework to support Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) and ensure that government agencies uphold their commitments.

After the information was analysed, all government agencies, as well as elected leaders, agreed to develop a document that would drive ISD. This document is called the Integrated Service Delivery Agreement (ISD Agreement). All actions that government agencies can commit to are listed in this document. The ISD Agreement commits government to complete projects in a set timeframe. These projects deliver against the objectives of the Regional Plan and address/recognise the needs of communities that were expressed in the associated 2008 consultations.

Aim of Integrated Service Delivery

- Address the needs of the communities in the region
- Make sure that all government agencies align projects with the Regional Plan
- Make sure that opportunities and resources are maximised to secure the future of the region
- Provide adequate, appropriate and coordinated service delivery to Torres Strait Island and Northern Peninsula Area communities
- Ensure government agencies talk to each other and work together more efficiently.

Why We Need Integrated Service Delivery

- Government is complex and difficult to understand, and there is too much red tape
- There are many different government agencies working in the region and sometimes there is duplication of services
- There has been a lot of change in the last few years, and a lot of consultation
- Communities feel disengaged
- Government funding must be used in the most effective way possible to deliver efficient outcomes for all communities.

The Purpose of the Community Booklet

- Provide feedback to communities, and clearly outline the issues your community talked about during the consultations in 2008 as well as what has been achieved or is in progress by 2012
- Outline what services government agencies are currently providing to your community
- Support the development and implementation of the ISD Agreement
- Provide a baseline or 'snap shot' of your community in 2012, against which progress and change can be measured in future years.

What You Will Find in This Booklet

This Community Booklet is arranged in seven chapters relating to the seven COAG Building Blocks. The three additional goals from the Regional Plan (Environmental Management; Art, Culture and Heritage; and Native Title) have been included within each of the chapters as they are key enabling activities that impact on one or more of the COAG Building Blocks.

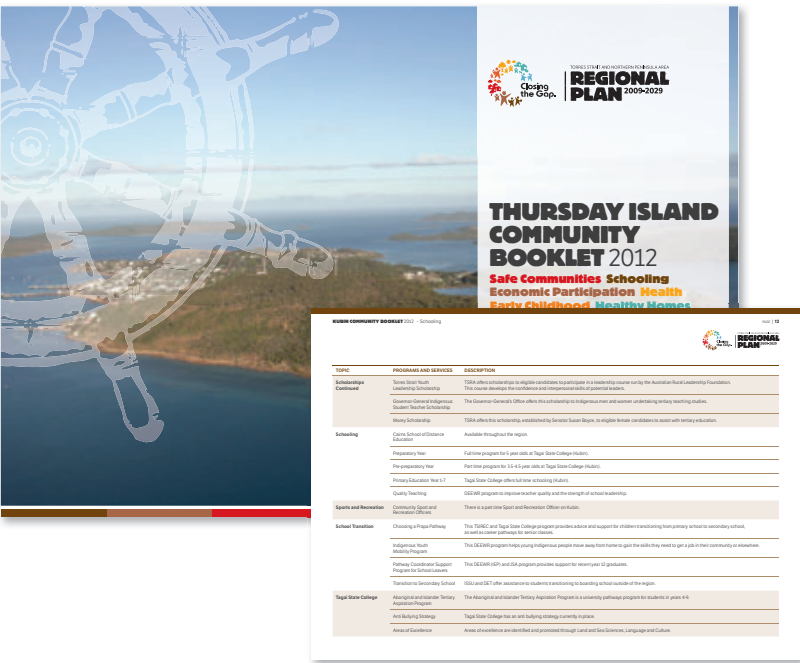
At the beginning of each chapter is a section titled ‘What your community wanted in 2008’. The information listed in this section has come directly from the community consultations undertaken in 2008. What your community wanted has been colour coded Red, Orange and Green.

The pie charts (right) show progress made in delivering the services requested by the community in 2008, using the same colour coding as above. All of the services identified in 2008 were initially coded red. This compares with the second pie chart (2012) and shows what has been achieved in the initial ISD period.

The second section of each chapter is titled ‘What is available in your community and across the Region’. Here you can find a list of programs and services that are currently being delivered, including a description of these services. Many of these programs and services are offered on a region-wide basis and some are state-wide or nation-wide programs and services. In some cases programs are available to your community, but it is necessary that your community approach the relevant government agency to seek access, delivery or support. Others require that individuals submit applications (for example, to apply for scholarships).

Programs and services which contribute directly to more than one of the COAG Building Blocks are listed under each chapter.

At the end of the Booklet is a list of Acronyms to explain the abbreviations used. Where the acronyms stand for government agencies or programs, they are, in many cases, accompanied by contact details (email or phone or website address) to enable you to seek further information. This means the Booklet also plays the role of a ‘Directory’ of programs and services.



THURSDAY ISLAND POPULATION AND HOUSING

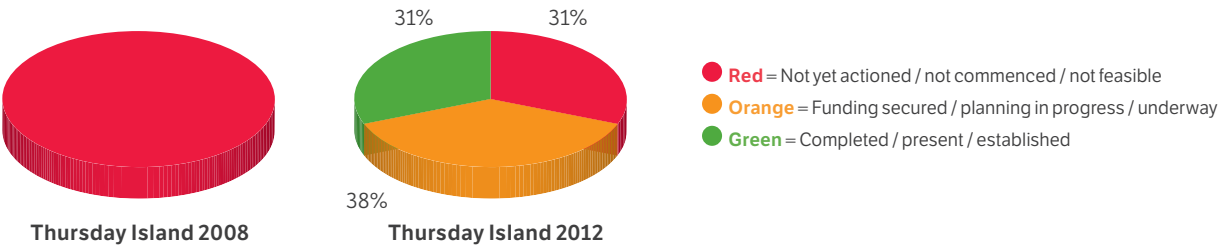
Total population: 2,610 (Census 2011)

Total occupied dwellings: 632 (Census 2011)

UPDATING YOUR BOOKLET

It is planned to review and update your Booklet as part of Integrated Service Delivery planning and implementation processes to be established. Note that when your Booklet is revisited in future years, issues will be reviewed to determine their status (they may have moved from red to orange or green). New issues may be added, and some may be removed. When issues are removed it could be that they have been addressed, or is not possible to deliver services on the ground in your community.

Thursday Island Service Request Status



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Early Childhood

EARLY CHILDHOOD

What your community wanted in 2008:

- Establish a short/long term childcare centre with after school/vacation care to service TRAWQ communities.
- Develop initiatives to retain locally trained employees.
- Explore family day care as an alternative form of childcare.
- Develop and implement 'good parenting' programs.
- Develop programs to encourage and support community members to take up a career in early childhood education.
- Investigate ways to reduce the cost of childcare and kindergarten.
- Train community members in early childhood education.

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What is available in your community and across the region:

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Child Development	Early Childhood Intervention	Queensland Health teachers or therapists deliver early interventions to preschool aged children 0-6 yrs (and their families) who have been identified with a disability and/or additional needs.
	Let's Read	TSIRC and DETE program to promote reading in children 0-5 years old.
	Strait Start for the Torres Strait	DEEWR, TSIREC, Montessori Children's Foundation and Tagai State College program for 0-3 year olds which is community driven and focused on parental engagement and building local capacity.
Schooling	Language and Culture Centre	New language and culture centre has been established at Tagai State College.
	Preparatory Year	Full time program for 5 year olds at Tagai State College and at Our Lady of The Sacred Heart.
	Pre-preparatory Year	Part time program for 3.5 - 4.5 year olds at Tagai State College and at Our Lady of The Sacred Heart.
	Thursday Island Day Care Centre	DEEWR funded day care centre with TSC supporting its operation.
	Thursday Island Playgroup - Mura Kaimel	DEEWR funded playgroup with TSC and PKA supporting its operation.
	Thursday Island Vacation and After School Care	DEEWR funded vocational care with PKA supporting its operation; not yet an approved service.



Schooling

SCHOOLING

What your community wanted in 2008:

- Develop school programs that fit into local industry growth.
- Develop a training strategy to identify social and economic opportunities.
- Expand the capacity of the existing school hostels.
- Construct and establish a youth centre/facility.
- Establish a homework centre.
- Employ more RATEP teachers at schools.
- Employ a youth worker to work with children, schools, police and other support agencies.
- Develop initiatives to encourage Torres Strait Islander teachers to teach in the region.
- Develop and implement an Indigenous employment strategy.
- Ensure that the school curriculum is at the same standard as that in Brisbane.
- Develop programs to increase the standard of numeracy and literacy.
- Develop initiatives to encourage parents to school children in the region.
- Develop programs to address behavioural problems.
- Develop programs to address and reduce truancy.
- Develop programs to support parents with children at school.
- Develop initiatives to attract and retain more qualified and experienced teachers to the region.
- Ensure curriculum incorporates cultural elements (hunting, language, rites of passage) and involves elders.

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Cadets and Apprentices	Navy Cadets	The Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) is a leading provider of youth development experiences. The ANC is sponsored by the Royal Australian Navy and aims to build leadership skills in young people through adventure and exciting learning activities.
	School Based Apprenticeships	Tagai State College and TSC work together to provide apprenticeships.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Infrastructure	BER Funding	Tagai State College: new construction of solid shade structure; installation of data cables; refurbishment/upgrade of classrooms in all 9 blocks; middle school B & C block refurbishing to include modern fixtures and fittings; new construction of sporting facility (multipurpose centre that builds upon the existing basketball slab to host performing arts events in all weather conditions); refurbishment to Kuru Meta - Language Centre; construction of a new administration block.
		Thursday Island Primary Campus: new library under construction; science facility upgrade.
		Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School: refurbishment of shade structure; sporting ground; photo copier; replacement of fencing and concrete pavements; construction of new library.
Safety	Adopt-a-Cop	QPS runs the adopt-a-cop program at Tagai State College and regularly hold talks on the dangers of alcohol, safe driving and appropriate behaviour.
	Indigenous Drivers Licensing Program	Licensing program run at Tagai State College.
	Maritime Safety Training	MSQ has rolled out a 'boat safe program' Tagai State College and delivers educational programs to improve boating safety. MSQ officers also support marine studies programs at the school.
		MSQ educates the community on the benefits of lifejackets, distributes materials to communities, and implements training on outboard motor maintenance.
		MSQ supports the inclusion of boating safety lessons into primary school curriculum and promotes AUSMEPA scheme throughout primary schools.
		MSQ monitors and provides input into Thursday Island TAFE marine training and boat safety courses and supports TAFE to roll out TIB licence course.
Scholarships		TNQ TAFE runs marine studies courses.
	Assistance with Tertiary Education Scheme	TSRA offers ATEs scholarships to eligible candidates. This scholarship assists Indigenous people within the Torres Strait to undertake undergraduate study at a mainland university campus.
	Australian Indigenous Education Foundation Scholarship Program	This DEEWR program provides boarding school scholarships and career pathways.
	Torres Strait Youth Leadership Scholarship	TSRA offers scholarships to eligible candidates to participate in a leadership course run by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. This course develops the confidence and interpersonal skills of potential leaders.
	Governor-General Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship	The Governor-General's Office offers this scholarship to Indigenous men and women undertaking tertiary teaching studies.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Scholarships Cont.	Morey Scholarship	TSRA offers this scholarship, established by Senator Susan Boyce, to eligible female candidates to assist with tertiary education.
Schooling	Boarding Hostels	Cannon Bogo and Kazi Meta at Tagai State College.
	Cairns School of Distance Education	Available throughout the region.
	Dux Award at Tagai State College	AMSA sponsors the Dux award at Tagai State College.
	Language and Culture Centre	There is a new language and culture centre at Tagai State College.
	Preparatory Year	Full time program for 5 year olds at Tagai State College and at Our Lady of The Sacred Heart.
	Pre-preparatory Year	Part time program for 3.5 - 4.5 year olds at Tagai State College and at Our Lady of The Sacred Heart.
	Primary Education Year 1-7	Tagai State College and Our Lady of The Sacred Heart offer full time schooling.
	Quality Teaching	DEEWR program to improve teacher quality and the strength of school leadership.
	Secondary Education Year 8-12	Tagai State College offers full time schooling.
School Transition	Choosing a Prapa Pathway	This TSIREC and Tagai State College program provides advice and support for children transitioning from primary school to secondary school, as well as career pathways for senior classes.
	Indigenous Youth Mobility Program	This DEEWR program helps young Indigenous people move away from home to gain the skills they need to get a job in their community or elsewhere.
	Pathway Coordinator Support Program for School Leavers	This DEEWR (IEP) and JSA program provides support for recent Year 12 graduates.
	Transition to Secondary School (outside the region)	ISSU and DETE offer assistance to students transitioning to boarding school.
	Youth Connections	This VPG and Tagai State College program works with young people aged 14 - 18 who have left school early to support them re-connect with education or training.
Sports and Recreation	Community Sport and Recreation Officers	There are full-time sports and recreation officers on Thursday Island (this covers POW and Hammond).



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Support Programs	Youth Support Coordinator	The Youth Support Coordinator Initiative supports young people aged between 12 and 18 years at risk of not completing secondary school or an equivalent training program.
		The Youth Support Coordinator also works with young people's families as part of their support work.
		Youth Support Coordinator works to create a supportive environment, resolve issues that impact negatively on young people and develop their social and personal skills.
TAFE	Tagai TAFE	Tagai TAFE provides various VET courses (offered through school to work program) and QEC to senior school students.
	TNQ TAFE	TNQ TAFE offer a range of quality training programs across the areas of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies, adult education, business, information technology, health and community care, marine, nursing, outdoor industries, tourism and hospitality.
Tagai State College	Aboriginal and Islander Tertiary Aspiration Program	The Aboriginal and Islander Tertiary Aspiration Program is a university pathways program for students in years 4-9.
	Anti-Bullying Strategy	Tagai State College has an anti-bullying strategy in place.
	Areas of Excellence	Areas of excellence are identified and promoted through Land and Sea Sciences, Language and Culture.
	Communication Strategy	The development and instigation of a promotion and marketing strategy and establishment of a Communication Tree.
	Community Engagement	Strategy to engage parents in supporting the aspirational target of 100% students meeting minimum national standards.
	Early Years Strategy	The Early Years Strategy focuses on '2012 Early Years Centre Standards' and 'Montessori Education'.
	Education Week	Education Week includes Principal for the Day; Education Showcase; Back to School.
	Flying Start Initiative	The '2014 Flying Start Initiative' supports Year 7 students move into high school.
	Growing Our Own Strategy	This strategy incorporates an Indigenous Aspiring Leaders Program.
	Healthy Lifestyle Programs	Tagai State College has partnered with various Government agencies to achieve healthy lifestyle targets together, through such initiatives as horticulture programs, school based nurses, vaccination programs and health screening.
	Horticulture in Schools Initiative	Tagai College and TSRA partner in supporting the delivery of the Horticulture in Schools Initiative. This project provides classroom learning kits, playground and classroom activities, shade houses, raised garden beds, seeds, potting mixes, fruit tree stock and worm farms.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Tagai State College Cont.	Inclusive Education	The Inclusive education program focuses on the success of all students, including students with disabilities, special needs and those at risk.
	Language and Culture Protocols	Protocols are in place.
	Language Syllabus 2012	The Language Syllabus 2012 involves a Campus Advisory Group, multi-media dictionary, campus behaviours list, and implementation of syllabus.
	Professional Development	Teachers have a Code of Conduct, and undergo Public Service Induction Programs.
	Quality Learning Timetable	This is a school policy stating there can be no interruption to learning between 9:00am and 1:00 pm.
	Reading for Success	The Reading for Success program encourages reading through recognition and champions, and includes sponsorships to promote community engagement.
	Responsible Behaviour Plan	Tagai State College has a responsible behaviour plan in place.
	Science Priority Program	Science priority programs include: Science Spark, PowerSavvy, Earth Smart Science and Land and Sea Science.
	Senior School Strategy	Tagai State College, JCU and TNQ TAFE have developed an employment pathway strategy for senior school students.
	Sport and Rec Program	Tagai State College has a number of sports and recreation programs in place.
	Student Attendance Strategy	This strategy focuses on a community approach and incorporates the Every Day Counts program.
	Teacher Housing	Housing is provided for teachers.
	Technology Delivery Model	This model sets information and communication technology standards for teaching.
	The Arts Strategy	The Arts Strategy includes activities such as school choirs, bands, cultural dance teams and ukulele teams.
	Yumi Curriculum Framework	The foundation of the Curriculum Framework is Torres Strait language and culture.
	Yumi Education	Yumi principles and systems are embedded into college operational and school management systems.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
University	James Cook University	JCU offers a Bachelor of Education - Early Child Care, which is available externally with a support unit on Thursday Island.
		JCU offers a Bachelor in Nursing Science internally on Thursday Island, or externally.
		JCU offers a Diploma in Nursing internally on Thursday Island, in conjunction with TAFE.
		JCU offers a Bachelor of Education - Primary (including Tertiary Access Course) internally on Thursday Island.
		JCU runs academic skills workshops/short courses (computers, writing).
Wellbeing	'Supporting Informed Choices' Program	This DEEWR funded PaCE program helps parents and caregivers participate in educational decision making, and improve educational outcomes for children.





What your community wanted in 2008:

- Develop a program to replace rain water tanks.
- Construct playgrounds in TRAWQ communities.
- Employ a local health care worker to work specifically with the TRAWQ community.
- Establish a market garden to provide traditional fruit, vegetables and spices.
- Expand sporting activities available to youth (netball, volleyball, tennis, swimming, athletics).
- Construct a foot/bike path around the island.
- Recruit a youth/sports and recreation officer.
- Assess the need for social services, in particular counselling across a range of areas.
- Develop men's support groups.
- Develop and implement healthy lifestyle programs.
- Review the state of public toilets.
- Establish alcohol, drug and substance abuse workshops.
- Upgrade the facilities at Ken Brown Oval.
- Investigate the ability to recycle water at the treatment plant.
- Develop programs to address substance abuse.
- Develop initiatives to increase community participation in exercise and organised sporting events.
- Construct alternative sporting facilities in all the communities of TRAWQ.
- Construct a rock pool.
- Develop water saving initiatives (shower heads, recycling grey water, dual flush toilets).
- Establish a bus service to take kids to and from sporting events.
- Develop a sporting and recreation strategy.
- Construct additional sports and recreational facilities i.e. cricket nets, skateboard ramps.
- Develop an Elders Support Group.
- Construct a mother's room at the public toilets.
- Establish a youth club/activities centre.
- Develop initiatives to address underage drinking.

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Aged Care	Community Aged Care Package Program	The St John's Diverse Aged Care Program provides 15 community aged care packages for Thursday Island, Horn Island, Prince of Wales and Hammond Island.
	HACC	Funded by the Department of Health & Ageing and administered by the Queensland Government, HACC services are available for the aged and disabled on Thursday Island (including domestic assistance and social support).

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Aged Care Cont.	Services	Mura Kosker Sorority Older Persons Action Program increases senior's social inclusion and independent living skills and is for males and females aged 50+, it also links in with HACC.
		Torres Strait District Health Sixty and Better Service: supports older people to develop and manage healthy ageing, provides information and referrals, and coordinates activities to promote involvement.
	Torres Strait Home for the Aged	Residential Care: 19 high care and 19 low care places available on Thursday Island.
		Carer Respite (NRCP) provides in-home and centre-based respite to Torres Strait inner islands.
Alcohol and Drugs	AA Meetings	AA mentorship and support available on Thursday Island with phone-in helpline available through Cairns.
	Liquor Accord	OLGR agreement by licensees and other stakeholders to take certain actions in local communities which aim to improve safety in entertainment areas and reduce alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, offences and violence.
	Liquor Licences	Grand Hotel plus drive through, Jardine, Federal, Royal, Torres Hotel plus drive through, Bowls Club.
	Substance Abuse	Queensland Health provides substance abuse services (family and individual counselling).
Emergency Response	Ambulance	There are five QAS ambulance officers on Thursday Island plus a field officer to supervise outer islands (based on Thursday Island).
		Royal Flying Doctor Service provides patient transport to Cairns if needed.
Environmental Health	Animal Management	TSC has an Animal Control Officer who registers animals and impounds wandering dogs.
		TSC arranges for a veterinarian to visit every two months to conduct general health checks of animals and to euthanize animals.
	AQIS	AQIS traps and monitors exotic incursions and issues permits for items moving into and out of the region.
	Climate Change and Health	TSRA, Queensland Health, TSC, NPARC, TSIRC and CSIRO are working together to identify likely future health impacts associated with climate change in the Torres Strait.
	Environmental Health Services	TSC has a Manager of Environment and Planning who is responsible for Environmental Health in the Torres Shire.
		Queensland Health has an environmental health team based on Thursday Island which provides support to the local community.
		TSC has the principal legislative responsibility for mosquito control on Thursday Island. Queensland Health assists TSC with mosquito control programs.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Health Services	Dental Care	Available at the health care centre and mobile school service.
	Hospital	Thursday Island Hospital has acute care, emergency and general medicine, renal medicine, surgery, orthopaedics, ENT, ophthalmology, day surgery, obstetrics, paediatrics, gynaecology, anaesthetics, high dependency, child and adolescent health, psychiatry, aged care and palliative care and visiting specialists.
	Mental Health Programs	There is a Mental Health Team based at Thursday Island hospital and a visiting psychiatrist travels throughout the region.
		Queensland Health has a family support unit on Thursday Island, which provides outreach services to support people dealing with mental health issues.
		SEWB - Bringing Them Home: Queensland Health provides counselling support for peoples separated from their families as a result of past governments forced removal policies.
	Medication Scheme	The Commonwealth Government has a medication scheme which subsidises medication (\$100).
	Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program (MSOAP)	Provides visiting medical specialist outreach services including Dermatology, Psychiatry, Endocrinology (Diabetes), General Physician (Cardiology and Renal), Indigenous Chronic Disease, Paediatric Surgery, Anaesthetic, Dermatology - Surgery, Surgery - ENT, Paediatrics - General, Physician - Gastroenterology, Physician - Respiratory, O and G - General, Surgery - General, Dietician, Social Worker, Speech Therapist, Nurse.
	Meriba Mudh Hostel	Hostel refurbished and opened in 2009 near to the hospital.
	Ophthalmology	There is an ophthalmic nurse on Thursday Island (commenced May 2011).
	Primary Health Care Centre	Queensland Health runs health care centres specialising in primary clinical care, quality lifestyle, chronic disease, maternal and child health, environmental, mental and sexual health, GP services. Also deals with child health, diabetes, hearing health, men's and women's health, oral health, chronic disease, family support (mental health), post-acute, rehabilitation and aged care, public health, environmental health, building healthy communities, healthy ageing, acute clinical services and disaster management response.
	Primary Health and Specialist Services	The Australian Government through Department of Health and Ageing contributes funding to support a range of primary health care and specialist services in the Torres Strait and NPA region. This includes programs addressing chronic disease, maternal and child health, Social and emotional wellbeing, environmental health and aged care needs. All are targeted to helping Close the Gap around Indigenous health disadvantage.
	Respite Care	Available during day time only through St. John's Community Care.
	Royal Flying Doctors Service	RFDS provides limited women's and men's health services and provides patient transport to Cairns if needed.
	Visiting Optometrist	Queensland Health provides a visiting optometrist. The Visiting Optometrist Scheme (VOS) is also provided by the visiting optometry service provider.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Health Training	Aged Care and Disability	Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE runs Aged Care and Disability Care Training and Employment Programs.
	Health Traineeship	Queensland Health offers school-based and full-time traineeships and cadetships.
	Nursing Courses	JCU offers a Bachelor of Nursing on Thursday Island or externally.
	Training and Development Building at Hospital	Training and Development Building at the Hospital will commence in 2012 with TAFE courses running out of the building (i.e. nursing).
Maternal and Infant Health	Maternal Health Care Team	Queensland Health has a maternal health care team on Thursday Island to monitor infant health.
	Rural Maternity Initiative Project	This Queensland Health project helps mothers to become healthier mums with healthier babies.
PNG National	Health Care Agreement	The treatment of PNG Nationals at Queensland Health clinics is part of the Australian Health Care Agreement.
	Health Issues Committee	The Health Issues Committee is working towards addressing cross border health issues and improving the management of PNG health issues by PNG.
Population Health	Chronic Disease	The Chronic Disease Centre (Adgir GubauGiz) is currently being completed.
	Communicable Diseases	Queensland Health monitors for communicable diseases and conducts contact tracing when cases are identified.
	Early Childhood Intervention	Queensland Health has teachers/therapists that deliver early intervention programs to preschool aged children 0-6 yrs (and their family) that have been identified with a disability and/or additional needs.
	IBIS Healthy Eating Program	IBIS has developed a pricing policy that offers specials only for healthy food; advises and informs the public on healthy eating; and promotes water and non-sugared drinks.
	Healthy Lifestyle Programs	10,000 Steps Program is run by TSC.
		Find Your 30 Program is a Queensland Government initiative that promotes 30 minutes of activity a day.
		Lift for Life is an exercise program run by TSC.
		Health Awareness for a Healthier Community is run by PKA.
		Healthy Lifestyle Program is run by Mura Kosker Sorority.
		Queensland Health has a Health Promotions Unit based on Thursday Island.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Population Health Cont.	Life Line	Life Line provides phone-in and online access to crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health support services.
	Men's Health Programs	Mura Kosker Sorority runs a Men's Support Group on Thursday Island which is a pilot program to reduce the levels of domestic violence with men, and uses a community consultative process.
	Occupational Therapists	Queensland Health and DOC's Housing Service have visiting occupational therapists.
Safety	Domestic Violence Programs	Lena Passi Court Support: attends court on Thursday Island for domestic violence matters, and assists with making protection orders.
		Lena Passi Getting On Program is an early intervention program tailored to young people to raise awareness about domestic violence prevention.
		Mura Kosker Sorority: provides Indigenous domestic and family violence counselling as an outreach service. In 2012 MKS employed a Domestic Violence Perpetrator Counsellor to provide information, counselling and support services to perpetrators of domestic and family violence.
		Lena Passi Women's Shelter: this crises accommodation service supports women and children under 14 years escaping domestic and family Violence.
		DVConnect: provides a state-wide domestic and family violence telephone service, with a 24 hour women's line, and a men's line from 9am to midnight 7 days a week.
		'Battle of the Islands' touch football championship: kick off for the Domestic Violence Prevention Month.
		Relationships Australia: provides counselling and family dispute resolution (mediation) services via phone.
		Walk Away Cool Down Program: Queensland Police program targeting anger management and domestic violence.
		The Thursday Island Domestic Violence Committee, comprising TI Police, Mura Kosker, Lena Passi Women's Shelter, Family Relationships Australia, Community Justice Group, Community Corrections and Qld Health, aims to provide a multi-agency response to domestic violence in the Torres Strait. It discusses case files, member programs, education/promotion sessions to be undertaken; identifies trends, the need for new initiatives and funding streams. In 2012 the Committee widened its focus from education/promotion of DV awareness and support for victims of DV to include initiatives to improve response services for the offenders in domestic incidents.
	Family Support (including emergency relief)	Mura Kosker Sorority Community and Family Support Workers: Provide case management and education programs to enhance capacity of parents to care for their children and increase awareness about the prevention of harm.
		Mura Kosker Sorority provides emergency relief funding in crisis situations.
		ICAN provides financial counselling and no interest loan schemes.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Safety of Children	Brave Hearts Program	This program is phone-in and delivered through schools. It includes counselling, and the provision of information and support to children and young people who have experienced, or are at risk of, sexual assault.
	CAFS	DCCSDS (CCSQ) and OECEC provide funding to Mura Kosker Sorority for CAFS workers to promote the safety and wellbeing of children through early intervention strategies, and enhance capacity of parents to care for their children.
	Child Protection	Queensland Health has a child protection and liaison officer based on Thursday Island, who provides outreach services, and a child safety unit based in Cairns.
	Community Visitor Program	CCYPCG provides monthly visits for children in foster care, accepts community reports on the wellbeing of children in communities.
	Recognised Entity Worker (outreach)	The Recognised Entity Worker assists and ensures children at risk and young people receive the best available, culturally appropriate advice and services (outreach).
	Safe House	DCCSDS is well advanced with plans to establish a safe house for children. It will service the Torres Strait and NPA region, be located on Thursday Island, and operated by the community/NGO sector. A family intervention support service will be provided.
	Thursday Island Child Safety Service Centre	The Centre offers various programs relating to child protection, domestic violence, drugs, alcohol, homelessness, disability, neglect and sexual assault (outreach service).
Sexual and Reproductive Health	Clinics and Family Planning	Queensland Health runs Women's and Men's Health clinics in sexual health.
		A Public Health Physician visits and works with Torres Strait health teams to improve sexual health services and community relations.
		Family Planning Queensland provides family planning education and resources to communities and professionals, and some training (fee for service) on sexual and reproductive health.
		Family Planning Queensland's Sexual Assault Team (phone-in).
Sports and Recreation	Community Sports and Recreation Officers	Sport and Recreational Services have a full-time Sports and Recreation officer.
	Sport and Recreation Activities	The sports complex on Thursday Island runs a number of fitness programs, including aerobics, swimming classes, ballet and kids' gym, aerobics and dance.
	Torres Strait Youth Recreational Sporting Association Inc	TSYRSA runs and provides funding for various sporting activities.



Economic Participation

ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

What your community wanted in 2008:

- Establish industries in the following areas: aquaculture, wooden boat building, seafood processing, arts, tourism, cottage industries.
- Investigate initiatives to reduce the cost of living i.e. freight subsidies, establishing alternative to IBIS, pension cards.
- Establish a community garden using hydroponics.
- Establish a regular ferry service to the outer islands.
- Establish a fuel bowser and tackle shop at Rosehill ramp.
- Develop initiatives to support the establishment of dressmakers.
- Develop initiatives to expand tourism.
- Establish a Cultural Village.
- Ensure training courses offered by TAFE align with industry growth and community needs.
- Develop training and professional development strategies, which may include cadetships, traineeships and scholarships.
- Investigate subsidies to reduce the cost of airfares from outer islands.
- Engage local artists to do work on community bus shelters.
- Develop and implement a 5 year business plan for the TRAWQ community.
- Develop initiatives to foster the art community and market artefacts.
- Develop an Arts and Cultural policy.

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What is available in your community and across the region:

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Accommodation	Hotels and Motels	The Federal Hotel.
		Grand Hotel.
		Jardine Resort Motel.
		Rainbow Motel.
		Thursday Island Motel.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Arts, Culture and Heritage	Arts (CDEP Conversion)	COAG initiative delivered through the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the TSRA to transition 35 CDEP participants working in the arts and culture area into real jobs under the National Job Transitions Program.
	Art Centre	Gab Titui Cultural Centre.
	Cultural Awareness	TNQ TAFE runs courses in cultural awareness.
	Cultural Village	There are plans for a cultural village on Thursday Island.
	Torres Strait Islands Artists	TSRA provides funding to artists via its Culture, Arts and Heritage Program.
	Tourism Steering Committee	This TSC committee investigates and pursues new tourism opportunities and supports existing tourist based industries.
CDEP	CDEP	TSRA, FaHCSIA, DEEWR, Centrelink, CEA, ITEC and Job Find Centre are involved in CDEP programs. TSC is a CDEP employer.
		Community Action Plan approved and in line with the TSRA Development Plan commencing 1 July 2011.
	Community Development	FaHCSIA, TSRA, CEA, ITEC and Job Find initiative to support and develop Indigenous communities and organisations. TSC is a CDEP employer.
	Work Readiness	FaHCSIA, TSRA, CEA, ITEC and Job Find program to assist jobseekers to develop their skills and improve their chances of obtaining employment outside the CDEP program. TSC is a CDEP employer.
Community Volunteers	Indigenous Community Volunteers	Volunteers with specific skills can be placed in a community to assist with particular projects. The community must submit a request with justification of need to Indigenous Community Volunteers.
Economic Planning	Ministerial Roundtable on Indigenous Economic Participation and Development	Currently the Indigenous Jobs and Enterprise Taskforce is negotiating a mentoring project with a major company in North Queensland to employ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
Employment Services	ICAN	ICAN provides financial counselling, no interest loan schemes and small business training (outreach).
	Indigenous Business Hub	The NAB Indigenous Business Hub assists Torres Strait Islanders to establish their own businesses.
	Job Services Australia	DEEWR sub-contracts services to community based organisations.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Fisheries	Fishing and Hunting	TSRA and AFMA run initiatives to ensure local fishing/hunting are undertaken in a sustainable way.
	Fishing Operations	There are currently 104 active commercial Traditional Inhabitant Boat licences across Thursday Island, Horn Island and POW with endorsements to commercially catch Tropical Rock Lobster (Kaiar), Reef Line Species (i.e. Coral Trout) and Mackerel.
	Freezer Operations	There are two privately owned freezers on Thursday Island; both are operating and have live facilities.
Grants	CEIS Grants	The TSRA offers grants for a range of economic development activities that contribute to the outcomes contained in the TSRA Development Plan.
PBC	Kaurareg Aboriginal Native Title Corporation RNTBC	Prescribed Bodies Corporate - holders of the land on behalf of Traditional Owners.
Training and Skills Development	Enhancing Indigenous Agribusiness	A DAFF and Biosecurity Qld program that helps Indigenous communities realise the economic potential that comes with access to and ownership of traditional lands.
	Get Set for Work (Skilling Queenslanders for Work)	DETE, DEEWR and Vocational Partnership Group program to assist young people who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging from school with skills in: job preparation, accredited training, work placement and work experience.
	Indigenous Employment and Training Mangers	This DETE service helps identify, and assist with, the creation of sustainable employment and training opportunities for local Indigenous people.
	Indigenous Employment Program	Under this program DEEWR provides pre-employment training, work experience and mentoring.
	Indigenous Enterprise Development Officer	IEDO provides assistance to numerous Indigenous businesses.
	QBuild Apprenticeship Program	This DHPW program is available to eligible candidates.
	Small Business Training	TSRA in conjunction with TAFE deliver Certificate III in Micro Business Operations.
	Training Initiatives for Indigenous Adults in Regional and Remote Communities	DETE in conjunction with Partec Institute and Simmonds and Bristow offer Certificate II and III in Polymer Processing and Certificate II and III in Water Operations.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Transportation	Car Hire and Taxi Services	Various options available.
	Charter Flights	Barrier Aviation, Cape Air Transport. Heli Charters; Australian Helicopters; Cape York Helicopters; Reef Helicopters.
	Commercial Airlines	West Wing; QANTAS.
	Commercial Ferries	Peddels (service to Seisia); McDonalds (service to Horn); Rebels (service to Horn); Sea Cat (school).
	Fishing Tours, Boat Charter	Relax Tours and Charters; TI Charters; Wis Wei Boat Charters; Tony's Island Adventures.
	Sea Freight	Sea Swift; Silent World.



Healthy Homes



TORRES STRAIT AND NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA
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HEALTHY HOMES



What your community wanted in 2008:

- Develop a housing policy for the TRAWQ community.
- Develop programs that work towards home ownership.
- Develop a culturally appropriate rental policy.
- Develop initiatives to reduce or assist with the cost of renting.
- Develop programs that assist low income earners attain houses.
- Develop and implement a waste management strategy.¹
- Provide recycling bins to households.¹
- Develop and implement waste management education programs.¹
- Beautify the esplanade / foreshore.
- Determine options to enhance traditional child rearing practices.
- Identify an appropriate site to construct slaughter facilities.
- Enforce animal management.
- Organise and run community clean ups.
- Assess drainage requirements to prevent erosion.
- Develop and implement energy saving programs and renewable energy programs.
- Develop and implement water saving programs.
- Undertake weed management and revegetation initiatives.
- Establish a worm farm.

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¹ A Regional Waste Strategy Feasibility Study was completed in August 2012 and is being considered by the three Councils.

What is available in your community and across the region:

TOPICS	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Aged Care	Community Aged Care Package Program	The St John's Diverse Aged Care Program provides 15 community aged care packages for Thursday Island, Horn Island, Prince of Wales and Hammond Island
	HACC Services	Funded by the Department of Health & Ageing and administered by the Queensland Government, HACC services are available for the aged and disabled on Thursday Island (including domestic assistance and social support).
		Mura Kosker Sorority Older Persons Action Program increases senior's social inclusion and independent living skills and is for males and females aged 50+, it also links in with HACC.
		Torres Strait District Health Sixty and Better Service: supports older people to develop and manage healthy ageing, provides information and referrals, and coordinates activities to promote involvement.
	Torres Strait Home for the Aged	Residential Care: 19 high care and 19 low care places available on Thursday Island.
		Carer Respite (NRCP) provides in home and centre-based respite to Torres Strait inner islands.

TOPICS	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Climate Change	Climate Change Programs	The Torres Strait Climate Change Strategy has been developed and is in the process of being implemented.
	Energy Saving Programs	DLGP and Ergon Energy are working together on energy saving programs.
Environmental Health	Animal Management	TSC has an Animal Control Officer who registers animals and impounds wandering dogs.
		TSC arranges for a veterinarian to visit every two months to conduct general health checks of animals and to euthanize animals.
	Environmental Health Services	TSC has a Manager of Environment and Planning who is responsible for Environmental Health in the Torres Shire
		Queensland Health has an environmental health team based on Thursday Island which provides support to the local community.
		TSC has the principal legislative responsibility for mosquito control on Thursday Island. Queensland Health assists TSC with mosquito control programs.
	Metal Waste	TSC and TSIRC are working on a joint project to remove metal waste from the region.
	Occupational Therapists	Queensland Health and the DHPW have visiting occupational therapists.
	Repairs and Maintenance	QBuild provides repair and maintenance services.
	Sustainable Horticulture Project	TSRA is coordinating a sustainable horticulture project to support individuals, families and communities throughout the Torres Strait to grow fruits, vegetables and herbs through providing financial and technical support, and community education and awareness raising materials.
	Tenancy Management (Social Housing Rental Agreement)	DHPW Housing Service manages rental properties on Thursday Island.
Ownership	Waste Management (Dumps)	Waste processing happens at Rosehill. Waste is then moved to Horn Island.
	Waste Management (Recycling)	There is recycling of cans at the schools.
	Home Loans	Available to eligible candidates.
	Home Ownership	TSRA is planning for home ownership in the future and currently offers education packages around homeownership.



TOPICS	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Planning	Asset Sustainability	TSC has an asset sustainability program which includes: refurbishment of water treatment/pumping facilities, establishment sewage testing facilities, installation of emergency back-up generators for sewage pump station and investigations of existing desalination infrastructure.
	Joint Torres Strait Housing and Infrastructure Committee	A collection of agencies (including TSRA, TSC, DSDIP, NPARC, QT, DATSIMA, FaHCSIA, RILIPO, ICC Cairns, Queensland Health, DERM, TSIRC, DTMR, DHPW) make up this committee and are responsible for infrastructure projects in the region.
Safety	Domestic Violence Programs	Lena Passi: provides court support to victims of domestic violence and crises accommodation to support women and children under 14 years escaping domestic and family violence.
		Relationships Australia: provides counselling and family dispute resolution (mediation) services via phone.
		Mura Kosker Sorority: provides Indigenous domestic and family violence counselling as an outreach service. In 2012 MKS employed a Domestic Violence Perpetrator Counsellor to provide information, counselling and support services to perpetrators of domestic and family violence.
		DVConnect: provides a state-wide domestic and family violence telephone service, with a 24 hour women's line, and a men's line from 9am to midnight 7 days a week.
		Walk Away Cool Down Program: a Queensland Police program that targets anger management and domestic violence.
		Domestic Violence Month: during Domestic Violence Month Queensland Police, in conjunction with Mura Kosker Sorority, delivers information sessions across the Torres Strait to educate communities about domestic violence.
		The Thursday Island Domestic Violence Committee, comprising TI Police, Mura Kosker, Lena Passi Women's Shelter, Family Relationships Australia, Community Justice Group, Community Corrections and Qld Health, aims to provide a multi-agency response to domestic violence in the Torres Strait. It discusses case files, member programs, education/promotion sessions to be undertaken; identifies trends, the need for new initiatives and funding streams. In 2012 the Committee widened its focus from education/promotion of DV awareness and support for victims of DV to include initiatives to improve response services for the offenders in domestic incidents.
	Fire Safety	Operation Safe Home: a QFRS program that conducts fire audits of homes (arranged via phone-in service).

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Safety of Children	Brave Hearts Program	The program is phone-in and delivered through schools. It includes counselling, and the provision of information and support to children and young people who have experienced, or are at risk of, sexual assault.
	CAFS	DCCSDS (CCSQ) and OECEC provide funding to Mura Kosker Sorority for CAFS workers to promote the safety and wellbeing of children through early intervention strategies, and enhance capacity of parents to care for their children.
	Child Protection	Queensland Health has a child protection and liaison officer based on Thursday Island who provides outreach services, and a child safety unit based in Cairns.
	Community Visitor Program	CCYPCG provides monthly visits for children in foster care and takes community reports on wellbeing of children in communities.
	Recognised Entity Worker	The Recognised Entity Worker assists and ensures children at risk and young people receive the best available, culturally appropriate advice and services.
	Safe House	DCCSDS is well advanced with plans to establish a safe house for children. It will service the Torres Strait and NPA region, be located on Thursday Island, and operated by the community/NGO sector. A family intervention support service will be provided.
	Thursday Island Child Safety Service Centre	Thursday Island Child Safety Service Centre provides family intervention services, foster and kinship care services, and various other programs relating to child protection, domestic violence, drugs, alcohol, homelessness, disability, neglect and sexual assault.



Safe Communities

SAFE COMMUNITIES



What your community wanted in 2008:

- Establish a youth council.
- Establish a formal cemetery plan.
- Construct an ocean pool.
- Construct a multi-purpose hall to cater for all functions.
- Install disabled ramps and facilities throughout the community.
- Establish a neighbourhood watch program.
- Recruit additional police liaison officers.
- Establish a picnic area on the esplanade of TRAWQ.
- Establish a counselling centre.
- Establish a climate change committee and develop a climate change strategy.
- Develop programs to increase awareness about climate change.
- Establish a low cost hostel for visiting groups (sporting teams).
- Develop Sadies Beach (construct gazebos).
- Expand existing facilities at the swimming pool (shade and gym).
- Review and update the Disaster Management Plan.
- Install street lights in black spots across the island.
- Provide education and training for community members to establish a private security agency.
- Establish a local call centre for all emergency services.
- Develop initiatives that reduce rates of vandalism.
- Establish a safe house (alternative accommodation for family).²
- Ensure by-laws are culturally appropriate.

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TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Aged Care	Community Aged Care Package Program	The St John's Diverse Aged Care Program provides 15 community aged care packages for Thursday Island, Horn Island, Prince of Wales and Hammond Island.
	HACC	Funded by the Department of Health & Ageing and administered by the Queensland Government, HACC services are available for the aged and disabled on Thursday Island (including domestic assistance and social support).
	Services	Mura Kosker Sorority Older Persons Action Program increases senior's social inclusion and independent living skills and is for males and females aged 50+, it also links in with HACC.



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Aged Care Cont.	Services Cont.	Torres Strait District Health Sixty and Better Service: supports older people to develop and manage healthy ageing, provides information and referrals, and coordinates activities to promote involvement.
	Torres Strait Home for the Aged	Residential Care: 19 high care and 19 low care places available on Thursday Island.
		Carer Respite (NRCP) provides in home and centre-based respite to Torres Strait inner islands.
Alcohol and Drugs	AA Meetings	AA mentorship and support is available on TI, whilst phone-in helpline available through Cairns.
	Liquor Accord	OLGR agreement by licensees and other stakeholders to take certain actions in local communities which aim to improve safety in entertainment areas and reduce alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, offences and violence.
	Substance Abuse	Queensland Health provides substance abuse services (family and individual counselling).
Border Issues	Border Patrols	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service conduct joint cross border patrols and visit Torres Strait Islands and villages in PNG's Western Province to discuss matters with communities.
Conservation	Dugong and Turtle Project	TSRA has supported the development and implementation of a community-based Dugong and Turtle Management Plan (in partnership with Traditional Owners, PZJA partners, TSIRC and researchers).
	Seagrass Monitoring	This is a DAFF, TSRA and Tagai State College program to monitor seagrass habitat, conditions and trends at nominated sites.
	Working on Country (Ranger Program)	Negotiations underway with key stakeholders regarding appropriate model for delivery of the Ranger Program in the Kaiwalagal region.
Disaster Management	Disaster Management	TSC has a Disaster Management Plan.
		TSC has a Local Disaster Management Group based on Thursday Island.
		Disaster management training exercises are run in the Torres Strait approximately yearly.
	Keeping Our Mob Climate Safe (KOMCS)	This is a DATSIMA and EMQ project to improve community preparedness and reduce vulnerability to extreme weather events. A KOMCS officer provides ongoing support to the SES.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Disaster Management Cont.	Natural Disaster Preparation	EMQ delivers announcements on issues such as cyclone preparation, storm surge and king tide safety.
		EMQ's tsunami kits are available at schools and in the community.
		EMQ evacuation kits are available. They include: non perishables, radio, pots, plates, water containers, torch, blankets, candles and bags etc.
	Regional Emergency Management Plan	EMQ, TSIRC, TSC, TSRA, DATSIMA, Queensland Health, MSQ, AMSA, QPS have a combined Emergency Management Plan.
Emergency Response	Ambulance	QAS has a number of ambulances on Thursday Island.
		Royal Flying Doctor Service provides patient transport to Cairns if needed.
	First Responders	QAS is currently expanding its First Responders Group.
	SES	SES is inactive on Thursday Island, but equipped.
Environmental Health	Animal Management	TSC has an Animal Control Officer who registers animals and impounds wandering dogs.
		TSC arranges for a veterinarian to visit every two months to conduct general health checks of animals and to euthanize animals.
	AQIS	AQIS traps and monitors exotic incursions and issues permits for items moving into and out of the region.
	Climate Change Research	TSRA is facilitating various research, mapping, modelling and monitoring activities to determine the current and possible future impacts of climate change in the region, through the Coastal Management Committee and Coasts and Climate Working Group.
	Environmental Health Services	TSC has a Manager of Environment and Planning who is responsible for Environmental Health in the Torres Shire.
		Queensland Health has an environmental health team based on Thursday Island which provides support to the local community.
		TSC has the principal legislative responsibility for mosquito control on Thursday Island. Queensland Health assists TSC with mosquito control programs.
	Renewable Energy Alternatives	TSRA, ICC, TSIRC, TSC, NPARC, ERGON, CAT are investigating and trialling renewable energy alternatives appropriate for the region.
	Sustainable Horticulture Project	TSRA is coordinating a sustainable horticulture project to support individuals, families and communities throughout Torres Strait to grow fruits, vegetables and herbs through providing financial and technical support, and community education and awareness raising materials.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Infrastructure	Dolphin and Pontoon Replacement	A new pontoon was installed at the Engineers Wharf in 2011.
	Land Planning	TSC conducts monthly meetings with Traditional Owners to discuss land planning and issues.
	Marine Beacons	AMSA looks after shipping beacons and MSQ harbour beacons.
	QTRIP	QTRIP will install, upgrade or replace boat/ barge mooring facilities across various locations in the Torres Strait.
		QTRIP provides training and skill development in various communities across the Torres Strait.
		QTRIP undertake transport project planning at various locations across the Torres Strait.
	Radio Station	TSIMA operates the local radio.
	Road and Drainage	TSC plans to build and upgrade footpaths and storm water drains on Thursday Island.
Justice	Community Justice Group	The Department of Justice and the Attorney General's Department fund the Thursday Island Justice Group, Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Corporation.
		Thursday Island Justice Corporation can provide counselling and cultural mediation to people/offenders from the communities of Hammond, Horn and POW.
	Court	Thursday Island Magistrates Court operates three days every month, plus 15 days of hearings per year (offenders pleading guilty) and 6 days per year of District Court sittings (twice per annum - 3 days per sittings).
	Cultural Counselling for Offenders	Offenders in the community can be referred to a Community Justice Group for informal cultural counselling with the support of Queensland Corrective Services, Probation and Parole Services.
	Dispute Resolution	The Dispute Resolution Centre in Cairns provides outreach mediation services.
	LawHelp	LawHelp gives corporations registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 access to pro-bono legal advice.
	Legal Aid Queensland	Legal Aid Queensland provides advice monthly on non-criminal issues.
	Legal Representation	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (Qld) provides legal representation to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal offenders in relation to criminal matters.

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Justice Cont.	Probation and Parole	The Department of Corrective Services – Probation and Parole Services - supervises adult offenders on court orders and delivers specific programs to address individual offending behaviours. The Probation and Parole team are situated at Thursday Island and service the NPA and Torres Strait region on a regular basis.
	Youth Justice	Youth Justice Services (DCCSDS) is designed for young people under 17 years of age on court orders. Statutory caseworkers visit communities every month on a needs basis.
Maritime Safety	AMSA	Pacific Adventurer Response: this AMSA vessel responds to accidents and safety incidents.
		Commercial Vessel Safety: this AMSA program keeps water ways and passages safe for commercial vessels.
		Port VTS Policy and Procedures: AMSA implements policies and procedures for ports and general maritime safety.
		Reducing Risk of Ocean Pollution: this AMSA program prevents and reduces the risk of maritime incidents polluting the ocean.
		Maritime Safety Education: this AMSA program educates the population about trip planning, engine maintenance and fuel carriage.
	Maritime Safety Training	MSQ has rolled out a 'boat safe program' at Tagai State College and delivers educational programs to improve boating safety. MSQ officers also support marine studies programs at the school.
		MSQ distributes materials to communities and implements training on outboard motor maintenance.
		Promote Lifejackets: this MSQ program promotes the wearing of life jackets particularly amongst children.
		Support Grab Bag Scheme: this MSQ scheme, implemented in partnership with IBIS, allows individuals to borrow maritime emergency bags.
		MSQ supports the inclusion of boating safety lessons into primary school curriculum and promotes AUSMEPA throughout primary schools.
		MSQ monitors and provides input into the Thursday Island TAFE marine training and boat safety courses, and supports TAFE to rollout TIB licence course.
		TNQ TAFE run marine studies courses.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Planning	Biodiversity Management Planning	DERM, AQIS, ED and TSRA are working together to coordinate and manage pests and weeds in the Torres Strait.
	Road Safety Advisory Group	Based on Thursday Island the Advisory Group looks at issues such as road safety messages, pedestrian crossings, child restraints and L and P plates.
	Torres Strait Climate Change Strategy	This strategy will inform future work of the Coastal Management Committee and is an integrated and collaborative approach to address the impacts of climate change in the Torres Strait.
	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	This program aims to maintain and revitalise traditional ecological knowledge, and to integrate cultural knowledge with western scientific datasets about the region.
Safety	Drivers Licence	DTMR conduct regular drivers licence tests.
	Domestic Violence Programs	Lena Passi: provides court support to victims of domestic violence and crises accommodation to support women and children under 14 years escaping domestic and family violence.
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		Walk Away Cool Down Program: a Queensland Police program that targets anger management and domestic violence.
		Domestic Violence Month: during Domestic Violence Month Queensland Police, in conjunction with Mura Kosker Sorority, delivers information sessions across the Torres Strait to educate communities about domestic violence.
		The Thursday Island Domestic Violence Committee, comprising TI Police, Mura Kosker, Lena Passi Women's Shelter, Family Relationships Australia, Community Justice Group, Community Corrections and Qld Health, aims to provide a multi-agency response to domestic violence in the Torres Strait. It discusses case files, member programs, education/promotion sessions to be undertaken; identifies trends, the need for new initiatives and funding streams. In 2012 the Committee widened its focus from education/promotion of DV awareness and support for victims of DV to include initiatives to improve response services for the offenders in domestic incidents.
	Financial Family Support	Mura Kosker Sorority provides emergency relief funding in crisis situations.
		ICAN provides financial counselling and no interest loan schemes.





TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Safety Cont.	Fire Service	There is an active Rural Fire Service on Thursday Island.
		All fire hydrants have been identified with blue reflective markers at the centre of the road.
		QFRS provide training to volunteer fire staff.
		Operation Safe Home: a QFRS program that conducts fire audits of homes (arranged via phone-in service).
	Queensland Police	18 Queensland Police Officers, four CPIU Officers, four CIB Officers, five Water Police and three Police Liaison Officers and one Sergeant CCLO are stationed on the Island.
		QPS has a plane with monthly air time.
		QPS has a lock up.
Safety of Children	Work Place Safety	WHSQ (JAG) promotes health and safety in the region, conducts safety week, school visits and community activities to promote workplace health and safety. WHSQ also disseminates workplace health and safety information and conducts workplace inspections.
	Brave Hearts Program	This program is phone-in and delivered through schools. It includes counselling, and the provision of information and support to children and young people who have experienced, or are at risk of, sexual assault.
	CAFS	DCCSDS (CCSQ) and OECEC provide funding to Mura Kosker Sorority for CAFS workers to promote the safety and wellbeing of children through early intervention strategies, and enhance capacity of parents to care for their children.
	Child Protection	Queensland Health has a child protection and liaison officer based on Thursday Island who provides outreach services, and a child safety unit based in Cairns.
	Community Visitor Program	CCYPCG provides monthly visits for children in foster care and takes community reports on wellbeing of children in communities.
	Recognised Entity Worker	The Recognised Entity Worker assists and ensures children at risk and young people receive the best available, culturally appropriate advice and services.
	Safe House	DCCSDS is well advanced with plans to establish a safe house for children. It will service the Torres Strait and NPA region, be located on Thursday Island, and operated by the community/NGO sector. A family intervention support service will be provided.
Sports and Recreation	Thursday Island Child Safety Service Centre	Thursday Island Child Safety Service Centre provides family intervention services, foster and kinship care services, and various other programs relating to child protection, domestic violence, drugs, alcohol, homelessness, disability, neglect and sexual assault.
	Torres Strait Youth Recreational Sporting Association Inc	TSYRSA run and provide funding for various sporting activities.






Governance and Leadership

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

What your community wanted in 2008:

-  Provide leadership training to community members.³
-  Develop programs to support parents.
-  Establish an Elders committee.
-  Develop programs that promote Torres Strait Islander cultural lore.

PROJECT STATUS KEY

-  **Red:** Not Yet Actioned / Not Commenced / May Not Be Feasible
-  **Orange:** Funding Secured / Planning in Progress / Underway
-  **Green:** Completed / Present / Established

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³ Various leadership programs, including intensive short courses and longer training programs, are available to community members who apply.

What is available in your community and across the region:

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Apprenticeships, Cadetships and Traineeships	Apprenticeships and Cadetships	There are apprenticeship and cadetship vacancies across all operational areas of TSIRC, DETE, DEEWR, QBuild, CEA, TSRA, Job Find and ITEC.
	Health Cadetship and Internship	Queensland Health offers school-based and full-time traineeships and cadetships.
	Indigenous Cadetship Support	This DEEWR program improves job prospects for Indigenous Australian students. It links full-time Indigenous students undertaking a Diploma, an Advanced Diploma or first Undergraduate Degree with employers who can give them work placements and ongoing employment.
Career Development	Career Trek Program	This Australian Public Service Commission program enhances access to career development opportunities for regionally based APS staff and those employed by small to medium sized agencies.
	Indigenous APS Employees Network	This Australian Public Service Commission forum shares information and experiences, provides support and encouragement and promotes cultural awareness and respect in the APS.
	Indigenous Mentoring Program	This DETE program focuses on development and implementation of regional mentoring programs for Indigenous workers, volunteers and carers in community services.



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Career Development Cont.	Indigenous Youth Mobility Program	This DEEWR program helps young Indigenous people move away from home to gain the skills they need to get a job in their community or elsewhere.
	Indigenous Employment Strategy	TSC is planning for 87% Indigenous employees to increase each year to 92%.
Community and Culture	Community Profiles	DATSIMA has community profiles which provide a description of all communities in the region.
	Community Plans	TSC is legislated to develop a Community Plan.
	Cultural Protocols	TSRA has developed a Cultural Policy and associated Cultural Protocols.
Community Groups	Kaurareg Traditional Elders Group	Traditional Owner Elders make up group.
	Youth Council	TSC runs a council for youths.
Community Volunteers	Indigenous Community Volunteers	Volunteers with specific skills can be placed in a community to assist with particular projects. The community must submit a request with justification of need to Indigenous Community Volunteers.
PBC	Kaurareg (Aboriginal) Corporation RNTBC	Prescribed Bodies Corporate - holders of the land on behalf of the Traditional Owners.
	PBC Support	TSRA employs a PBC support officer.
Scholarships	AFL Scholarship	Cape AFL offers scholarship to eligible candidates.
	Assistance with Tertiary Education Scheme	TSRA offers ATEs scholarships to eligible candidates. It assists Indigenous people within the Torres Strait to undertake undergraduate study at a mainland university campus.
	Australian Indigenous Education Foundation Scholarship Program	This DEEWR program provides boarding school scholarships and career pathways.
	Governor-General Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship	The Governor-General's Office offers this scholarship program to Indigenous men and women undertaking tertiary teaching studies.
	Morey Scholarship	TSRA offers this scholarship, established by Senator Susan Boyce, to eligible female candidates seeking assistance with tertiary education.

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Training and Courses	Torres Strait Youth Leadership Scholarship	TSRA offers scholarships to eligible candidates to participate in a leadership course run by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. This course develops the confidence and interpersonal skills of potential leaders.
	Australian Rural Leadership Foundation's Training Rural Australians in Leadership	TSRA offers scholarships to eligible candidates to participate in TRAIL. This program is a short, intensive 8 day residential program for emerging rural leaders to build new skills and develop a strong network of peers.
	Australian Rural Leadership Program	TSRA offers scholarships to eligible candidates to participate in this program. This program seeks to build resilient rural communities by developing leaders and involves up to 35 individuals in each 18 month course.
	Compliance, Annual Reporting and Corporate Governance Training	These ORIC programs are specifically for Directors and interested members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations.
	Elected Member Training	TSC offers this training to eligible candidates (Elected Members).
	Executive Board Members Mentoring Initiative	TSRA offers this capacity building exercise to eligible candidates (Executive Board).
	Indigenous Leadership Program (Men, Women and Youth)	FaHCSIA offers this program to eligible candidates. Participants embark on a personal leadership journey to develop the skills to become strong leaders in their families and community.
	Indigenous Men's Leadership Conference	FaHCSIA offers eligible candidates support to attend this conference.
	Reporting Compliance Project	This ORIC project assists corporations with annual reporting compliance.
	Strengthening Boards	Partnership assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations to find independent directors.
	The Strong Voices	This DCCSDS (Office for Women) program is designed to provide Indigenous women with the knowledge, skills and confidence to help inspire and guide the development of women and girls in their communities.
	Wal Meta Unit Leadership Program	This DETE program is designed specifically for Indigenous employees in the Queensland Public Sector with a focus on pro-active learning, on-the-job experience, accredited and non-accredited training.



LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS & CONTACT DETAILS

AA	Alcoholics Anonymous	Email: aacairns@bigpond.com Phone: (07) 4051 2872
AAP	Annual Action Plan	
AFMA	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Website: http://www.afma.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4069 1990; National Switchboard: 1300 723 621
AFP	Australian Federal Police	Website: http://www.afp.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4069 1899; National Switchboard: (02) 6131 3000
AIMS	Australian Institute of Marine Science	Website: http://www.aims.gov.au Phone: (07) 4753 4444
AITAP	Aboriginal and Islander Tertiary Aspiration Program	
AMR	Alcohol Management Reform	
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority	Website: http://www.amsa.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4090 3079; Main Switchboard: (02) 6279 5000
ANC	Australian Navy Cadets	Website: www.cadetnet.gov.au/anc Phone: (07) 4069 0510
APS	Australian Public Service	
APSC	Australian Public Service Commission	Website: http://www.apsc.gov.au Phone: Switchboard: (02) 6202 3500
AQIS	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service	Website: http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4069 1185; National Switchboard: 1800 020 504
ARLF	Australian Rural Leadership Foundation	Website: http://www.rural-leaders.com.au Phone: (02) 6281 0680
ATODS	Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Services	Phone: Thursday Island (07) 4069 0400
ATSI	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	
ATSILS	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Legal Services	Website: http://www.atsils.com.au Phone: Cairns Office: (07) 4046 6400
AUSMEPA	Australian Marine Environment Protection Association	Website: http://www.ausmepa.org.au Phone: National Office: (02) 6254 2559
BER	Building the Education Revolution	Website: http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/BuildingTheEducationRevolution/Pages/default.aspx

	Biosecurity	Website: http://www.daff.gov.au/ba Phone: (02) 6272 3933
	Brave Hearts Program	Website: http://www.bravehearts.org.au Phone: 1800 272 831
CAFS	Child and Family Services	Website: http://www.cafs.org.au Phone: Mura Kosker (07) 4069 1663
CCLO	Cross Cultural Liaison Officer	Website: http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/community/CulturalAdvisory/cclo.htm Phone: (07) 4069 1520
CCP	Community Construction Program	
CCSQ	Community Capacity and Service Quality	Website: http://www.communities.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4036 5400
CCYPCG	Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian	Website: http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au Phone: 1800 688 275
CDEP	Community Development Employment Program	Website: http://www.facs.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/families/cdep/Pages/default.aspx
CEA	Career Employment Australia	Website: http://www.ceagroup.com.au Phone: (07) 4212 0000
CEIS	Community Economics Initiatives Scheme	Website: http://www.tsra.gov.au/the-tsra/economic-development/community-economic-initiatives-scheme.aspx
CIB	Criminal Investigation Branch	
COAG	Council of Australian Governments	Website: http://www.coag.gov.au Phone: (02) 6271 5111
COLA	Covered Outside Learning Area	
CPIU	Child Protection and Investigation Unit	Website: http://www.police.qld.gov.au Email: CPIU.ThursdayIsland@police.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 1333
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	Website: http://www.csiro.au Phone: 1300 363 400
	Cairns School of Distance Education	Website: http://cairnssde.eq.edu.au Phone: (07) 4080 9111
	Cape AFL	Website: http://www.aflcapeyork.com.au Phone: (07) 4054 5199
	Customs	Website: http://www.customs.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4083 1800; General Enquiries: 1300 363 263
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Website: http://www.daff.qld.gov.au Phone: 13 25 23



DATSIMA	Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs	Website: http://www.datsima.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 1243
DCCEE	Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	Website: http://www.climatechange.gov.au Phone: General Enquiries: 1800 057 590
DCCSDS	Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services	Website: http://www.communities.qld.gov.au Phone: FNQ Office of the Regional Director (07) 4036 5522; Torres Strait DATSIMA office (07) 4069 1243
DCS	Department of Community Safety	Website: http://www.communitysafety.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 324 7881
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Website: http://www.deewr.gov.au Phone: General Enquiries: 1300 363 079; Thursday Island (07) 30 6400
DERM	Department of Environment and Resource Management	Website: http://www.derm.qld.gov.au Phone: 13 74 68
DEST	Department of Education Science and Training	Website: http://www.dest.gov.au
DETE	Department of Education, Training and Employment	Website: http://deta.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3237 0111
DEWHA	Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	Website: http://www.environment.gov.au Phone: 1800 803 772
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trading	Website: http://www.dfat.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 2188
DHPW	Department of Housing and Public Works	Website: http://www.hpw.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3227 7111
DIAC	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	Website: http://www.immi.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 1292
DITRDLG	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	Website: http://www.infrastructure.gov.au Phone: (07) 3838 9991
DOHA	Department of Health and Aging	Website: http://www.health.gov.au Phone: 1800 020 103
DPC	Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Website: http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3224 2111
DPMC	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Website: http://www.dpmc.gov.au
DSDIP	Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning	Website: http://dlgp.qld.gov.au Phone: 13 74 68; Cairns (07) 4039 8305
DTMR	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Website: http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3834 2011

DV	Domestic Violence	
	Dispute Resolution Centre	Phone: Cairns: (07) 4039 8742
	DV Connect	Website: http://www.dvconnect.org Phone: Women's line: 1800 811 811; Men's line: 1800 600 636
EMQ	Emergency Management Queensland	Website: http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq Phone: (07) 3247 8511
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat	
EYC	Early Years Centre	Website: http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/early-years-centres.html
	Ergon Energy	Website: http://www.ergon.com.au Phone: General Enquiries: 13 10 46
FACs	Family and Community Services	
FAHCSIA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Website: http://www.fahcsia.gov.au Phone: Brisbane Office: (07) 3037 4500; Switchboard: 1300 653 227
	Family Planning Queensland	Website: http://www.fpq.com.au Phone: Cairns Clinic: (07) 4051 3788
HACC	Home and Community Care	Website: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/hacc Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4090 3885
HIC	Health Issues Committee	
	Healthy for Life	Website: http://www.health.gov.au/healthyforlife
IBIS	Islanders Boards of Industry Services	Website: http://www.ibis-ti.org Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4050 4300
ICAN	Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network	Website: http://ican.org.au Phone: 1300 369 878 Mura Kosker (07) 4069 1663
ICC	Indigenous Coordination Centre	Website: http://www.fahcsia.gov.au Phone: Cairns office: (07) 40378600; Freecall: 1800 079 098
ICT	Information & Communication Technologies	
IEDO	Indigenous Enterprise Development Officers	Website: http://www.business.qld.gov.au/business/tools-resources-support/indigenous-business-support/indigenous-enterprise-development-officers-iedo Phone: (07) 4048 1498 (Cairns and Far North Queensland)
IEP	Indigenous Employment Program	Website: www.deewr.gov.au/IEP
IKC	Indigenous Knowledge Centre	Website: http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/who/orgchart/ils/ikc



IPA	Indigenous Protected Area	Website: http://www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/ipa/index.html
ISD	Integrated Service Delivery	
ISSU	Indigenous Schooling Support Unit	Website: http://www.issu.com.au Phone: (07) 4044 5600
	ITEC Employment	Website: http://www.itecemployment.com.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4090 3311; General Enquiries: 132 4832
JCU	James Cook University	Website: http://www.jcu.edu.au Phone: Thursday Island Campus: (07) 4069 2670; General Enquiries: (07) 4781 4111
JSA	Job Services Australia	Website: http://www.deewr.gov.au/employment/JSA
KOMCS	Keeping Our Mob Climate Safe	Website: http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/
LIPA	Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement	
	Law Help	Website: http://www.oric.gov.au/Content.aspx?content=training/lawhelp.htm Phone: 1800 622 431
	Legal Aid Queensland	Website: http://www.legalaid.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Magistrates Court (07) 4069 1503; General: 1300 65 11 88
	Lena Passi Women's Shelter	Phone: (07) 4069 2534
	Life Line	Website: http://www.lifeline.org.au Phone: 13 11 14
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	
MSQ	Maritime Safety Queensland	Website: http://www.msq.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3120 7462
MSOAP	Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program	Website: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/ruralhealth-services-msoap
	Mura Kosker Sorority	Phone: (07) 4069 1663; Freecall: 1800 811 811
NAB	National Australia Bank	Website: http://www.nab.com.au Phone: 13 22 65
NII	National Information Infrastructure	
NIRA	National Indigenous Reform Agreement	
NPA	Northern Peninsula Area	
NPARC	Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Website: http://www.nparc.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4050 1800

NRCP	National Respite for Carers Program	Website: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/ageing-carers-nrcp.htm Phone: 1800 052 222
OECEC	Office for Early Childhood Education and Care	Website: http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood
OLGR	Office for Liquor and Gaming Regulation	Website: http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au Phone: 13 74 68
OPAP	Older Persons in Action Program	Phone: 1800 811 811
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Website: http://www.oric.gov.au Phone: 1800 622 431
PaCE	Parents and Community Engagement program	Website: http://www.deewr.gov.au/pace
PaL	Parents and Learning program	Website: http://www.parentsandlearning.com
PBC	Prescribed Body Corporate	
PCYC	Police-Citizens Youth Club	Website: http://www.pcyd.org.au Phone: (07) 3909 9555
PKA	Port Kennedy Association	Phone: (07) 4069 2306
PNG	Papua New Guinea	
POW	Prince of Wales Island	
PZJA	Protected Zone Joint Authority	Website: http://pzja.gov.au
QAS	Queensland Ambulance Service	Website: http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au
QATSIP	Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Police	Website: http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/community/CulturalAdvisory/qatsip.htm
QFRS	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	Website: http://www.fire.qld.gov.au
QH	Queensland Health	Website: http://www.health.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Hospital: (07) 4069 1109; Switchboard: (07) 3234 0111
QPS	Queensland Police Service	Website: http://www.police.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4069 1520
GRAM	Queensland Remote Aboriginal Media	Website: http://www.qramac.org.au Phone: (07) 4032 5022
QT	Queensland Travel	
QTRIP	Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program	
	QBuild	Website: http://www.qbuild.qld.gov.au Phone: Cape York Regional Office: (07) 4039 8699 Thursday Island (07) 4069 1127



	Queensland Corrective Services (Probation and Parole)	Website: http://www.correctiveservices.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4090 2048
RATEP	Remote Area Teacher Education Program	Website: http://www.learningplace.com.au/defaultteqa2.asp?orgid=89&suborgid=586 Phone: Thursday Island Campus: (07) 4069 2670
RIBS	Remote Indigenous Broadcasting service	
RILIPO	Remote Land and Infrastructure Program Office	Phone: (07) 4057 3865
RLCIP R2	Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (Round 2)	
RNTBC	Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate	
RRRC	Reef and Rainforest Research Centre	Website: http://www.rrrc.org.au Phone: (07) 4050 7400
RTC	Rural Transaction Centre	
	Relationship Australia	Website: http://www.relationships.org.au Phone: 1300 364 277
	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Website: http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au Phone: Cairns base: (07) 4040 0444
SES	State Emergency Services	Website: http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/ses Phone: 13 74 68
SEWPaC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	Website: http://www.environment.gov.au Phone: (02) 6274 1111
SLUP	Sustainable Land Use Plan	Website: http://www.tsra.gov.au/land--sea-management-home/section-4.aspx
SRD	School Review and Development	
SWD	Students With Disability	
	St John's Community Care	Website: http://www.stjohnscommunitycare.org Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4090 3666; General: (07) 4039 9700
TIB	Traditional Inhabitant Boating	
TNQ TAFE	Tropical North Queensland Technical and Further Education	Website: http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4069 2200
TO	Traditional Owner	
TRAUQ	Tamway, Rosehill, Aplin, Waiben and Quarantine Community Council	
TSC	Torres Shire Council	Website: http://www.torres.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 1336

TSIRC	Torres Strait Regional Council	Website: http://www.tsirc.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4048 6200
TSIREC	Torres strait Islanders Regional Education Council	Website: http://www.tsirec.com.au Phone: (07) 4030 6322
TSRA	Torres Strait Regional Authority	Website: http://www.tsra.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 0700
TSYRSA	Torres Strait Youth Recreational Sporting Association Inc	Phone: (07) 4069 2484
TRL	Tropical Rock Lobster	
	Tagai State College	Website: http://tagaisc.eq.edu.au Phone: Thursday Island Administrative Centre: (07) 4030 6333
	Tagai TAFE	Website: http://tagaisc.eq.edu.au/wcms/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=365&Itemid=463
	Thursday Island Hospital	Phone: Thursday Island Hospital: (07) 4069 1109
	Torres Strait Home for the Aged (Star of the Sea)	Phone: (07) 4069 2585
VET	Vocational Education and Training	
VPG	Vocational Partnership Group	Website: http://www.vpginc.com.au Phone: (07) 4030 6334
VTs	Vessel Traffic Service	
WCCT	Western Cape Communities Trust	Website: http://www.westerncape.com.au/western_cape_trust.html
WHSQ (JAG)	Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (Department of Justice and Attorney-General)	Website: http://www.whs.qld.gov.au Phone: 1300 369 915
WPR	Workplace Reforms	
YSC	Youth Support Coordinator	
	Youth Justice Services (DOC)	Website: http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/communityservices/youth/youth-justice/youth-justice-services Phone: Rural and Remote Service Centre (07) 4048 9802



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