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TSRA BOARD MEETING 152 COMMUNIQUE

11 MARCH – 13 MARCH 2025

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Board meeting was held at Joey Nona Conference Room, Thursday Island, 11 – 13 March 2025.

TSRA 2025 GOVERNANCE CALENDAR

The TSRA Board officially endorsed the 2025 Governance Calendar, recognising specific board and committee meetings, local government meeting schedules and aligning board focus with key reporting and compliance dates.

Under Section 144E (1) (a) of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005*, the TSRA Chairperson must convene at least 4 Board meetings in each financial year.

TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE PLAN 2025-2030 LAUNCH

The TSRA Board launched the new [Torres Strait Regional Adaptation and Resilience Plan 2025-2030 – Yumi Create our future: Stronger Together](#). The plan outlines climate change risks, realities and action needed in the remote region.

The plan further highlights the critical need to fully integrate sustainability and resilience into community and regional development. It focuses on reducing climate risks and building local and regional resilience through the bespoke Torres Strait Climate Resilience Framework. TSRA will continue working with its partners, including the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Resilience Centre, to secure climate change investment and commitments for the region.

TSRA PROGRAM UPDATES

Program Managers from across all eight TSRA program areas provided the Board with a high-level overview of key activities and projects for 2025.

Board Members holding portfolio positions assisted Program Managers with briefings within their portfolio responsibility, outlining current issues and the progress and status of projects. The TSRA programs are aligned to the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and contribute to achieving the goals of the TSRA Development Plan 2023-2028 and progress towards Closing the Gap in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA).



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The Board determines TSRA's strategic vision, policies and budget allocations, and is the political arm of the TSRA.

ZENADTH KES YOUTH STRATEGY ENDORSEMENT

The Zenadth Kes Youth Strategy provides a strategic framework that can be used to advocate for increased funding investment for key priorities and to support the delivery of culturally responsive and youth centred program, services, and policies. The strategy aims to seek additional investment for all young people to grow within the home and community settings across the TSRA region.

Safe Communities have engaged with Commonwealth and State Governments on the draft Zenadth Kes Inner Island Youth Strategy to refine and strengthen linkages with national strategies.

TSRA BOARD WELCOMES REGIONAL LEADERS TO BOARD 152

The TSRA received regional leaders to the first general sitting of the Board, welcoming the opportunity to connect and continue working with each Chair, Mayor and Councils to progress shared priorities and aspirations for the region.

The Chair and Directors of peak Native Title body Gur A Baradharaw Kod along with Torres Shire Council Mayor and CEO, and the Torres Strait Island Regional Council Deputy Mayor and CEO met with the TSRA Board to focus on First Nations-led policies, practices and positive outcomes in communities.

NEXT MEETING

The Board agreed to next meeting 10 – 12 June 2025.