Stakeholder Kit 2027

Torres Strait Young Leaders Program

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Torres Strait Young Leaders Program helps young people grow their voice, build confidence and discover how they can lead positive change in their communities.

Designed for young people aged 18 and over living in the Torres Strait, Seisia or Bamaga, the program brings participants together to learn through experience, conversation and practical challenges.

Participants do not need a leadership title or a clear plan. If they care about their community and want to help shape its future, this program gives them a place to begin.

Outdoor Challenges + **Conversations** + **First Nations Leadership**

Learning through experience

Exploring leadership and community

Learning from leaders and each other



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHO

Young people aged 18 and over living in the Torres Strait, Seisia or Bamaga who:

- care about their community
- want to strengthen their voice and confidence
- are curious about leadership
- want to help shape the future of the Torres Strait

WHEN & WHERE

3 – 8 March 2027

Bundaberg, QLD and surrounding areas.

Participants must attend all five program days, including travel days.

COST

Places are fully funded through the Torres Strait Regional Authority.

Funding includes:

- program participation
- accommodation
- travel to and from program

Participants are responsible for incidental expenses and meals during transit.

TIMELINE

APPLICATIONS OPEN

18 October 2026

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE

13 December 2026

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PROGRAM DATES

3 – 8 March 2027

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

1 Community-minded

Young people who show up for their community, whether through work, volunteering, family, local organisations or simply helping when someone needs a hand.

2 Emerging Leaders

Young people who want to build confidence, strengthen their voice and explore what leadership could look like for them.

3 Future-Focused

Young people who care about the future of the Torres Strait and want to play a part in shaping it.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS TAKE AWAY

SPEAK UP AND TAKE ACTION

Build confidence to take the next step and make positive change.

A STRONGER VOICE

Develop communication and advocacy skills to speak up for community and the issues that matter.

THEIR OWN WAY TO LEAD

Discover that leadership can look different for everyone and explore an approach that feels right for them.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connect with other young people who care deeply about the future of the Torres Strait.

HOW STAKEHOLDERS CAN HELP

Share

Help us reach young people across the Torres Strait, Seisia and Bamaga by:

- sharing this opportunity on social media
- including it in newsletters and email updates
- displaying program materials in community spaces
- forwarding this stakeholder kit to your networks
- sharing the opportunity directly with eligible young people

Shoulder Tap

Some young leaders may not see themselves as leaders yet.

If someone comes to mind when you read about this program, encourage them to apply or submit a shoulder tap referral.

Click here to Shoulder Tap Someone Now

READY-TO-USE

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

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Linked In

Applications are open for the Torres Strait Young Leaders Program.

This fully funded program is for young people aged 18 and over living in the Torres Strait, Seisia or Bamaga who want to build confidence, strengthen their voice and explore how they can lead positive change in their communities.

Participants will hear from First Nations leaders, develop communication and advocacy skills, take part in outdoor challenges and connect with other young people who care about the future of the Torres Strait.

📅 Program dates: 3–8 March 2027
📍 Location: Bundaberg, Queensland and surrounding areas

Scholarships are fully funded by the Torres Strait Regional Authority and include travel costs to attend the program. Participants are responsible for incidental expenses and meals during transit.

No formal leadership role is required. Just a commitment to community and curiosity about what is possible.

Applications close 13 December 2026

Learn more and apply:
rural-leaders.org.au/torres-strait-young-leaders-program

Facebook

If you gad passion for meke positive change for umi community, apply and step into your potential!

If you're from the Torres Strait, Seisia or Bamaga and you're ready to explore what leadership looks like for you, the Torres Strait Young Leaders Program is a space to begin. You don't need a title or a plan. Just the desire to step forward.

The program is for young people aged 18 and over living in the Torres Strait, Seisia or Bamaga. It is an opportunity to build confidence, find their voice, connect with others and explore what leadership can look like for them.

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Instagram

Ready to explore what leadership looks like for you? Applications are open for the Torres Strait Young Leaders Program.

This fully funded opportunity is for young people aged 18+ living in the Torres Strait, Seisia or Bamaga who want to:

🌱 grow their confidence
📣 strengthen their voice
🤝 connect with other young leaders
💡 create positive change in community

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EMAIL / NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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The program is for young people who show up for their community. They may be involved in a local organisation, help on a committee, support Elders or young people, or simply be someone others turn to when they need a hand.

Participants do not need a leadership title or a clear plan. They just need a commitment to their community and curiosity about what is possible.

During the program, participants will:

- hear from First Nations leaders
- build self-awareness and people skills
- take part in outdoor challenges
- explore their path as a community leader
- develop communication and advocacy skills
- take part in conversations that honour their existing knowledge and challenge their thinking

Participants will have the opportunity to strengthen their voice, grow their confidence and connect with other young people who care deeply about the future of the Torres Strait.

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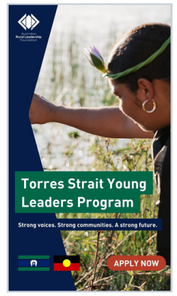

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