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ART SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED

Art skills development workshops have been announced for the Torres Strait communities of Saibai, Mer, Iama and Thursday Island this month.

The five-day workshops are open to all community members to attend, offering training in basic art skills including painting, screen-printing and 3D design, and will be facilitated by former Tagai TAFE teacher, Diane Abiad.

The workshops are offered free of charge as part of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Culture, Art and Heritage Arts Development Initiative.

The TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, said workshops were delivered regularly to support the development of a skilled and professional Torres Strait Islander arts industry.

“Through art skills and product development workshops, the Culture, Art and Heritage Programme facilitates training to build skills in communities and create economic opportunities for artists,” Mr Elu said.

“The current art skills workshops aim to support the unique talent and creative abilities of Indigenous artists and to build on skills to support the creation of works that are of a saleable quality.”

Workshops will take place in:

- Saibai 9-12 June 2015
- Thursday Island 15-19 June 2015
- Iama 23-26 June 2015
- Mer 30 June – 3 July 2015

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