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GAB TITUI CULTURAL CENTRE VISITS PROMOTE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A team from the Gab Titui Cultural Centre has visited 19 Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area communities to increase community access to the Centre's programs and services.

The team presented one day sessions, including information on opportunities available through the Cultural Centre, art technique demonstrations, children's workshops and screened Torres Strait films.

The Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairman, Mr Joseph Elu, said the visits were important in keeping communities informed and encouraging involvement in the activities of the Cultural Centre.

"The team gave an update on Gab Titui's renovations, detailing services, such as the purchase of art materials that are available during the Centre's current closure period.

"They also outlined future exhibition opportunities and gathered community input for an upcoming cultural maintenance display, *Our Stories*, to be launched at the reopening of the Centre later this year.

"Art technique demonstrations and children's workshops were also a highlight of the trips, with staff excited to see the talent of some of our region's promising young artists."

Over 60 children participated in workshops during the visits which were developed for the Queensland Art Gallery's 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT7).

The workshops, titled *APT7 for Kids*, featured interactive art works by exhibiting APT7 artists and offered insight into contemporary art created across Asia, Australia and the Pacific region.

"These activities play an important role in developing skills in our communities and generating interest in the arts", Mr Elu said.

Community members who were unable to attend Gab Titui's recent visits are encouraged to contact Gab Titui Cultural Centre Acting Manager, Mary Bani, (07) 4069 0700 for more information.



Caption: Erica Freebairn participates in *APT7 on Tour* on Hammond Island.



Caption: Kailu George works with children on Hammond Island during Gab Titui's community visits.

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