



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER GRADUATES

During February and March this year, 33 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have achieved nationally recognised qualifications in business (governance). The graduates came from the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

The last of three graduation ceremonies celebrating this accomplishment was held in Darwin on 12 March 2010. Similar ceremonies were also held in Perth and Cairns.

The training, which complements rather than duplicates mainstream programs, is offered by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations to targeted localities around Australia, including remote regions. The Registrar's 'Managing in two worlds program' brings together mainstream corporate governance with community governance.

Graduate experiences of the program, its content, style, logistics and delivery in each location, have been very positive. The majority of the graduates completed their Certificate IV in Business (Governance). Ten graduates from the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and the Northern Territory were awarded a Diploma of Business (Governance) after completing their studies over 18 months.

'Providing accessible training leads to a transformation in the way people understand their roles and responsibilities,' said Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Mr Anthony Beven. 'It gives them the skills to successfully govern and manage their corporations.'

The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) is focused on tackling problems to improve the stability and longer term viability of Indigenous corporations and communities.

ORIC's legislation provides a unique platform for it to respond to problems in the Indigenous corporate sector. The training program is part of the Registrar's regulatory function of providing public education. It is designed to support ORIC's vision for strong corporations, people and communities.

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