



Port Kennedy Association Inc.

Torres Strait Recognised Entity

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RECOGNISED ENTITY

The R.E. program is based on Thursday Island and is part of Port Kennedy Association Incorporated. The R.E. Team provides services to all Islands within the Torres Strait Islands Region. Whilst based on TI the region comprises neighboring islands which are separated by 2,500 square kilometers of water, which incorporates such a diverse cultural background and influence. The Torres Strait is set into 5 clusters; Inner, Central, Western, Eastern, Top Western with 15 populated communities (Islands). The R.E. Team are very passionate about the work we do and our approach is centred on family, community and cultural knowledge and how we deliver our program and service to the region.

NETWORKING

The Recognised Entity (R.E.) is a culturally appropriate service working with children and families in the Torres Strait. We have developed a good working relationship and network with the department of Child Safety. Over time we have both learnt how to work together with a focused approach based on “We are caring for young people and families”.

Child Safety staff have high respect for the role of each R.E. worker at PKA for the knowledge of culture, custom and practice processes within the community. Both organisations work closely and we are never afraid to voice our opinions, and make sure the families have a say and speak up.

The R.E. Team also have a good working relationship with other services/stakeholders where we meet every two weeks. These meetings allow us to discuss and address barriers to access of services and to develop better outcomes with service provision in our region.

