

Abstract – Meriba buay ngalpan wakathoemamay

The Meriba buay ngalpan wakathoemamay (We come together to share our thinking) is the first known Torres Strait Islander Researchers' Community of Practice. Funded by the Lowitja Institute, it is unique in that it brought together for the first time, Torres Strait Islander researchers with a broad range of expertise in the areas of health, education, environmental science, engineering, technology, economics, social sciences, community development, performing and visual arts, and traditional knowledge systems and practice.

Based on our combined expertise, our network has delivered a short arts-based knowledge translation event at the Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair (“Woer Wayepa” – The Water is Rising) as well as a games-based problem solving workshop on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait. Our events aim to enhance social capital through the translation of knowledge about adaptability and resilience initiatives and strategies to address natural environment concerns for Torres Strait Islander people. We draw on our framework: Know the Risk, Own the Risk and Flip the Risk to address complex social and environmental problems.