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Indigenous Youth Mobility Program

Case Study

AZARIA GEBADI

Azaria Gebadi comes from the small remote community of Bamaga, with a population of less than 1000 and situated in the Cape York region of North Queensland. She enjoys working there with her people as a Sports and Recreation Officer, although there was a time she left home to further her studies and gain the qualifications needed for her current job.

In 2007, Azaria applied and took up the opportunity to join the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) and relocated to the nearby regional city of Cairns. The program, which supports young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people like Azaria, provided her with the support she needed to move away from home and take on further studies in order to build her qualifications.

Azaria gained support from the program provider, Career Employment Australia (CEA) and the Cape York Institute (CYI) to complete an Adult Tertiary Preparation Course with the Tropical North Queensland TAFE Institute. Furthering her studies she then completed a Diploma of Education in 2008.

The program provided accommodation for Azaria at the Clare Street Aboriginal Hostels group home while she was completing her studies. She also found guidance through CEA to overcome barriers such as building the courage to participate in training sessions.

Azaria was provided with a program mentor who assisted her through her journey and kept her motivated. She is now using her skills to assist her community but the experience also helped her develop independent living and financial management skills.

The CYI provided scholarships for Azaria to participate in additional leadership activities while completing her studies. She is currently studying a Certificate III in Business while undertaking after school work in Bamaga, having deferred her university studies.

Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, who are interested in moving away from home to complete studies, can also apply to take part in the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program like Azaria.

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