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Expo assists Indigenous business

AN expo designed to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesspeople leverage hospitality, tourism and arts opportunities from the Commonwealth Games has been held on the Gold Coast.

Southeast Queensland's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses yesterday attended the Creating Tracks indigenous Hospitality and Tourism Expo at TAFE Queensland's Coomera campus on the Gold Coast.

Minister for the Commonwealth Games Kate Jones said the Office of the Common-

wealth Games has been working with TAFE Queensland to deliver the Creating Tracks program to communities in Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Palm Island and Stradbroke Island.

"We want to provide indigenous businesses with the tools they need to make the most of the biggest sporting event in Queensland's history," Ms Jones said.

"Creating Tracks aims to prepare and build the capacity of indigenous businesses in hospitality, tourism and the arts industries and is a key in-

itiative of the Reconciliation Action Plan under the Embracing 2018 Legacy Program," she said.

In the past four months around 120 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and more than 160 individuals have participated in the program.

TAFE Queensland interim chief executive officer Mary Campbell said TAFE Queensland was committed to delivering quality training for one of the most valuable legacies from the world-first Reconciliation Action Plan.



Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, Karen Dickinson, and Meaghan Scanlon attend the Creating Tracks expo.