

Anson John Dorante

Anson John Dorante of Hammond Island, Torres Strait in Queensland, Australia was born in 1974.

He created this headdress as a gift for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSIC) in 2010.

This headdress is a replica of the big headdress used for ceremonial purposes which also appears on the Torres Strait Island flag.

The feathers are from the Torres Strait pigeon, the shells found on Hammond Island, and the plant is from the Matchbox Bean.

Also known as Dhoeri (Western Island language name), the name of the headdress varies from island to island.

Many elders say that the Dhoeri was originally from Papua New Guinea and was used as an item of trade between the two nations.