



# An \$18 million Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facility will be delivered in Geraldton.

## What is an Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facility and who can use it?

- Safe and affordable short-term accommodation
- Accessible to all Aboriginal people visiting Geraldton
- Referral and access to wrap around services available if needed

## How is it funded?

- \$18 million for site acquisition, design, construction and fit-out of the facility
- Funded by the State Government's WA Recovery Plan which aims to support the local economy and community from the impacts of COVID-19

## How we design and build

- Extensive consultation with Aboriginal people, the Geraldton community and a range of stakeholders
- Place-based, culturally considered, environmentally sustainable and universal access design
- Apply lessons from the successful design and delivery of existing facilities in Broome, Derby and Kalgoorlie
- Meet the needs of Aboriginal people it will accommodate
- Protect the site's environment and cultural heritage
- Visible connection to the community
- Preference for local contractors to design and construct the facility
- Encourage Aboriginal employment opportunities

## Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation Geraldton

-  Short-term
-  Safe and secure
-  Affordable
-  Culturally appropriate
-  Welcoming

## Key features of Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facilities

- 24/7 operated service
- Security features to keep guests safe
- Alcohol and drug free
- A mix of unit sizes to suit individuals, couples and families
- Family friendly
- Accessible to people with disability
- Communal and recreational areas
- Activity areas for children to play
- Green spaces and gardens
- Administration building and reception
- Length of stay is typically less than 28 days

## How services will be delivered

- Consultation with community to help inform how the service will operate
- The Department of Communities will engage a service provider to manage and operate the service
- Guests will receive personalised wrap-around services and supports if requested
- Easy access to transport links that connect guests to the town centre and important services

**Note:** The information displayed is a conceptual example of how the proposed project could be delivered. It is not an accurate reflection of what the final Geraldton Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation will look like or how it will operate.



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# Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation Geraldton

## How does an Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facility benefit the community?



More affordable and accessible places for Aboriginal people to stay



Celebrate and respect Aboriginal culture and language groups



Safe, secure and welcoming



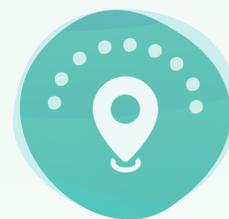
Improved connection to services



Enhanced connections to family, friends and culture



Local employment opportunities for Aboriginal people and the community



Local opportunities for Aboriginal businesses



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## What the community told us

In July 2021, the Department commissioned an independent consultant agency, Keogh Bay, to find out what the Aboriginal community would like to see at the Geraldton Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation and how it will look and feel.

Some examples of what we heard are below:

There is overwhelming support for an Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facility in Geraldton.

Aboriginal people travel from all areas of the Midwest Gascoyne region to visit Geraldton.

Family groups being accommodated together was seen as being highly important.

Key reasons Aboriginal people visit and stay in Geraldton:

- **Health and care** (e.g. appointments, giving birth, palliative care, treatment) due to significant lack of these services outside of Geraldton
- **Funerals** (including people passing through Geraldton for funerals in Perth or Broome)
- **Justice / legal reasons**
- **Cultural reasons** (e.g. native title discussions, land councils)
- **Social reasons** (e.g. shopping, visiting friends, sporting events)
- **Employment, education and training**
- **Environmental** (e.g. having a break from the remoteness of home)

Must meet the needs of all Aboriginal people visiting Geraldton and be a welcoming place to stay.

Importance should be placed on safety, privacy, ownership, quality, cultural appropriateness, supporting people who have specific needs and responsiveness to the natural environment.

**Note:** Further stakeholder and community consultation will be undertaken to inform the final design of the facility and placed-based service model.



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## Design approach

The Geraldton Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facility will draw from the successful design and delivery of existing facilities in Broome, Derby and Kalgoorlie that have all had a positive impact on the wellbeing of guests who use them.

Stakeholder and community consultation will further inform the design so it is reflective of place and the people who will stay there.



The photos are of the Broome Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facility which opened in 2018.

**Note:** These photos are for representative illustration only of the type of facility that could be built in Geraldton.



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# Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation Geraldton

## How and when you can get involved?

There are many ways you can be involved and keep updated during different phases of this project. The success of the project relies on input from the community and stakeholders to make sure it is culturally considered, responsive to this place (Geraldton) and the needs of the Aboriginal people who will stay there.



Note: This is an indicative project timeframe only and is subject to change.

To register your interest for future consultation opportunities, email your contact details to [ASSAprogram@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:ASSAprogram@communities.wa.gov.au)



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