# Aboriginal Short Stay Working Groups: Perth and Kununurra

Expression of Interest

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## Submission and further information

To submit an Expression of Interest or if you would like assistance with completing this form, pleaseemail [aboriginalshortstay@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:aboriginalshortstay@communities.wa.gov.au) by **5.00pm, Friday 15 July 2022.**

For more information on the Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation project please visit [www.communities.wa.gov.au/shortstay](http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/shortstay).

## Background on the Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation program

### Purpose

Existing accommodation for Aboriginal people has been identified as insufficient in scale and is not grounded in culture, seen as central to Aboriginal people’s wellbeing - a view evidenced in the quantitative analysis and stakeholder consultation. Consultation has further revealed the real and significant impact and distress faced by Aboriginal people and families due to the lack of culturally appropriate accommodation, particularly when travel is necessary for medical reasons.

Travelling large distances from remote communities can be traumatic, isolating, frightening and overwhelming, and long-term stays in culturally inappropriate accommodation can decrease connection to Country.

People often end medical treatment early to return to Country and their families. The impact can be compounded by limited resources and the inability to bring family members when travelling. Others experience discrimination from mainstream accommodation providers and can find themselves stuck or stranded, sleeping rough and feeling unable to return to Country.

### Location

#### Current Short Stays

There are currently three Short Stays up and running in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Derby and Broome.

#### Upcoming Short Stays

The Department of Communities (Communities) is currently working to develop three new Short Stays in Geraldton, Kununurra and Perth.

### What’s Next?

#### This Expression of Interest process

The purpose of this Expression of Interest is to seek community members interested in joining Working Groups for either the Perth Short Stay or Kununurra Short Stay. The Geraldton Short Stay already has a Working Group up and running.

#### Who else will be involved?

In addition to the community members identified during this process, the Working Groups for each Short Stay will feature representatives from the:

* Department of Communities;
* Department of Health;
* Local Government; and
* a variety of other key stakeholders, such as Native Title Holders, Aboriginal Controlled Cultural Organisations (ACCOs) and the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia.

## Criteria for Response – Perth Working Group

In addition to the form on page 5 of this document, please address the following criteria as part of your response to the Perth Working Group Expression of Interest (via the available space at pages 6 and 7):

* **Aboriginality -** Are you an Aboriginal person? Regional experience or connections are ideal. Please note that people from outside of the Perth metropolitan area are encouraged to apply, The Perth Working Group will provide connection to people across Western Australia.
* **Commitment to meeting monthly throughout the life of the project -** Members are required to attend meetings via Microsoft Teams or in person in Perth, noting Communities is understanding of exceptional circumstances that may arise. Please note that Communities will not cover travel or accommodation costs for Working Group Members travelling to Perth for meetings. Working Group attendance via Microsoft Teams (similar to Zoom or Skype) is an available option.
* **Why? -**  Please outline the reason/s you want to be a part of the Working Group; and
* **Ideally one or more of the following relates to you:**
  + you have lived experience as an existing Short Stay guest or are likely to be a future Perth Short Stay guest;
  + you are an employee or regular volunteer at an organisation that books accommodation for Aboriginal people travelling to Perth; or
  + you have family or friends that regularly visit Perth and have difficulty booking safe, culturally appropriate accommodation when visiting.

Your written response to the above criteria should be **no longer** than two A4 pages.

## Criteria for Response – Kununurra Working Group

In addition to the form on page 5 of this document, please address the following criteria as part of your response to the Kununurra Working Group Expression of Interest (via the available space at pages 6 and 7):

* **Aboriginality -** Are you an Aboriginal person?
* **Are you local to the area? -** Do you live in the East Kimberley or are you originally from the East Kimberley? An important aspect of the Kununurra Short Stay is that it is place-based; that it responds to the local community and surrounding lands to best service the people who live there.
* **Commitment to meeting monthly throughout the life of the project -** Members are required to attend meetings via Microsoft Teams or in person in Kununurra, noting Communities is understanding of exceptional circumstances that may arise. Please note that Communities will not cover travel or accommodation costs for Working Group Members travelling to Kununurra for meetings. Working Group attendance via Microsoft Teams (similar to Zoom or Skype) is an available option.
* **Why? -** Please outline the reason/s you want to be a part of the Working Group; and
* **Ideally one or more of the following relates to you:**
  + you have lived experience as an existing Short Stay guest or are likely to be a future Kununurra Short Stay guest;
  + you are an employee or regular volunteer at an organisation that books accommodation for Aboriginal people travelling to Kununurra (or via Kununurra); or
  + you have family or friends that regularly visit Kununurra and have difficulty booking safe, culturally appropriate accommodation when visiting.

Your written response to the above criteria should be **no longer** than two A4 pages.

## Expression of Interest form

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Which Working Group would you like to be involved with:

Perth Short Stay Working Group  Kununurra Short Stay Working Group

Employment Status and Employer (if employed):

Do you currently sit on any other Working Groups, Boards or Committees in either a paid or unpaid capacity? If yes, please outline which:

If you are unsuccessful in being placed on the Working Group/s you seek to be part of, would you like to be consulted as a stakeholder in future? If so, please indicate which Short Stay/s you would like to be consulted regarding:

Perth Short Stay  Kununurra Short Stay

## Response to Criteria

## Response to Criteria cont.