



# Transitional Housing



## About Transitional Housing

If you identify as Aboriginal and one day dream of owning your own home or living in a private rental, then the Transitional Housing Program could be for you.

The Transitional Housing Program will provide you with a stable, affordable home, along with access to tailored support services to help you with managing your home, finances, health and work.

Whether you are single or have a family, our support providers will work with you to agree your length of stay and make sure you leave with all the skills necessary to thrive.

Transitional Housing is currently offered in the following locations:

- ☀ **Kununurra**
- ☀ **Halls Creek**
- ☀ **Broome**
- ☀ **Derby**
- ☀ **South Hedland** - operating as the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program

In partnership with the North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund, the Transitional Housing Program will soon be expanded into the Pilbara, with a project in Hedland.

## Eligibility Criteria

Participants must:

- Identify as Aboriginal
- Be living in the locality for a minimum of twelve months
- Be part-time or full-time employed, or engaged in full-time paid training
- Ensure school-aged children in the household attend school regularly
- Commit to a Residential Tenancy Agreement
- Pay the required security bond payment
- Commit to ongoing mentoring and engagement with support services; and
- Meet Transitional Housing eligibility requirements.



## East Kimberley Transitional Housing Project

In 2012, the East Kimberley project was launched using Commonwealth funding provided under the National Partnership Agreement for the East Kimberley Development Package. The project delivered newly constructed transitional houses in Kununurra and in 2015, expanded to include transitional houses in Halls Creek.

## West Kimberley Transitional Housing Project

The West Kimberley project commenced in 2015 using funding from Royalties for Regions to construct transitional houses in Broome and in Derby.

## Pilbara Transitional Housing Project

In June 2018, funding was committed under the North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund to deliver transitional housing in Hedland. Participants are expected to move into the properties in 2019.



## Success story

Sarah and her partner Sam lived in transitional housing for two years and during that time were able to start building their own home.

*"Although I am generally confident with money management, it was an opportunity to have support while striving to achieve our shared goal of purchasing our first home together.*

*Towards the end of the program the Department also assisted us with transitioning into our new home, financial counselling and with moral support.*

*Every part that the program played in helping us achieve this goal has also played a part in changing our life."*

### To find out more about Transitional Housing, please contact:

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