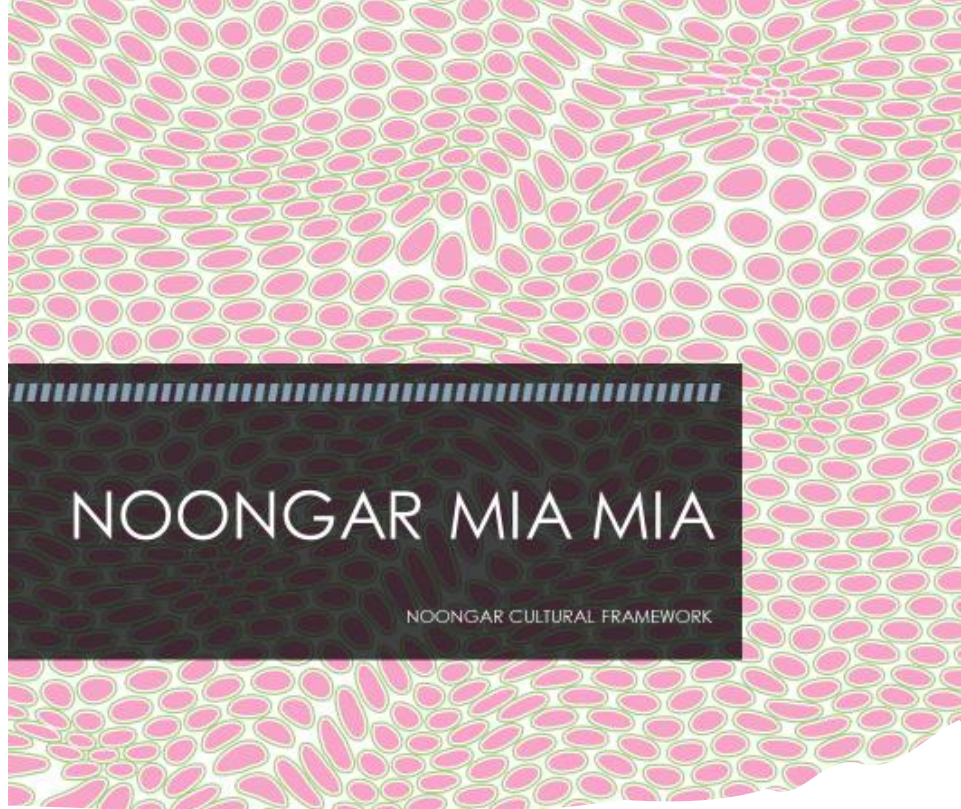
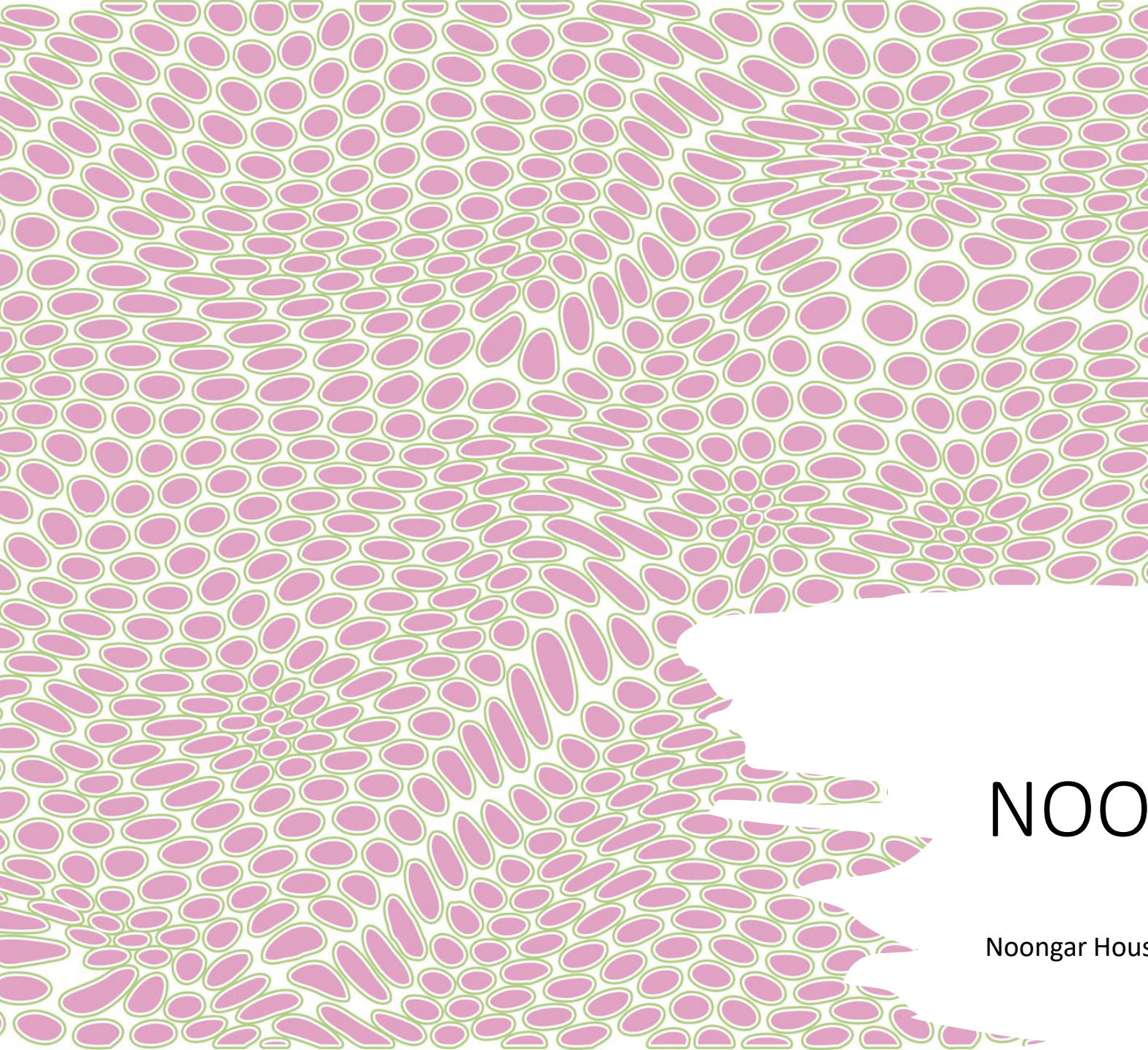


OPENING AND PLENARY SESSION 2

Ending homelessness for indigenous Australians

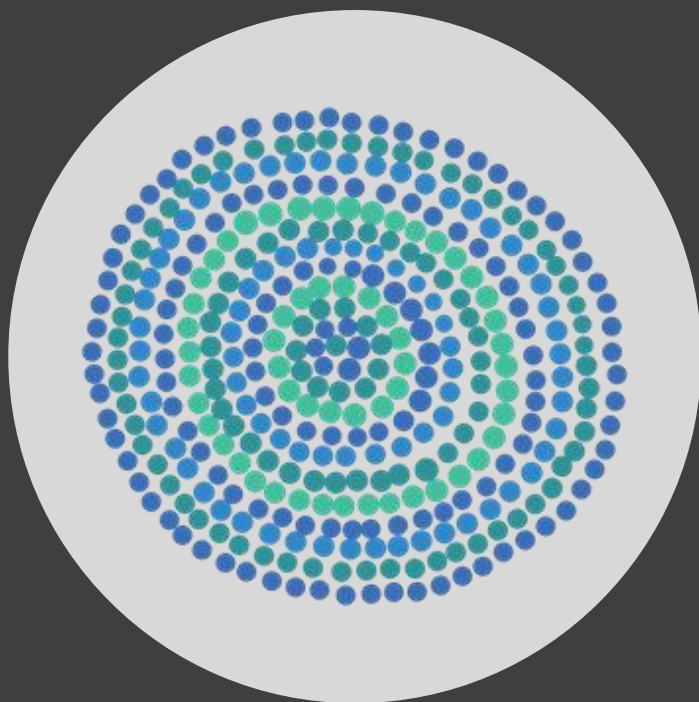


NOONGAR MIA MIA

NOONGAR CULTURAL FRAMEWORK

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Noongar Housing First Principles



Wanjoo – Welcome

Hello

A JOURNEY AND A SIMPLE QUESTION

DANJOO KOORLINY (Walking Together)

WE'VE GOT TO START SOMEWHERE.

"The community are feeling no trust or faith in the system because they've given the feedback, given the trust and the benefit of the doubt and nothing has come forward nothing's changed. We just keep doing what we've always done..."

– Daniel Morrison, Wungening CEO

WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE CHANGE?



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RELATIONSHIP BUILDING AT THE HEART.



WHAT IS NOONGAR MIA MIA DOING TO MAKE CHANGE IN THE HOMELESSNESS SPACE?

NMM has employed a Noongar Cultural Consultant to develop programs and resources for working with Noongar people, our clients (including homeless clients) and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and other NGO partners.

NOONGAR HOUSING FIRST PRINCIPLES MODEL



WHY THE MODEL WAS DEVELOPED?

The Noongar Housing First Principles has been developed to help Noongar Mia Mia and other housing providers and support service providers (including mainstream housing services) to create culturally safe environments and housing & support services for Noongar people experiencing homelessness, their families and communities. The Housing First Principles for Australia (HFPA) was used to guide the Noongar Housing First Principles (TNHFP).

TNHFP are grounded in the concept of **DOYNTJ-DOYNTJ KOORLINY** (Going Along Together) to achieve greater collective impact through meaningful partnerships and strong relationships throughout the journey from homelessness to secure, stable and culturally-safe housing. Working with Noongar people requires an understanding of the importance of culture being embedded into all programs and service delivery. We reiterate that for Housing First interventions to be successful, all service providers must establish culturally safe and secure practices to recognise and respect Noongar culture as a source of great strength to the Noongar people and design & deliver services that meet the needs of “*the mob*”, and the expectations and rights of individuals, families and communities.



WHAT DOES THE NOONGAR HOUSING FIRST MODEL LOOK LIKE?



Noongar

Principle One

**Noongar people and their families have
a right to a home with cultural
connections to boodjar, moort and
kaartdijin**

(Land, families and cultural knowledge)



Noongar

Principle One





Noongar

**Principle
Two**

**Support is flexible,
culturally appropriate and is
available whenever needed**



Noongar

**Principle
Two**





Noongar

**Principle
Three**

**Choice and self-
determination with no
cultural compromise**



Noongar

**Principle
Three**





Noongar

**Principle
Four**

**Culturally appropriate
active engagement
through kwop daa**



Noongar

**Principle
Four**





Noongar

**Principle
Five**

**Support focuses on
strengthening wirrin**



Noongar

**Principle
Five**





Noongar

**Principle
Six**

**Social, cultural and
community inclusion**



Noongar

**Principle
Six**



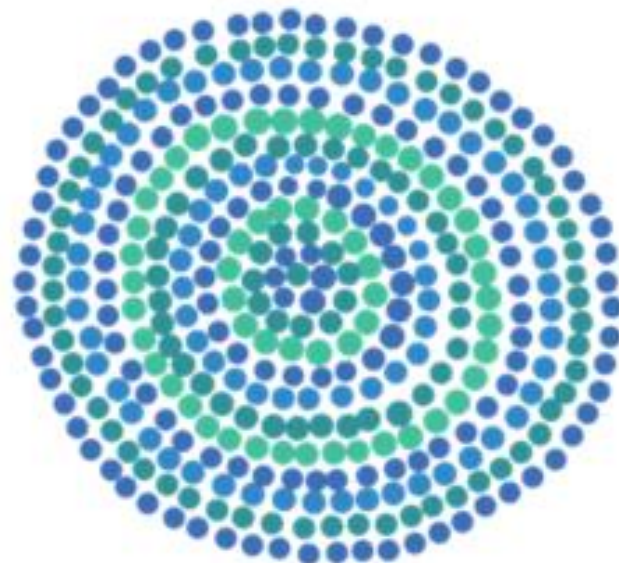
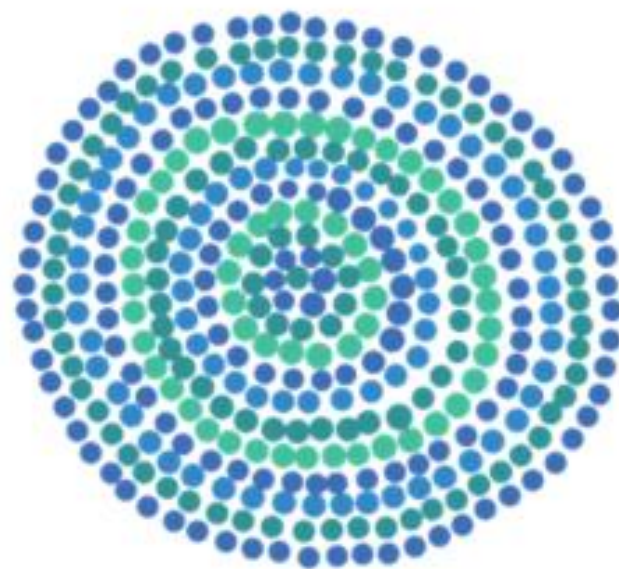
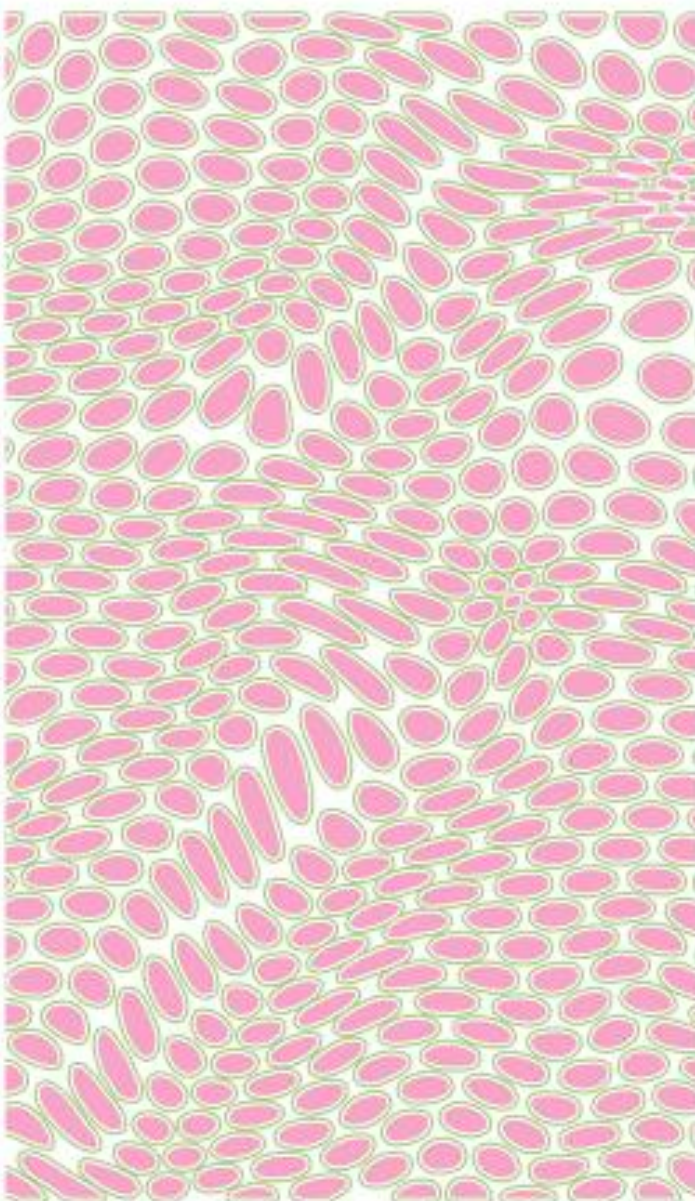


Noongar

Lore

Noongar lore has been practiced by Noongar people since the Nyittingy - beginning of time.

Lore determines the cultural values of the Noongar nation and connects the people to boodjar, moort and kaartdijin (land, family and cultural knowledge).





Noongar

Boodja

**Southwest of Western Australia (Noongar land)
Noongar people have lived here since the nyittingy
(beginning of time)**

**Noongar people share an ancient body of lore and
customs which prescribes rights and obligations in
relation to all aspects of the society and landscape.**

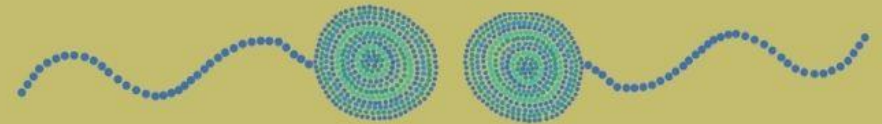
**Noongar people have a profound physical and
spiritual connection to country. It relates to beliefs
and customs regarding creation, life and death, and
spirits of the earth.**

**Spiritual connection to country guides the way we
understand, navigate and use the land. It also
influences our cultural practices.**



English

Land/Country



Land, family and knowledge

**Connection to boodjar, moort and kaartdijin is symbolic of strengthening Noongar
lore, keeping the people and their personal wirrin "strong", creating healthy
communities and ensuring cultural continuity. Noongar people maintain their cultural
identity through boodjar, moort and kaartdijin.**



Noongar

Moort

Moort is at the heart of Noongar culture. The family tree systems are vast and complex.

Noongar people are connected to their boodjar through their moort.

Noongar people are connected to Noongar kaartdijin through moort and boodjar

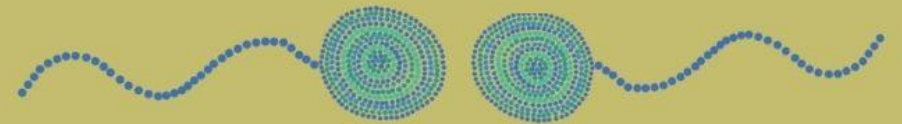
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"what we have we share. That is our cultural norm"



English

Family/Relations



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Noongar

Kaartdijin

Kaartdijin is knowledge, cultural knowledge

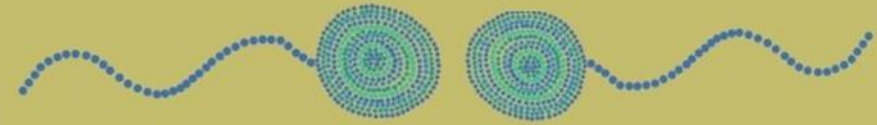
Lots of knowledge about spiritual relationships, the natural environment, and people which are reflected in language, stories, social organisation, values, beliefs, and cultural laws and custom

Cultural knowledge connects people to the boodjar, moort and everything in the landscape



English

Knowledge



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HOW ARE OUR NMM WORKERS IMPLEMENTING THE NOONGAR HOUSING FIRST PRINCIPLES?



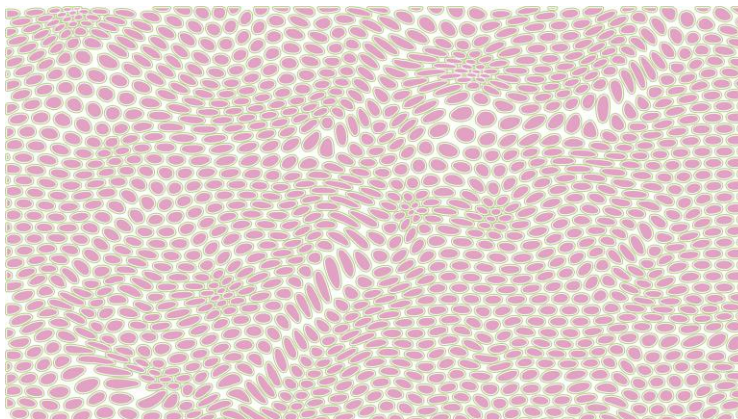


Noongar Values/Lore

Underpinning Noongar lore is a set of values and a sense of what is kwop (good) and warra (bad).

To keep social order and codes of morality, Noongar people maintain a set of values conveyed through stories handed down generation after generation with messages of right and wrong.

We set out the kwop values for Noongar people to guide our Noongar cultural protocols



Noongar Koorndarn

Respect is key to developing trust and relationships. Noongar people use the word Koorndarn to ensure that people are practising cultural norms of respect. Koorndarn (respect) is a very important component of both personal identity and interpersonal relationships. Being respected is a basic human right.

This concept refers to the ability to value and honour another person, both in his or her words and actions, even if we do not approve of, understand, or share everything he or she does. Respect involves accepting the other person, as a person, rather than trying to change them. Respecting another person involves not judging them negatively by their attitudes, behaviours or thoughts, or expecting them to be someone they are not.

"You need to have some koorndarn"
"Where is your respect"



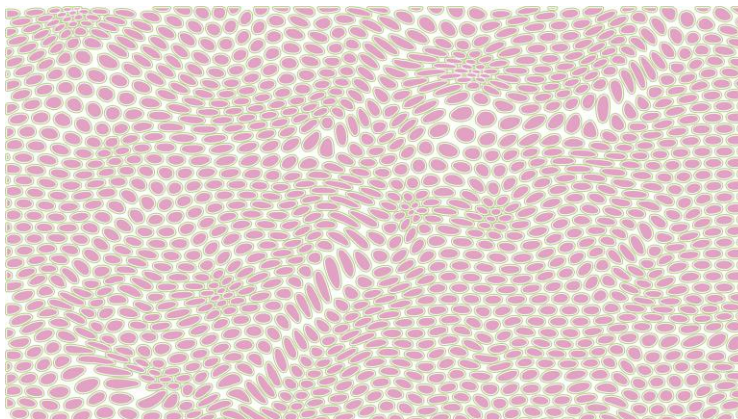


Noongar

Koort

Come with a good heart

Literally, "heart" by extension, love, kindness, compassion, caring, sharing, kindness and concern, obligations to one another



Noongar

Karnya

A sense of feeling shame, shyness, humiliation or embarrassment.

We must take care not to embarrass a person by making them feel kaarnya (shame), or to do or say something that makes them feel like they have a warra wirrin (no good spirit), causing them to feel ashamed, shy, humiliated or embarrassed. Instead, we should take a stance that nothing is too hard - no blame, and no shame! - and instead focus on building a relationship of respect, rapport, trust, and collaboration.





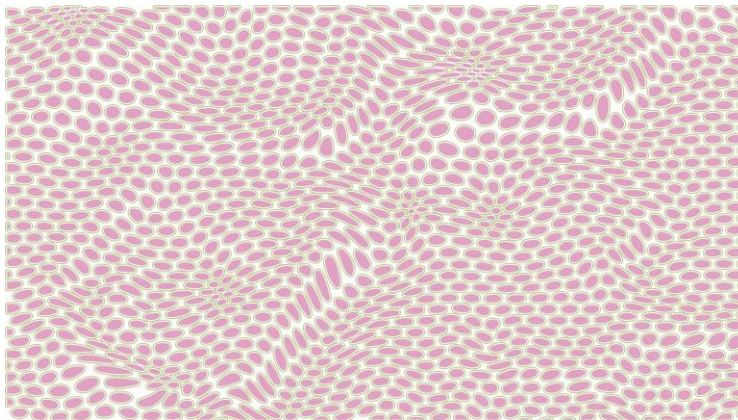
Noongar

Kwop Daa

Speak openly and honestly. Involve the people/person. Show respect by using appropriate language ie no high speak

Keep an even tone

Don't make promises you can't keep



Noongar

Ni

Listen, be quiet, silence

**Listening builds trust and respect
Non verbal communication skills such as eye contact, leaning in or nodding your head, allows the other person to know you are engaged and truly listening.**

In Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, extended periods of silence during conversations are considered the 'norm' and are valued. Silent pauses are used to listen, show respect or consensus. The positive use of silence should not be misinterpreted as lack of understanding, agreement or urgent concerns.



BRENDAN'S JOURNEY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRYYewAkLbM>



**WHAT WILL THE NOONGAR HOUSING
PRINCIPLES BRING ABOUT FOR OUR
CLIENTS?**





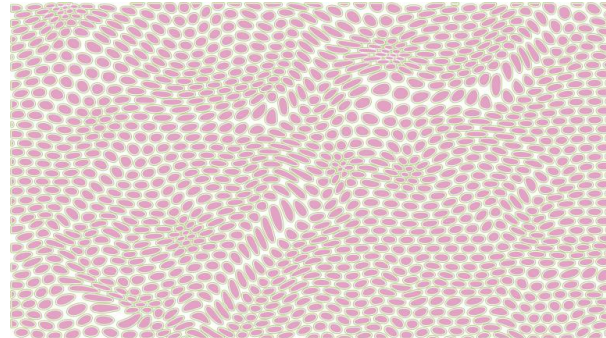
Noongar

Wirrin

Keep everyone strong

Wirrin is your spirit or your soul and relates both to spirituality/religion and wellbeing.

It encompasses your sense of identity and culture, individual and cultural strength and pride, social and emotional wellbeing, and spirituality.



- By using these Noongar Cultural Principles when working with Noongar and other Aboriginal people it can only strengthen one's personal spirit – WIRRIN

***MOORDITJ
KAART, KOORT
AND WIRRIN***

Strong head, heart and spirit

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[Moorditj-Mia-Case-Studies-Aboriginal-Housing-First-Support-From-The-Heart.pdf \(noongarmiamia.com.au\)](#)

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BOORDAWAN – SEE YOU LATER