

GIBIR HOUSE

# Staying long enough for change

*Gibir House: Aboriginal-Led Supported Temporary Accommodation as a Circuit Breaker for Men Experiencing Homelessness*

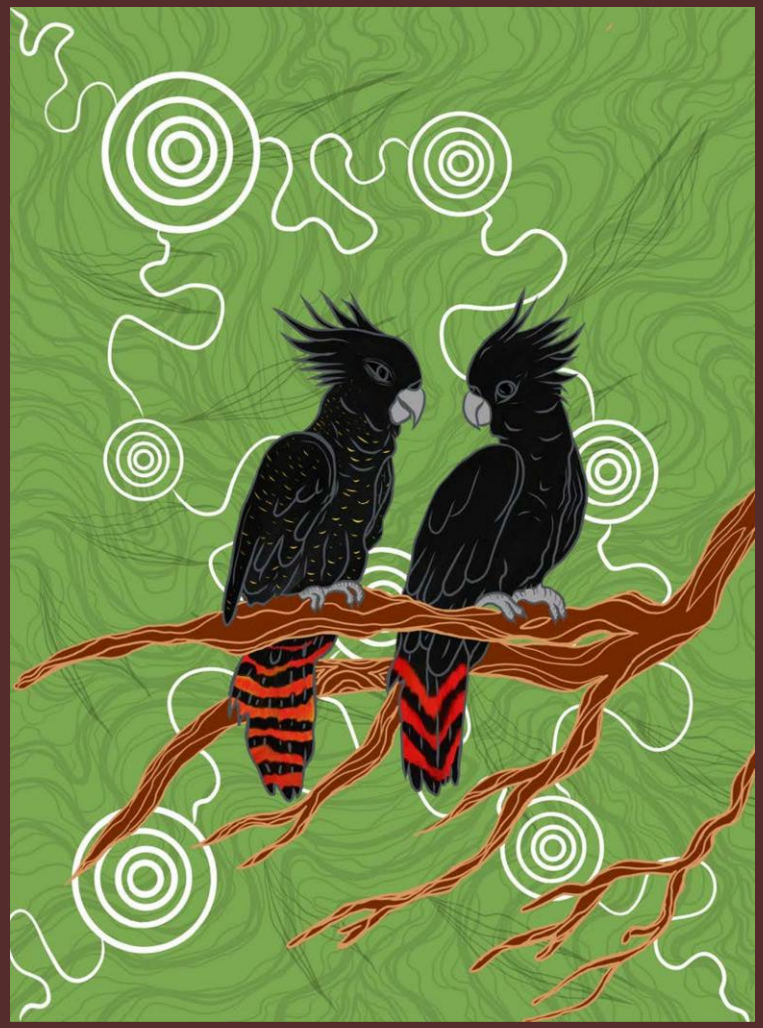
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# Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the Larrakia people, the Traditional Owners of the Country on which we gather today. I pay my respects to Larrakia Elders past and present, and thank them for welcoming us onto their Country.

I also acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, on whose Country Gibir House operates, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to all First Nations people here today.



**Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.**

# The gap behind Gibir House

**Housing, justice and disconnection intersect**

**Unstable housing, mental health, leaving custody, domestic and family violence, relationship breakdowns, loss of income**

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**Barriers to supported accommodation**

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**A safe home, trust and coordinated help**



# What Gibir House provides

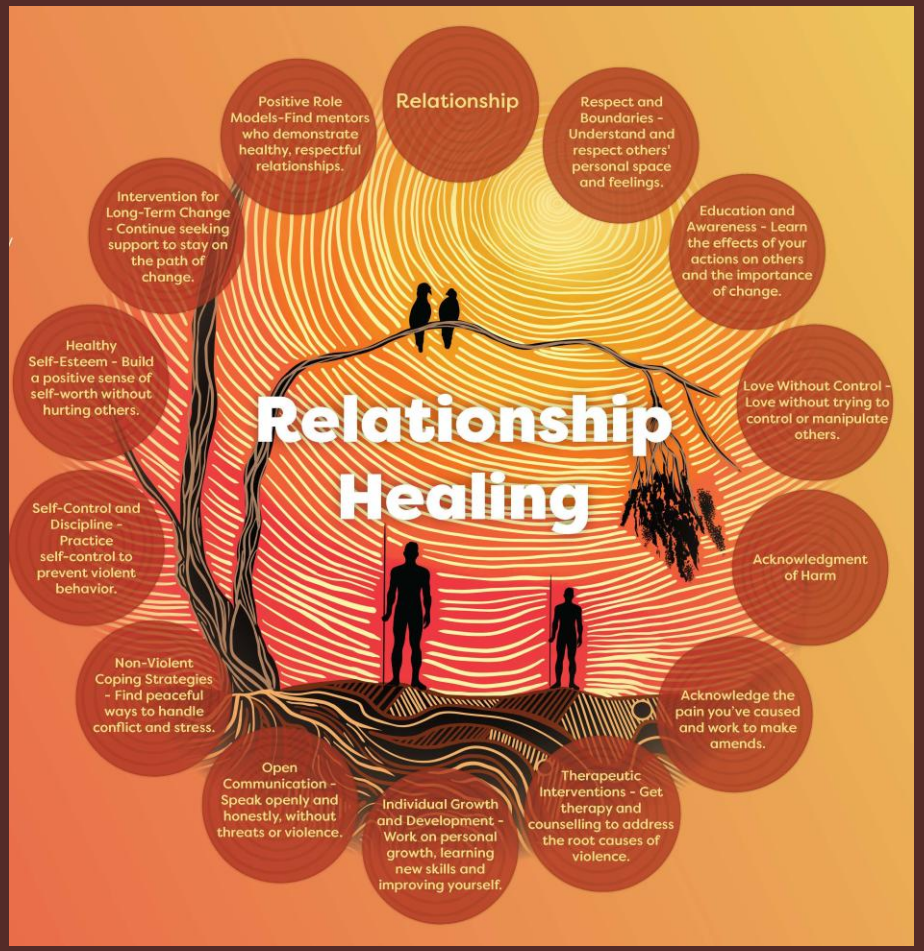
**Aboriginal-led accommodation with support that continues through setbacks**

- A safe, furnished place to stay
- Relationships and accountability
- Housing, health and legal support
- Help with the practical steps of daily life



# Warrior Way: healing and accountability

## Culture, relationships and practical support shape our work



# Nigel: the value of staying connected

**Three stays. A return. A pathway forward.**

**First stay: contact, limited engagement. Not Ready**

**Second stay: a return to Gibir House, more contact, more engagement. Not quite ready**

**Third Stay: April 2026: health, housing, daily support and mentoring**

**27 May: his own home;**
**June: paid employment, mentor, valued member of the team**



WHAT MAINSTREAM SYSTEMS CAN LEARN

# Are we prepared to stay with people long enough for change?

That means funding continuity, backing Aboriginal community control, and recognising re-engagement alongside housing exits when we measure progress.

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