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HOUSING PATHWAYS SUPPORT PROGRAM



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ROBE RIVER KURUMA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Robe River Kuruma Aboriginal Corporation is the Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the Robe River Kuruma People.

The RRK people have traditional rights to nearly 16,000 square KM's within the shire of Ashburton and the township of Pannawonica. With the RRKAC office in Karratha, Western Australia.





Childhood

- Grew up in New Zealand during the 1970s–80s
- Māori mother, Pākehā father
- Mother placed in foster care due to abuse (1940’s)
- Frequent relocations for fathers work
- Parents dysfunctional marriage, often separated
- Stay in severely overcrowded housing with extended family
- Periods of housing instability and disrupted schooling

"The impact of unstable housing reaches far beyond the home itself”

Adulthood

- Married, 3 kids, moved 4 times in 3 years for employment
- Encouraged by her father-in-law to use an inheritance to purchase a home
- Owned the family home for 20+ years
- Raised three children with housing security and stability
- Recognised these housing conversations were not part of her own upbringing



"Sometimes the most valuable thing passed between generations isn't money; it's knowledge, expectations and belief"

Why the HPSP exists

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When these conversations and examples aren't present, the disadvantage can continue across generations.

- Aboriginal families were historically denied equal economic opportunities
- Equal wages came only relatively recently (1968 - early 70's)
- Limited opportunity to own property
- Fewer opportunities for housing knowledge and experience to be passed down
- Systemic disadvantage can compound across generations

"Looking back, I can see how dramatically my housing trajectory changed when I entered a family where conversations about home ownership and mortgages were normal."

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2022 | Established

- North West Aboriginal Housing Fund (Western Australia Government)
- Launched August 2022
- Initial Capacity of 28 families

2025-2027 | Expanded

- Funding renewed for 2 years
- Program capacity doubled (56 families)

Today | 47 Housholds - 89 Adults

- Supporting increasingly diverse and complex housing pathways
- Continued demand highlights the need for sustainable program capacity

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Tailored support for every household.

- Financial Literacy
- Employment
- Wellbeing
- Household Management
- School Engagement

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Program Model

Tailored support that meets each household where they are.

Connect

Understand and Engage

- Understand the particpants circumstances
- Identify aspirations
- Particpant understands commitment;

3 monthly reviews, finances, credit score check, budgeting

Set Goals

Plan the Pathway

- Financial Literacy Session
- Address barriers
- Realistic, acheivable goals

Support

Build Capability

- Prioritise
- Refer to relevant services
- Give tools for independence
- Build capability

Sustainable Outcomes

Adapt and Continue

- Celebrate milestones
- Adapt support as needs change
- Encourage long-term stability

Karratha Housing Profile

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$1450/Week
Highest median rent in Australia

0.3%
Rental Vacancy Rate

2000 Homes
Estimated dwelling shortfall

5+ Years
Social Housing Wait

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Despite the challenges..

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Exit Secondary Homelessness



Private Rental



Employee Housing



Home Ownership



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COMMUNITY PATHWAYS

Housing Pathways Support Program:
Building capability for particpants to acheive long-term sustainable outcomes with housing.

Pilbara Driving Pathways:
A culturally safe and inclusive program supporting community members to obtain their driver’s licence.



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