



# Regional Development Agenda

**COMMUNITY VERSION!**

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'Let's all walk  
along the  
path of  
knowledge'

Binarri-binyja Yarrowoo  
(Miriwoong and Gidja  
Languages)



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**BIG ONE PLAN**

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This is the story of Empowered Communities in the East Kimberley.

This is a story about how Aboriginal leaders across the region came up with a **plan** to work with government for a better future for our children.

Government calls this plan the '**Regional Development Agenda**'.  
Community calls this plan our '**Big One Plan**'.

# What is Empowered Communities?



Empowered Communities is community mob working with Government to make a big plan for Aboriginal people.

We first came together in 2014, as Aboriginal leaders working together across the East Kimberley. We have made a commitment to long-term change to secure the wellbeing of our People in this Country.

We have many strengths to build on! Our old people have struggled but now we have Country back. Our culture is strong and our languages survive. Our population is young and our youth are full of promise. Our people want to take control of their lives, to build a future without reliance on government and greater accountability on both sides.



This is an Aboriginal-led plan to set priorities, improve services and make changes to the way money is spent in the East Kimberley.

Most importantly, this plan aims to increase Aboriginal ownership and give mob a bigger say in decisions that affect us.

# How was the Big One Plan created?

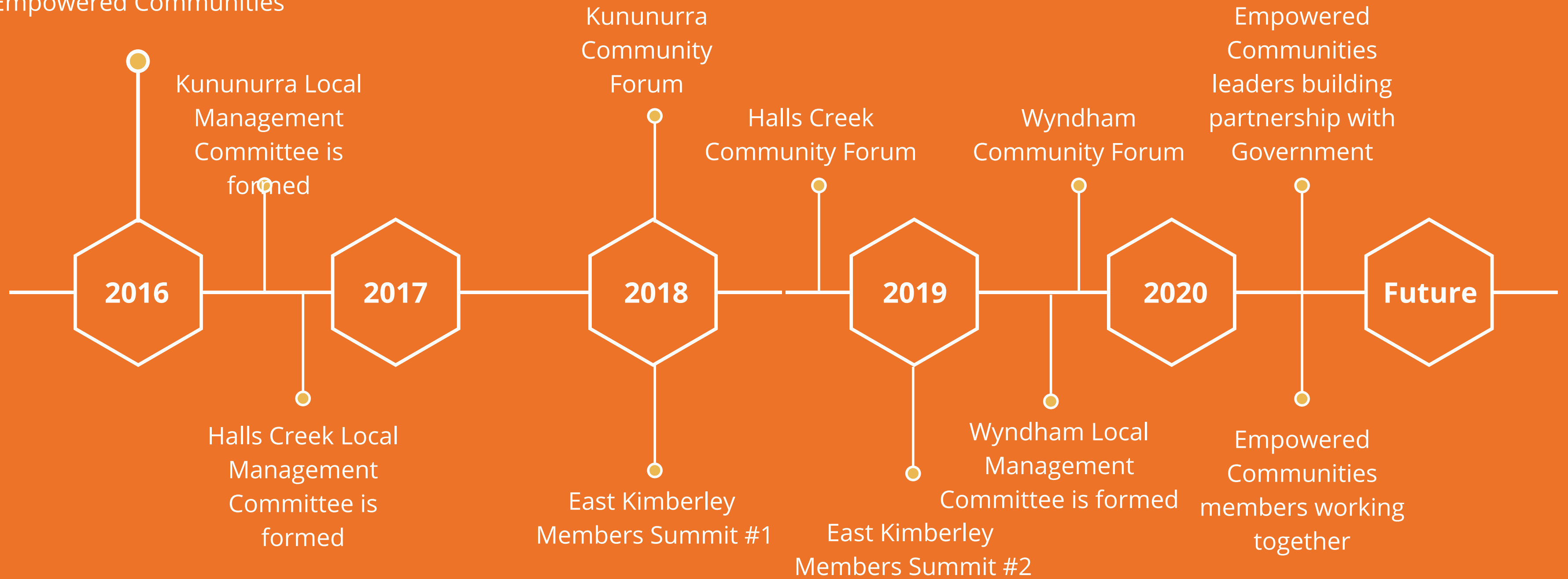
The Big One plan was created by listening to community members tell their stories in workshops and forums.

Community has told us what is important to them, and what needs to change to make a better future for our kids.

The Big One Plan is used by Empowered Communities Leaders to tell government about what is important to community.



East Kimberley leaders  
decided to take part in  
Empowered Communities



# What's the vision?

Our vision is of a community where people are empowered to live by the **6 'right ways'** or 'social norms' of the East Kimberley



Adults go to work or are in training



We care for children, old people, and vulnerable people



Children go to school and are ready to learn



People take responsibility and stay out of trouble



People look after their homes and pay rent



COMING SOON...  
Country, language, and culture



# How do we achieve the vision?

To achieve our vision for Aboriginal people in the East Kimberley, we need to **invest in people**

We plan to invest in people through **5 development domains**

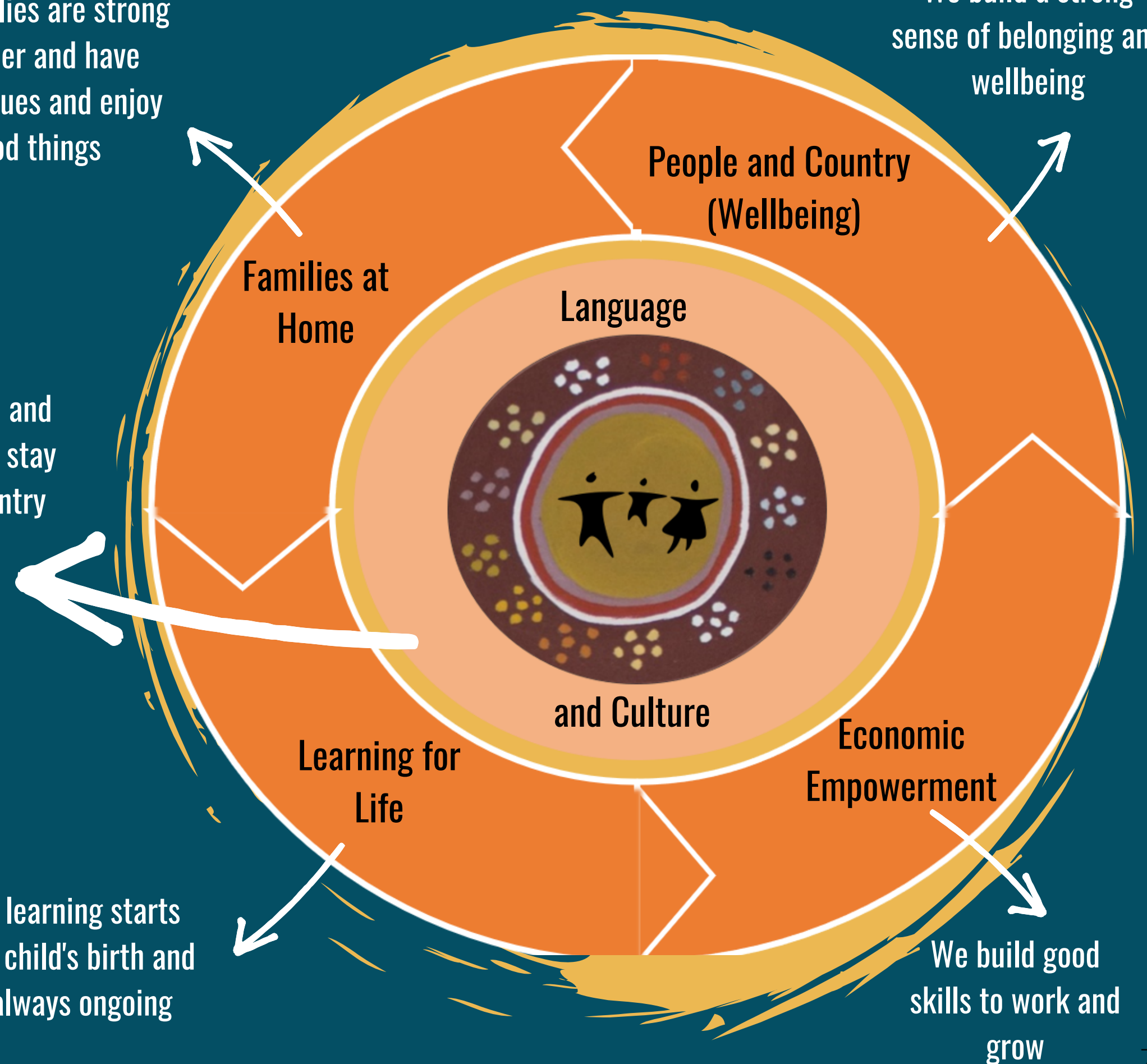
Our families are strong together and have good values and enjoy good things

We build a strong sense of belonging and wellbeing

We keep language and culture strong and stay connected to Country

Our learning starts from child's birth and is always ongoing

We build good skills to work and grow



# Who's involved in the plan?



## LOCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

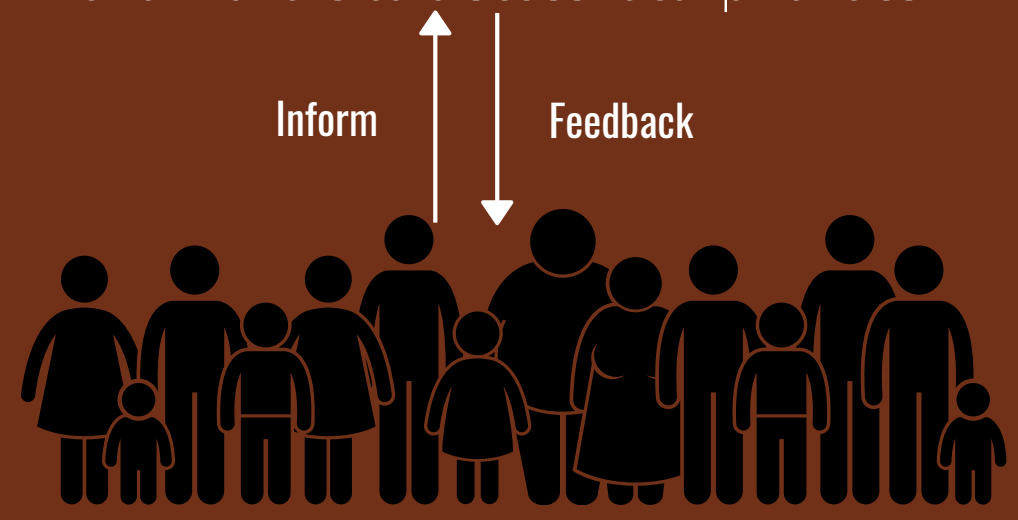
## EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES LEADERS

## GOVERNMENT

Local Management Committees are made up of member organisations, and meet every two months to discuss local priorities

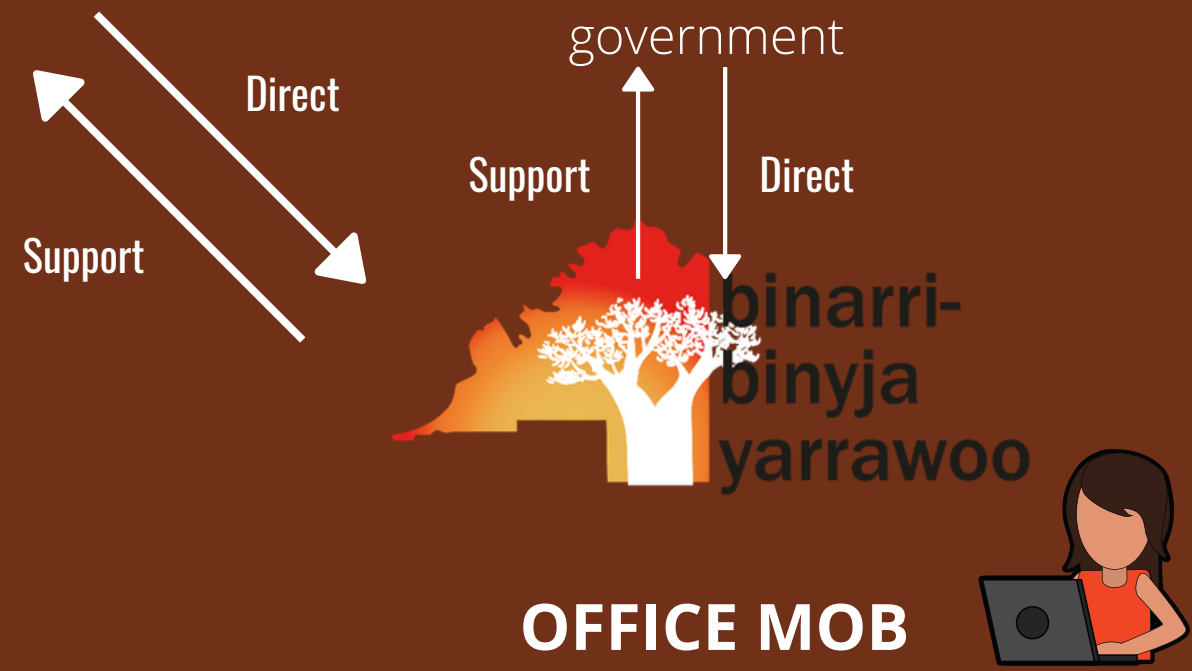
EC Leaders (BBY Board) negotiate community priorities with government

Federal, State, and Local government are working together with EC Leaders to support community mob's priorities



## COMMUNITY

Community voice, taking part in forums, living the 5 social norms



## OFFICE MOB

Office mob (BBY) are here to support local management committees and the EC leaders

# What is in the plan?

The Big One Plan has priorities for the **whole region** to change the way Aboriginal leaders and Government work together.

BIG ONE PLAN



East Kimberley

Different communities in the East Kimberley also have their own Little One Plans, which are linked to the Big One Plan.

LITTLE ONE PLAN



Kununurra

LITTLE ONE PLAN



Halls Creek

LITTLE ONE PLAN



Wyndham

LITTLE ONE PLAN



Tjurabalan

Coming soon...

LITTLE ONE PLAN



Kalumburu

Coming soon...

# Overview of Little One Plan Initiatives

## KUNUNURRA

1. Language and Culture Working Together
2. Early Years Collective Impact Initiative
3. East Kimberley Indigenous Leadership Development
4. Public Housing to Home Ownership
5. Kununurra Education Strategy
6. Data to Support Aboriginal Development
7. Youth Partnership Plan
8. ACCO Procurement and Sector Development
9. Strong Men's and Strong Women's Groups

## HALLS CREEK

1. Two-Way Education
  - Early Years Initiative
  - Parenting Program
  - Working Together for Our Kids
  - School to Work Transition
2. Employment and Training
3. Cultural Awareness Training
4. Organisational Capability Build
5. Remote Service Delivery
6. Information to support data driven development
7. Food security

## WYNDHAM

1. Connection to Country
2. Trauma Informed Community Development Approaches
3. Enterprise and Employment
4. Data to Support Aboriginal Development
5. Youth Justice Services
6. Family Engagement with Early Years Education
7. ACCO Sector Development
8. Multi-purpose Resource Centre
9. Reduce Overcrowding

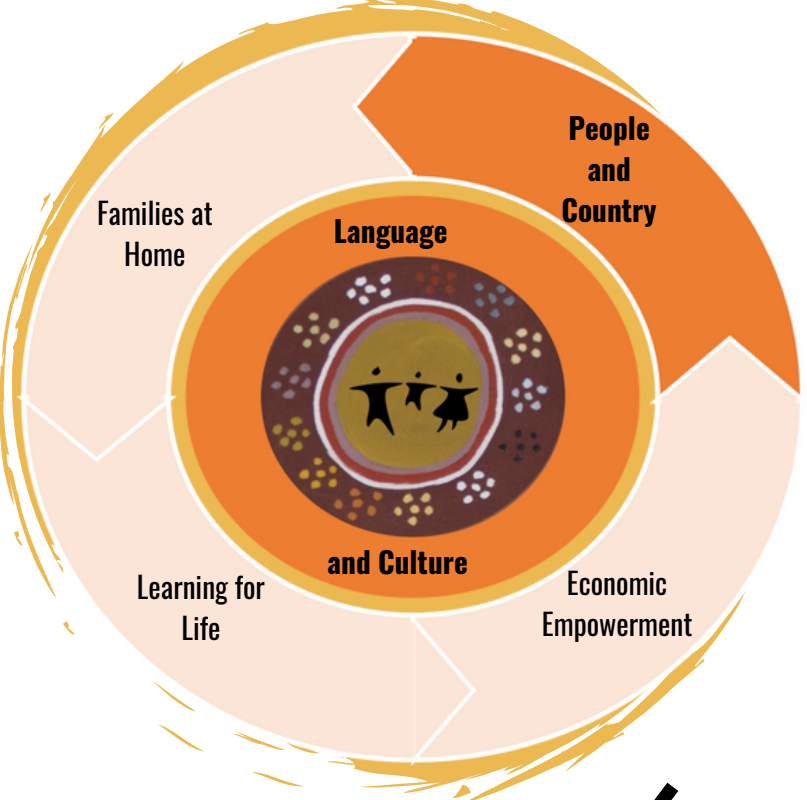
# TJURABALAN

Coming soon...

# KALUMBURU

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# LANGUAGE & CULTURE



## KUNUNURRA

### Language and Culture Working Together

We are keeping Miriwoong language and culture strong by working together on programs and sharing our skills with each other.

## HALLS CREEK WYNDHAM

### Cultural Awareness Training

We are working to grow the Halls Creek cultural awareness training program, so service providers and government can learn about Kija and Jaru culture.

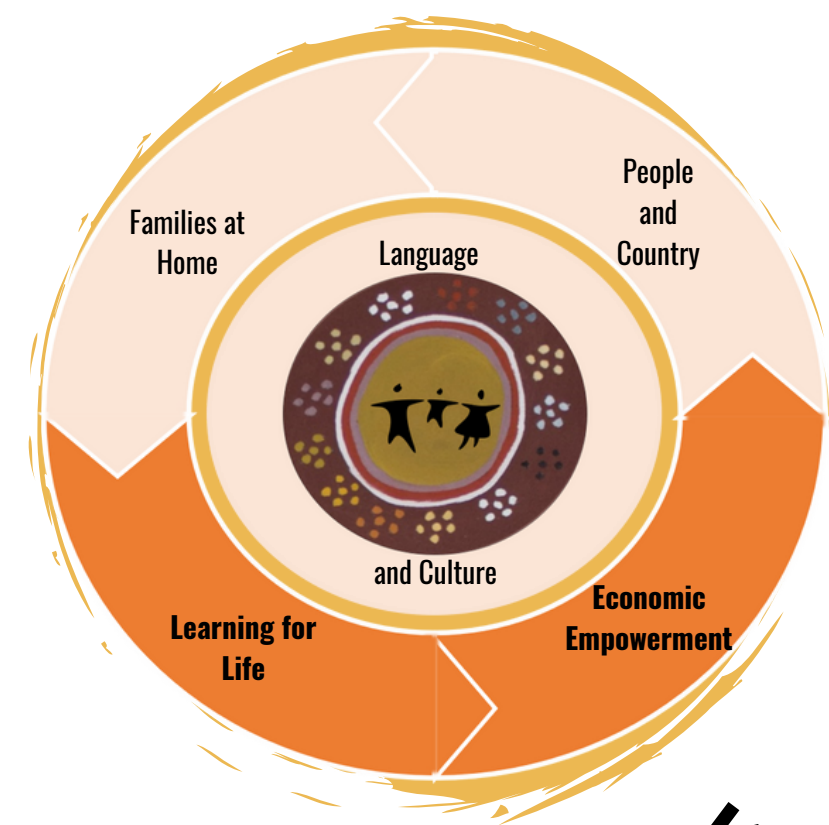
### Connection to Country

Respect for and connection to country is linked to better wellbeing and success, so we are working together to build a Back to Country program.

This will involve whole families and linking role models and mentors.

## WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

You can get involved by teaching culture to young people, learning about culture from old people, and joining these initiatives in your town to share your skills and ideas.



### Two-Way Education

From working with families to give our little ones the best start in life, to supporting our young people into employment pathways, our first priority is making sure kids grow up strong in both ways: strong in culture, thriving in the mainstream.

**HALLS CREEK**

**WYNDHAM**

### Enterprise and Employment

In Wyndham we are working with providers to strengthen work experience options and provide career assistance to youth. We need to build local workforce and reduce DIDO work, especially jobs for women.

**KUNUNURRA**

### Kununurra Education Strategy

We are working with Government to align the Kununurra Education Strategy with the Government's priorities. We want to grow the Language Nest program and make it a part of the school curriculum.

# EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

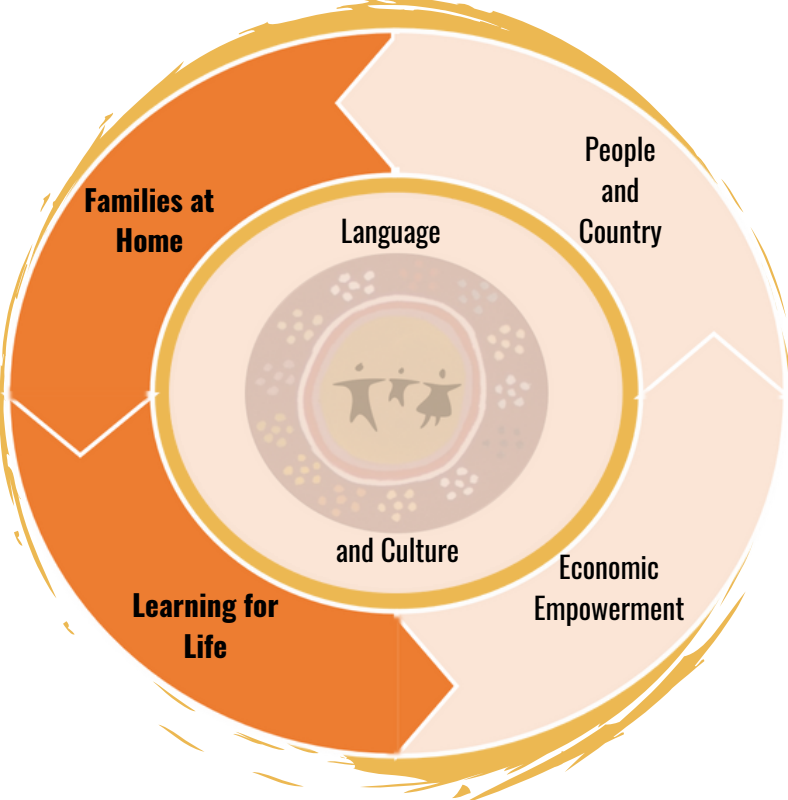
## WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

You can get involved by supporting Miriwoong Language in the East Kimberley College curriculum, supporting jobseekers in the 100+ Jobs program, and by supporting our youth to build skills and find good jobs.





# EARLY YEARS



HALLS CREEK

## Early Years Collective Impact Initiative

We are all working together to shape programs where health, education, and community works together so our little one get the best start in life.

We are working to improve services in our own towns as well as making sure we are working together across the East Kimberley to support parents and kids.

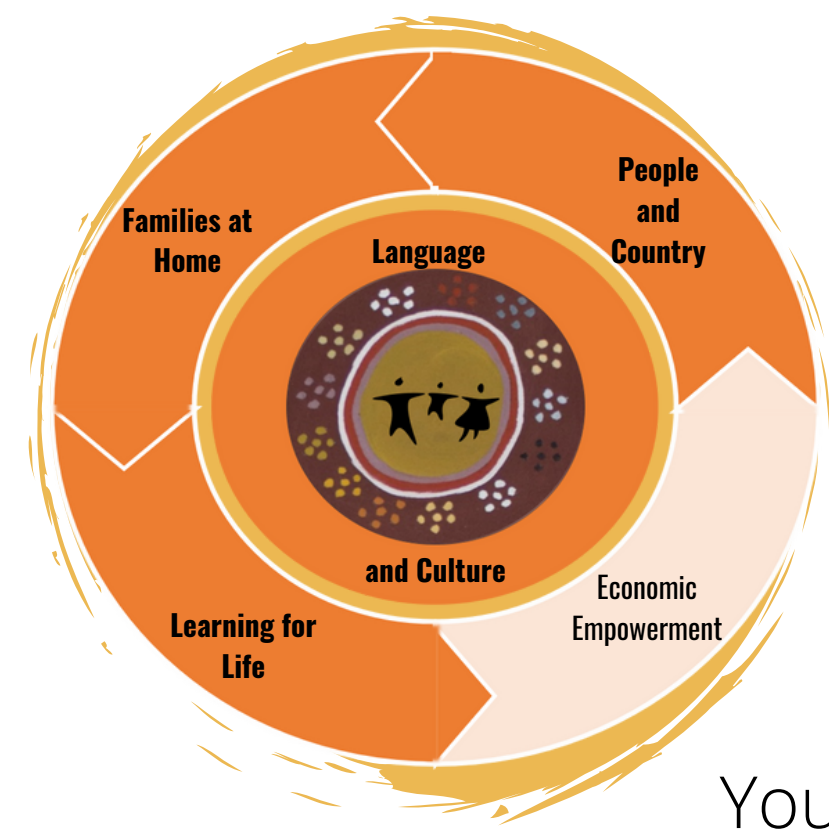
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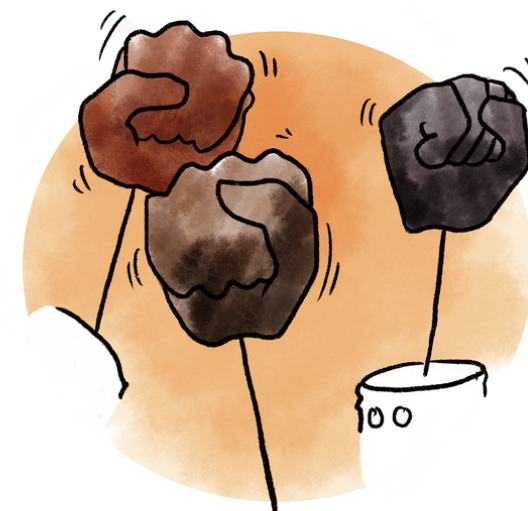
## WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

You can get involved by learning what services are available for little ones and parents, and support community mob to use these services.



# YOUTH WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

You can get involved by supporting young people's safety, role modelling good manners, and volunteering as needed for youth programs.



## KUNUNURRA

### Youth Partnership Plan

We are working to get more support for youth programs, to keep kids busy with family, community and culture so they can have good start to life.

## HALLS CREEK

### Working Together for Our Kids

We are planning a youth program that keeps kids away from trouble, and is a safe place for young people.

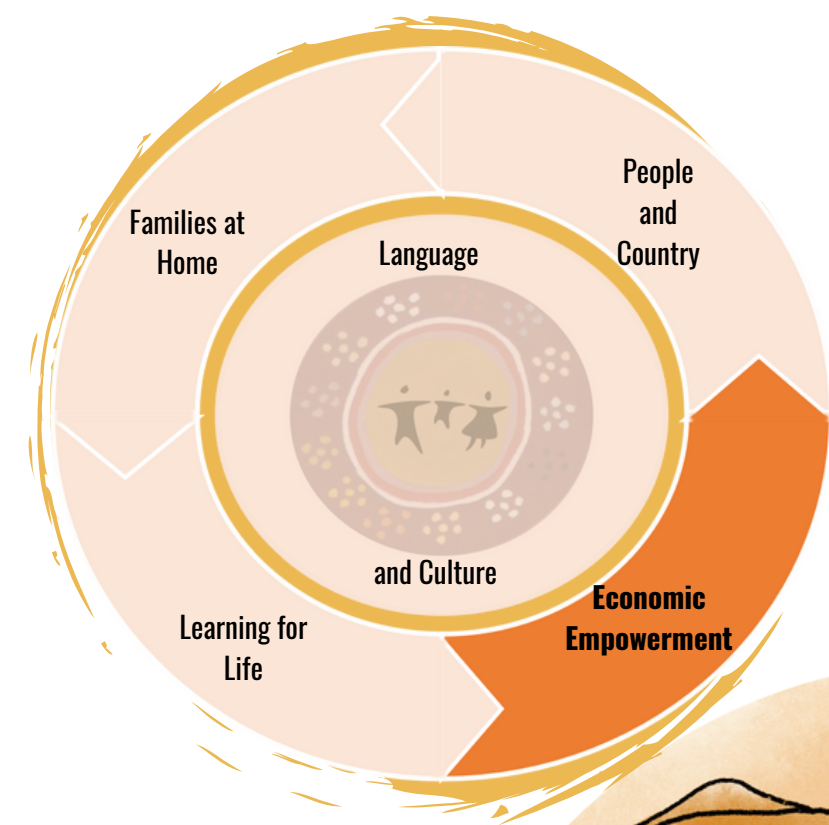
Also, we are getting young leaders together to build up their confidence and skills.

## WYNDHAM

### Youth Justice Services

We have a plan to support local youth night patrol and include good service and safe house, so that young people have a safe place to go.

# STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS



## WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

You can get involved by helping to grow our young leaders in ACCOs, and working to improve our organisations' operations.

HALLS CREEK

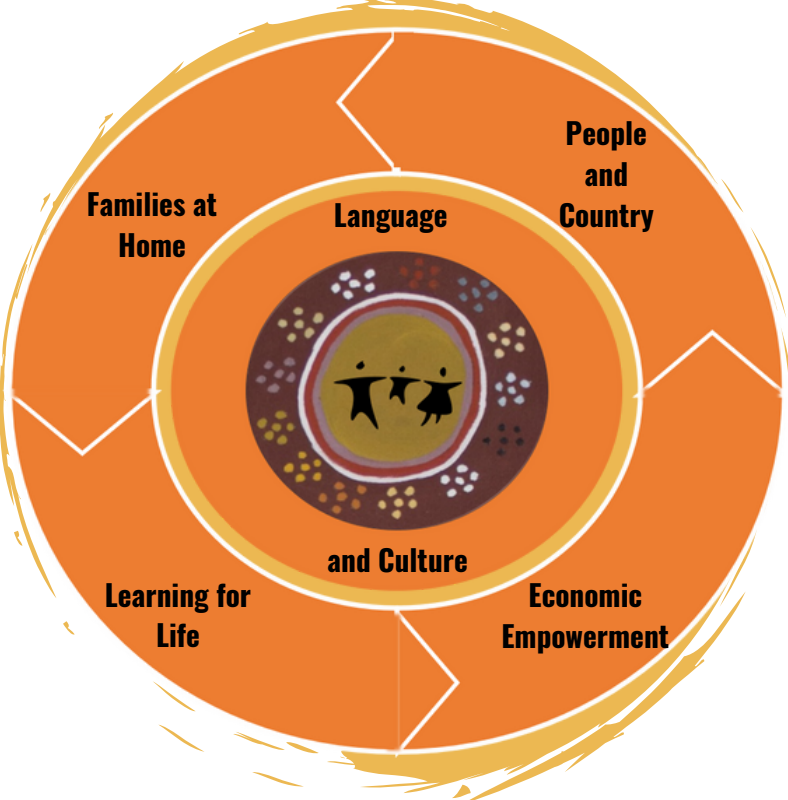
### ACCO Sector Development

We need strong and capable Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to boost culturally-secure service delivery and Aboriginal employment.

We need to build skills in leadership and governance, collaboration, monitoring and evaluation, and advocacy. We are working to assess ACCO skills and needs to understand what else they need to grow.

KUNUNURRA

WYNDHAM



# SHARED DATA

## WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

You can get involved by participating in the Wyndham Community Data Project, and by reading the John Taylor report and using it to inform your decisions for the community.



**WYNDHAM**

**Wyndham Community Data Project**

We are designing and implementing our own community led data project that aims to produce credible data and can be used to advocate for better solutions for our community.

**KUNUNURRA**

**HALLS CREEK**

**Data to Support Aboriginal Development - the John Taylor report**

We have partnered to produce a report on how the situation of Aboriginal people in the East Kimberley has changed over 15 years.

We will use this data to advocate for better investment in our region.

# How is this different to other programs?



Empowered Communities is a *partnership*.  
Government and Aboriginal people working together.  
This gives us a 'seat at the table' and the power to fix the  
problems in our own communities with our own solutions.

# Common Phrases and Meanings

PHRASES	ACRONYM	MEANINGS
Regional Development Agenda	RDA	Big One Plan with priorities and initiatives for the whole East Kimberley region.
Sub-Regional Plan	SRP	Little One Plan with priorities and initiatives for each sub-region.
Local Management Committee	LMC	Opt-in members form LMCs in each sub-region. LMCs meet every 2 months to discuss priorities and implement little plan initiatives.
Joint Decision Making	JDM	A process, facilitated by BBY, for Aboriginal leaders and community to have a say in Government's funding decisions in our communities.

## Want to find out more?

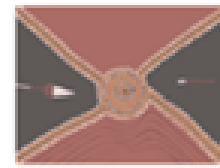
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# Who is part of Empowered Communities in the East Kimberley?



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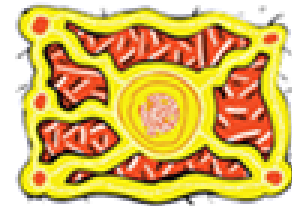
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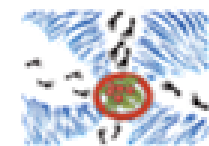
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