



Empowered Communities East Kimberley

# Regional Development Agenda

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# Introduction

We first came together in 2014 under the East Kimberley Aboriginal Charter. Aboriginal leaders working together across the region. We have made a commitment to long-term reform to secure the wellbeing of our People in this Country. Sometimes we have different views, but we all want a better future for our children.

We want no less than the opportunities and choices other Australians expect for their children. We want them succeeding in mainstream Australia, achieving educational success, prospering in the economy, and living long and healthy lives. We want them to retain their distinct cultures and identities, to be recognised as Aboriginal Australians, to shape and share in the future of this extraordinary place.

We have many strengths on which to build. 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. Many of our people have fervent aspiration to take control of their lives, to build a future without reliance on Government.

Our goal is nothing short of securing the intergenerational social, cultural and economic development of our people. This will not be without its challenges, but the history of international development shows that by investing in our people, by building capability, we will succeed. Our success will be shared by all Australians living in and visiting this place. We ask that you work alongside us, in true partnership, to achieve this.

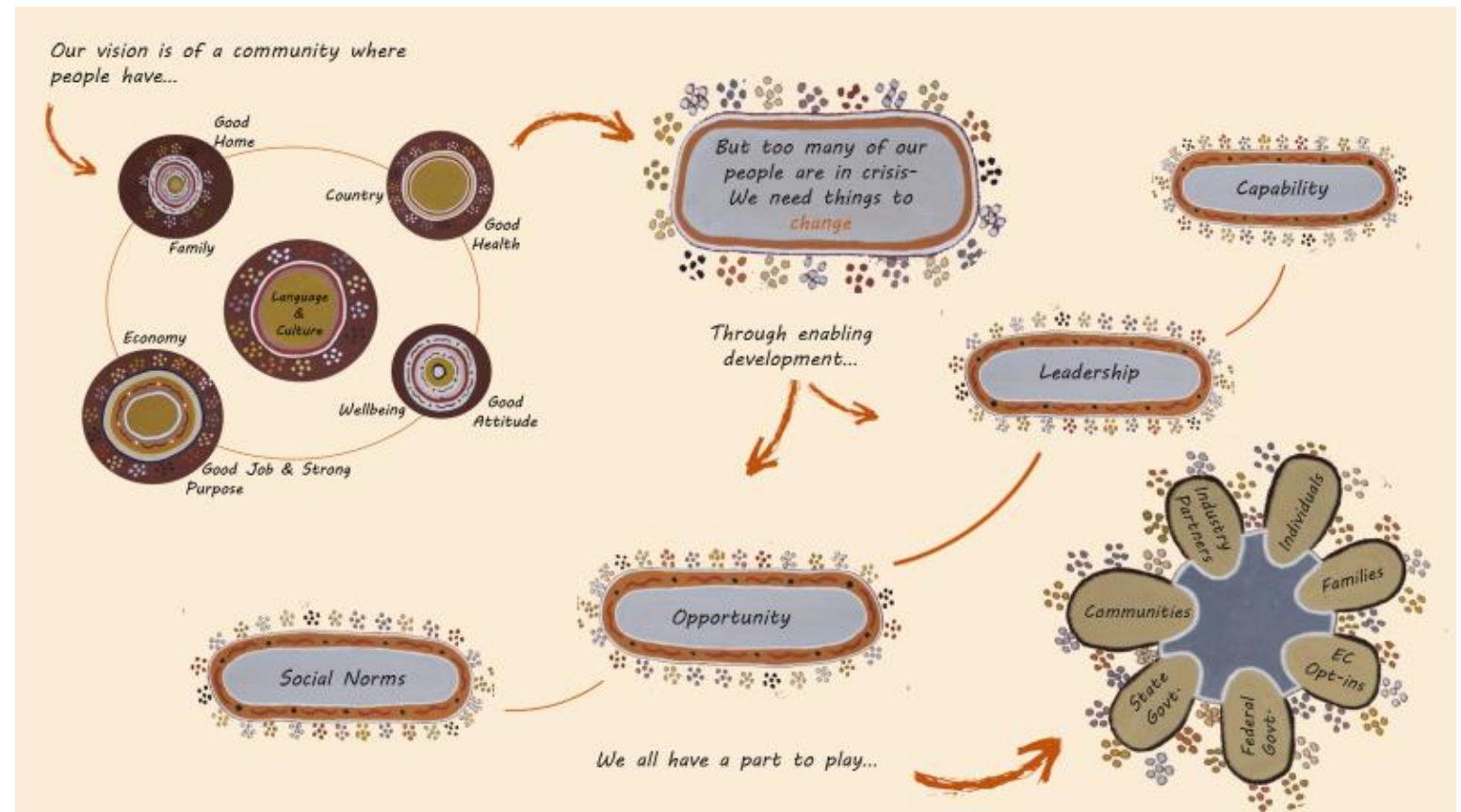
Now is the time to put children and families at the centre of effort and investment to Close the Gap. Our future depends on it. We've put up our hands to lead our own development, and to prove that we have the solutions to our problems. We ask that you work alongside us, in true partnership, to achieve this.

## Our Goal is Development- we lead, Government enables

The fundamentals of **human development** are well understood. Development happens prior to birth and in the home, where children take sustenance, are loved and grown up strong in culture.

The natural **leaders** in our families, the formal leaders in our organisations and the cultural leaders in our communities all take responsibility for our development. For making good decisions in our domains, for keeping culture strong and for reinforcing and restoring the **social norms** needed to underpin human development.

Government cannot replace the role that families play in human development, should not crowd out the role that industry and enterprise plays in driving **economic development**. But we do need excellent health and education systems creating **opportunity** building **capability**; policy and regulation to support functioning markets; and innovative commissioning and procurement approaches that grow the Aboriginal business and service sector in this



region. Decisions about investing in these foundations for development must be made in partnership with us. This is why self-determination is not simply a matter of us taking responsibility, it is also about structural

reform. **We call on Government to meet us where we are and to work in partnership to secure the foundations for our development.** This is what it means for Government to play an enabling role.

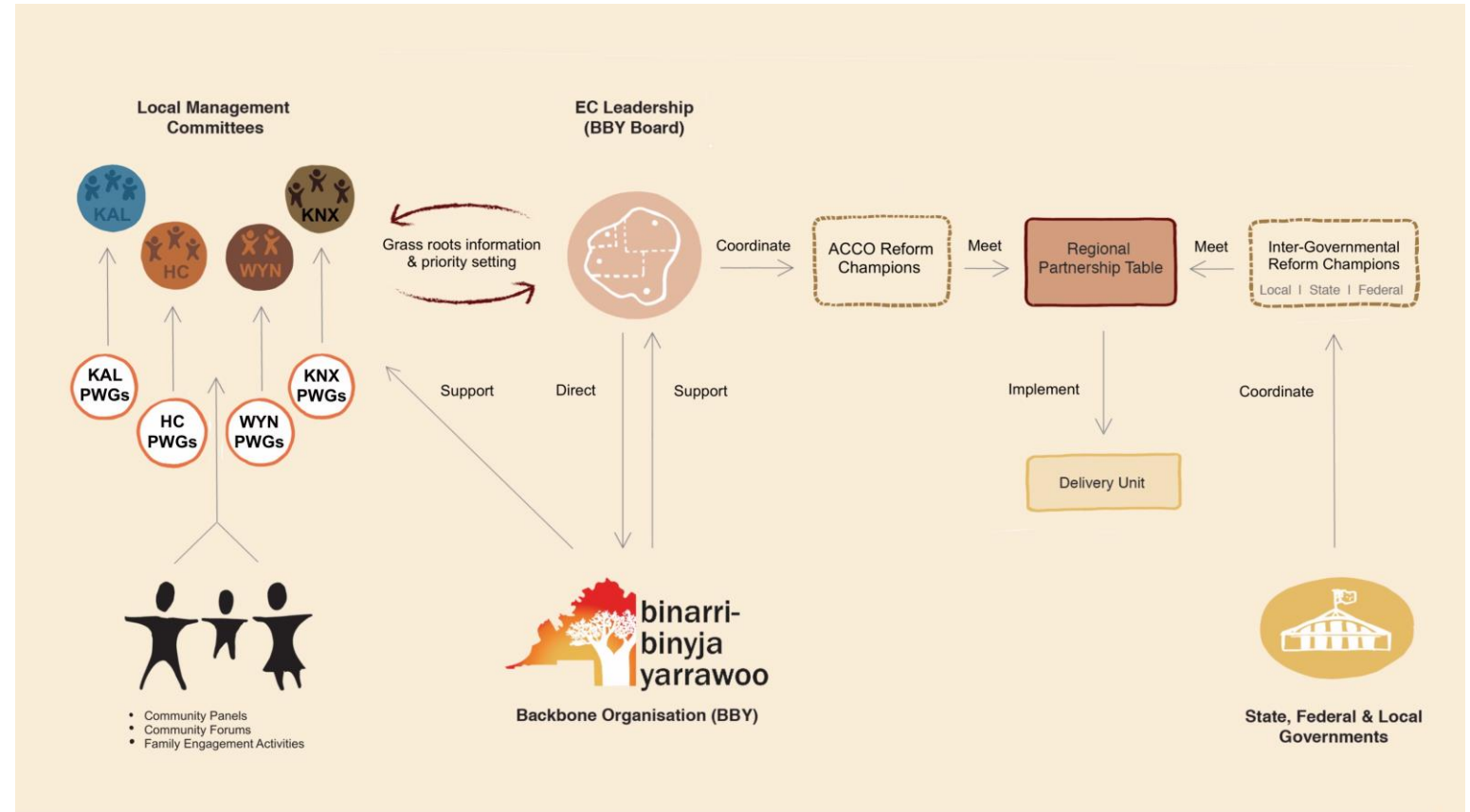
# Regional Governance

Since opting in to Empowered Communities in 2015, we have worked hard to develop our formal **regional governance arrangements**.

In 2016, we established our backbone organisation Binarri-binyja yarrowoo (BBY) as a neutral facilitator of reform. We have built a membership base among Aboriginal organisations of the East Kimberley and mechanisms for community engagement. We have brought together Traditional Owner Corporations (PBCs) and Aboriginal-controlled service organisations.

Too often it is left to us to navigate the maze of bureaucracy and mediate Federal-State relations on the ground. We have done the heavy lifting. Our reform leadership and governance is in place. Now it is Government's turn.

We are ready to co-design a **Regional Partnership Table**. A place where we make



agreements with Government, NGOs and corporates about long term reform in the region and the investment needed to support it. We have learned from experience that reform efforts to end Aboriginal disparity often founder

at implementation. To prevent this, we will need a group of high-level **Inter-governmental Reform Champions**, to meet us at the Regional Partnership Table and a **Partnership Delivery Unit** to drive implementation.

# Regional Development Agenda

While it is difficult to get an accurate snapshot of State and Federal Government funding flows in the East Kimberley, our investment mapping suggests that the lion's share of Government contracting in the region is directed towards infrastructure and health care (see sub-regional profiles in the appendices).

While funding for infrastructure and tertiary healthcare is important, we will not advance Aboriginal Development or Regional Development in the East Kimberley until we **invest in people**. We must redirect funding away from crisis responses and toward building human capability.

For us, that means first and foremost:

- Building strong sense of belonging in families to help positive intergenerational and personal wellbeing, and connection to country and culture;
- Keeping language and culture strong and proud so people feel connected, inspired and have positive self-identity with respect for self, each other and Country;
- Families are together and united at home and feel empowered to be strong in their culture, have good family values and celebrate the good things together;
- Constant learning throughout life, including cultural education at home and parents valuing education from their child's birth;

- Economic empowerment, supported through employment financial capability and business development.

These are the 5 domains of our Regional Development Agenda.

The 5 domains are supported and reinforced by structural reforms to produce:

- Reform leadership and governance
- Recognition and reconciliation
- An enabling service system
- Infrastructure and industry development

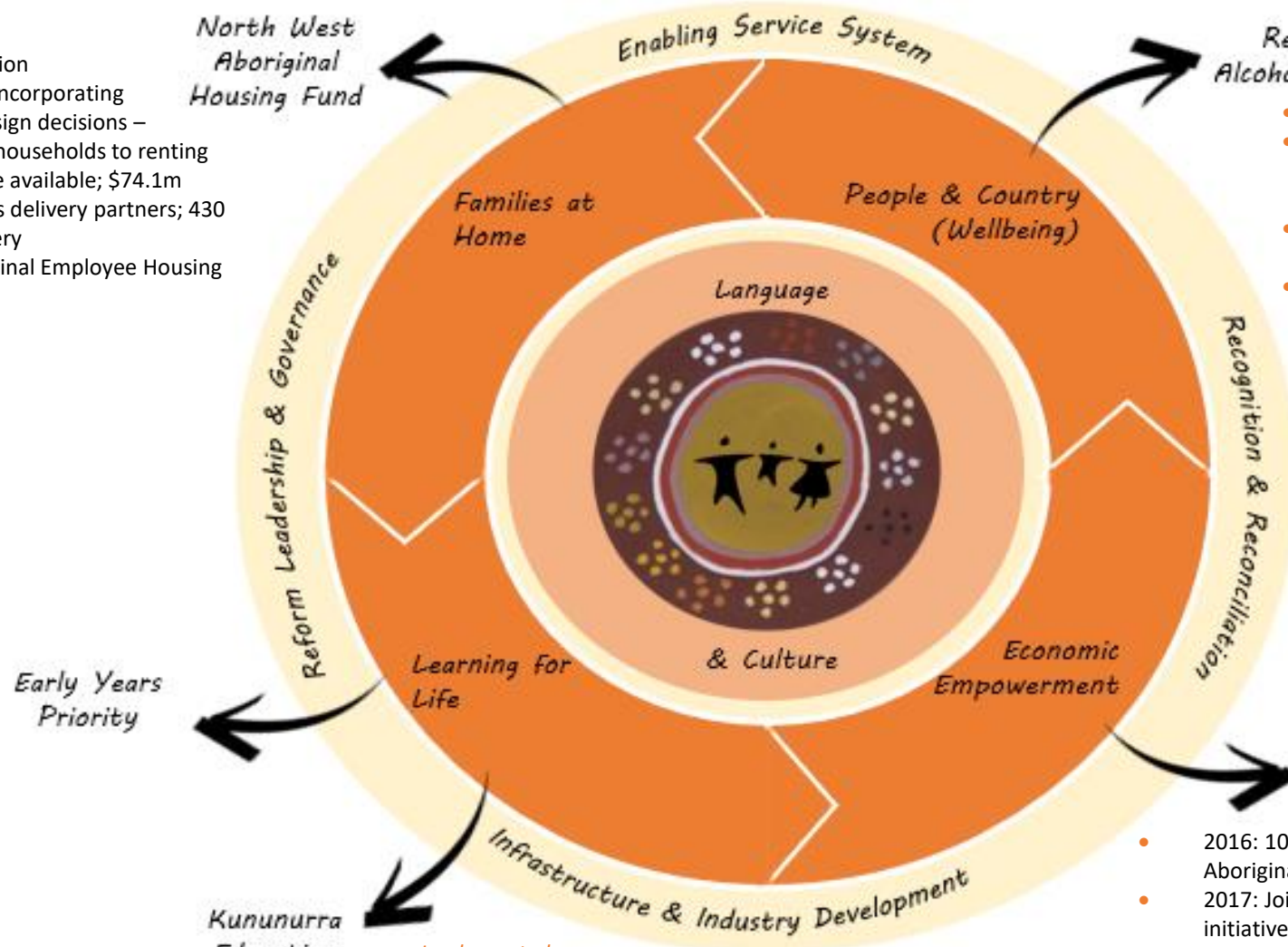
Although we have started work on the Regional Development Agenda and Regional and Sub-regional Implementation Plans, we are far from finished. These are living documents. They will be reviewed, adapted and extended as:

- New sub-regions opt-in to Empowered Communities East Kimberley;
- Local Management Committees host community forums and new priorities are voiced;
- Partnerships with Governments, NGOs and corporates deepen, and new opportunities and design innovation emerges.

# Regional Development Agenda: our first priorities

- **Implemented**
- 2012: Fund first introduced in the region
- 2016: Fund renewed and expanded, incorporating Indigenous input into funding and design decisions – forecast to transition more than 220 households to renting or home ownership. 320 homes made available; \$74.1m injected into Indigenous businesses as delivery partners; 430 Indigenous people employed in delivery
- 2023: Fund invests in an ACCO Aboriginal Employee Housing Grants Program

- **Implementation in progress**
- Joint Decision Making recommendations include the development of ECEK early years initiative
- Early Years Priority Working Groups established in Kununurra, Halls Creek and Wyndham
- 2022: Closing the Gap Place-based Partnership agreement in development with ECEK, local, state and commonwealth governments
- 2022: Early Years Community Development Advisor recruited
- 2022: Early Years Community Data Project commenced
- 2023: Regional Development Agenda for Growing up Strong Kids published



- **Regional Alcohol Reform**
- **Implementation in progress**
- Vision: to engage community leadership and government in joint action to address the supply and demand of alcohol
- July 2017: Kimberley Regional Roundtable on Alcohol Management held in Broome
- Jan 2023: Aboriginal Regional Governance Group identifies regional alcohol reform as a priority and includes Regional Alcohol Action Plan as an initiative under the Partnership Agreement for Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing 2023-2032 proposed to the WA Government

- **Kununurra Education Strategy**
- **Implemented**
- 2017: Education working group formed and drafted the strategy
- 2018: The '2018 – 2022 Kununurra Education Strategy' launched
- Vision: Children always learn and keep learning

- **100+ Jobs Initiative**
- **Implemented**
- 2016: 100+ Jobs Initiative proposal designed and led by Aboriginal leaders through ECEK channels
- 2017: Joint Commonwealth-State funding secured for the initiative
- 2018: MG Corporation selected to lead implementation and launched the program
- Program targets job readiness strategies, includes intensive case management and service coordination, facilitates work placements and sustainable employment options

## East Kimberley – Regional Plan

Development Domains	Initiative	Actions	Rationale	Timeframe	Partners and Agencies involved
Families at Home; Learning for Life; Economic Empowerment	North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund partnership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-design expansion of East Kimberley transitional housing program.</li> <li>Strategic guidance of NWAHF through Board participation.</li> </ol>	Transitional housing originated in the East Kimberley and has been successful in empowering individuals and families achieve greater economic independence and increased participation in education. NWAHF has been key in driving innovation in housing policy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed</li> <li>June 2026</li> </ol>	Empowered Communities East Kimberley opt-ins; WA Department of Communities; BBY
People & Country (wellbeing)	Regional Alcohol Reform	Establish partnership on Regional Alcohol Reform to convene an Alcohol Roundtable and produce a Regional Alcohol Action Plan.	Alcohol abuse is a threat to Aboriginal culture across the Kimberley. Policy responses have been piecemeal and disempowering. Strong regional alignment is needed to combat sly grogging.	June 2026	BBY; ARGG; Government partners
Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)	Regional Development Agenda M&E Framework	Iterate M&E Framework. Baseline remaining population level indicators. Plug data gaps with partners. Nest with Closing the Gap (CTG). Develop EC-led shared measurement arrangements to track longitudinal population-level change.	To guide local decision-making about investment from the Regional Pooled Fund, we need a clearer line of sight to the contribution each funded program is making to achieve population-level outcomes and systems change in our Regional Development Agenda.	June 2026	BBY; Empowered Communities opt-ins; NIAA; ABS; Productivity Commission; WA Govt; UniMelb; KAHRA
Reform Leadership and Governance	Local Decision Making (Structural reform)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate Joint Decision Making (JDM) test conducted in two sub-regions in the East Kimberley. Adapt JDM Guide.</li> <li>Extend beyond Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) funding to DSS investment. Trial with WA Govt. Extend beyond contracting to service delivery.</li> </ol>	Local decision-making mobilises Community Panels to enable greater Aboriginal influence over Government-funded programs in the region, ensuring investment is meeting the needs of people on the ground.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed</li> <li>June 2026</li> </ol>	NIAA; DSS; EC National; BBY; WA Govt



# Regional Development Agenda: East Kimberley Regional Plan



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Reform Leadership and Governance	Regional Pooled Fund (Structural reform)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIAA and EC National to identify Commonwealth grants to form pool and financial governance arrangements. PM&amp;C to hold productivity dividend from JDM in Regional Pooled Fund for redirection (by sub-region) when ready.</li> <li>Commence discussions with WA Govt about Regional Pooled Fund.</li> </ol>	Streamlining Commonwealth and State Government investment in the region will reduce overlap, duplication and waste.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed</li> <li>June 2026</li> </ol>	NIAA; EC National; Cth Dept Fin; WA Govt; BBY
Reform Leadership and Governance	Regional Partnership Table and Delivery Unit (Structural reform)	Appoint senior inter-governmental reform champions. Co-design Regional Partnership Table and Delivery Unit.	Regional governance arrangements are needed to drive a long term, place-based agenda for Aboriginal empowerment in the East Kimberley.	June 2024	LMCs; BBY; NIAA; WA Govt; Shires
Reform Leadership and Governance; Enabling Service System; Economic Empowerment	ACCO procurement and sector development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create ACCO Sector Development Strategy</li> <li>Conduct baseline survey of ACCO sector capability</li> <li>Develop ACCO sector strengthening services</li> </ol>	The East Kimberley needs strong and capable Aboriginal organisations to implement an Aboriginal-led agenda. Increasing the ACCO share of contracts in the East Kimberley will also boost Aboriginal employment and culturally-secure service delivery.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed</li> <li>Completed</li> <li>June 2024</li> </ol>	All ACCOs; Jawun; Finance; Communities; NIAA; ORIC; KDC; external experts
Reform Leadership and Governance	Sub-regional action plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete sub-regional action plans for Kununurra Halls Creek and Wyndham.</li> <li>Complete sub-regional action plans for:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kalumburu and</li> <li>Tjurabalan.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Expand membership base in Warmun and establish LMC.</li> </ol>	Place-based action plans developed by the Local Management Committees with input from Community Forums will prioritise initiatives across the Regional Development Agenda domains.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed</li> <li>a) Completed b) June 2024</li> <li>June 2025</li> </ol>	Empowered Communities opt-ins; BBY

# Regional Development Agenda: Kununurra Sub-regional Plan



## Sub-regional Plan- Kununurra

No.	Development Domains	Initiative <i>What do we want to do?</i>	Actions <i>How do we do it?</i>	Rationale <i>Why are we doing it?</i>	Timeframe <i>When can we do it by?</i>	Role of Individuals and Families	Partners and Agencies involved	EC role (LMCs, BBY)	Role of Governments (Structural Reform)
1	Language and Culture; Enabling Service System; M&E	Language and Culture Working Together session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Codesign an approach to 'measuring' language and culture.</li> <li>2. Test framework in Wirnan Intergenerational Learning project.</li> <li>3. Demonstrate value of language and culture by immersion.</li> </ol>	We need to build a common understanding about the value of language and culture and a shared way of measuring its impact	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed</li> <li>2. Completed</li> <li>3. June 2026</li> </ol>	Participate in cultural immersion	EC opt-ins; KLRC; KALAAC; MDWg; Waringarri Arts; Kimberley Aboriginal Artists (KAA)	BBY convene working together session in partnership with opt-ins (MDWg, Waringarri Arts)	COAG CTG target and jurisdiction action plan adopts regional measures
2	Families at Home; Learning For Life	Early Years Collective Impact Initiative	Select and implement a structured approach to early years with greater collaboration between health and education, aimed at reducing AEDC vulnerability in kids starting school.	Getting kids the best start in life leads to improved life outcomes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. June 2024</li> </ol>	Engage in neonatal and early years health and early learning services	DLG Early Years PWG; Early Years Network; GY; Waringarri; Waringarri Media, Waringarri Arts	BBY Chair the DLG Early Years PWG; LMC Members Orgs participating (OVAHS, MG Corp, Wunan)	DLG collaboration to secure investment for the collective impact project
3	People and Country (Wellbeing); Economic Empowerment	East Kimberley Indigenous Leadership Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalise EKILD proposal</li> <li>2. Source funding for EKILD</li> </ol>	Aboriginal empowerment requires Aboriginal leadership; natural leadership in families and communities, educated leadership in organisations, and cultural leadership in all domains	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed</li> <li>2. June 2024</li> </ol>	Participate in design of EKILD; identify and nurture leaders; connect them with other leaders; hold leaders to account	Wunan, Jawun, Waringarri Arts, EC opt-ins	Participate in codesign of EKILD	Support EKILD when asked

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4	Language and Culture; Families at Home; Learning For Life	Implement Kununurra Education Strategy	1. Align IAS Children and Schooling investment with Kununurra Education Strategy. Catalyse aligned initiatives, especially in early years and primary to high-school transition. 2. Grow Language Nest Program and embed Mirriwong in curriculum in all schools K-12.	See Kununurra Education strategy at <a href="http://bby.org.au">bby.org.au</a>	1. Completed 2. June 2026	Participate in JDM Community Panel and Working together session	LMC; NIAA; DLG; Schools; Early Years Network; GY; Waringarri; Waringarri Media	BBY convening working together sessions	NIAA Investment re-shaped through JDM
5	Families at Home; Learning For life; Economic Empowerment	Public Housing to Home Ownership	Use new opportunities to address service gaps and policy disincentives along the housing continuum.	Increased home ownership will lead to increased economic empowerment and family wellbeing.	June 2026	Get support to manage tenancy obligations; look for housing options outside of social housing, talk about home ownership	Wunan; MG Corp; Jawun; Department of Communities; Nirrumbuk	Wunan, MG Corp to develop proposals; BBY to build evidence base	Remove perverse policy incentives that keep people in social housing; Joint investment in housing support to reduce gaps and overlaps along the continuum

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6	People and Country (Wellbeing); Families at Home; Language and Culture	Youth Partnership Plan	Fund and implement the <i>Youth Partnership Plan</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Youth Model</li> <li>• Rangka-ranggab Program</li> <li>• Empowerment Centre</li> <li>• Healing Centre</li> </ul>	Keeping kids engaged with family, community and culture so they stay engaged in education, employment and training	June 2024	Look after kids; grow them up strong; get help for those who need it; commit to working with support services to make positive change for kids	MG Corp; Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corp; Waringarri Media; Communities; WAPOL; Justice	Support KWAC and MG Corp	Align Target 120 with Youth Partnership Plan; investment for Youth Diversion program and facilities in Kununurra
7	People and Country (Wellbeing); Families at Home; Language and Culture	Strong Men's and Strong Women's Groups	Strengthen and promote the Strong Men's and Strong Women's Groups in Kununurra	Strong men, women and families raise strong kids and provide community leadership for change	June 2026	Support healing by connecting families with the Strong Men's and Strong Women's Groups	Healing Foundation; KWAC, Gawooleng Yawoodeng, NIAA	Partner with and strengthen the Strong Women's and Strong Men's Groups	Partner with and strengthen the Strong Women's and Strong Men's Groups

# Regional Development Agenda: Halls Creek Sub-regional Plan



## Sub-regional Plan- Halls Creek

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1	Families at Home;  Learning for Life;  People and Country;  Language and Culture,	Two Way Education	Early Years Initiative  (0-4 years)	Work with EK Early Years Priority Working Group to develop and implement a structured approach to early years, with greater collaboration between health and education providers and links to early years component of Kimberley Schools Project.	Getting kids the best start in life leads to improved life outcomes.	Dec. 2024	Families engage in and take responsibility for child's health and education.	DLG EYPWG, Shire, CPC, Health Organisations, RSAS, School, the Shire; Yiyili	BBY Chair the DLG Early Years PWG; LMC Members Orgs	Joined up effort and investment
			Parenting programme  (0-4 years)	1. Map existing parenting services. 2. Work with providers to fund and deliver evidence-based parenting programs in Halls Creek.	Children and families who feel safe and empowered and have their needs met have improved life outcomes.	1. Dec. 2024  2. Dec. 2024	Participate in parenting programs, role model healthy relationships and follow parenting plans.	CPC, YY, Anglicare, Boab Health, Jungarni, DCP, justice system, HCDHS; Church; Yiyili	Undertake service mapping; identify evidence based parenting programs	Funding to run evidence based parenting programs
			Working together for our kids  (4-17 years)	Ensure youth programming in Halls Creek is empowering, with a balance of prevention and diversion. Explore with existing providers the options for designing and implementing a bush camp, safe house/drop-in centre and Young Leaders Group.	Keeping kids connected to family and community so that they are more likely to stay engaged in education, employment and training.	June 2026	Be a part of the design process including having community conversations and sharing knowledge. Volunteer for mentoring and supervision.	Wunan; Shire of Halls Creek; Yiyili; KLRC; ODAC; EYL	Facilitate conversation with youth service providers and community. Develop the Young Leaders Group.	Work with community and providers to incentivise and reward youth empowerment. Align funding and contracting with this approach.
			School to Work Transition  (15-19 years)	Conduct community campaign about value of education. Ensure school education standards prepare young people with language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills to be work ready. Increase access to work experience through more employment pathways.	Every kid has good educational outcomes, is work ready, and has path to sustainable employment	June 2026	Taking responsibility for education at home, reinforce value of education for community	Department of Education, HCDHS, EKJP, NRTAFE, KAMS, Wunan, NEHS, Jungarni, ODAC, all local employers	Undertake service mapping for school to work programs. Facilitate youth service provider, local employer and community discussions.	HCDHS is resourced and supported to meet state education standards. Local employers are aligned to support and invest in youth capability building and long-term opportunities

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## Sub-regional Plan- Halls Creek

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2	Families at Home; Economic Empowerment	Employment and Training	Mentoring initiative	Embed mentoring across the system for employees, employers and support workers. Develop mentors throughout the community by providing mentoring training. Connecting people by establishing formal and informal mentoring relationships, within and across organisations. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop proposal</li> <li>Source funding for implementation</li> </ol>	Keeping people in jobs and training through strong support networks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed</li> <li>Completed</li> </ol>	Train to be a mentor, seek mentoring, encourage community members to participate in mentoring	All ACCOs, NRTAFE, HCDHS, Employment Services, Yiyili	Work with LMC to identify mentors, mentees, and training options. Support to formalise mentoring network when appropriate.	Investing in sector development opportunities.
3	People and Country, Language and Culture	Cultural awareness training		Build a town approach to cultural awareness training. The training is available and is used by ACCOs, NGOs and Government	Better communication leads to better relationships and better service provision	June 2024	Normalise culturally respectful behaviour, share knowledge and provide input into program design	KLRC; AIWA; individual providers; State and Federal Government; Yiyili	Work with KLRC and the LMC to ensure availability and uptake	Mandate Government departments to undertake training. Include as KPI in funded programs.

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4	Enabling service system	Remote Service Delivery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop partnerships with remote community organisations to improve delivery of services.</li> <li>2. Service providers undertake better community consultations, and participate in training to improve understanding in cultural awareness. Reduce DIDO and increase local service delivery by local ACCOs.</li> </ol>	Improve service communication, coordination & delivery in remote communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. June 2026</li> <li>2. June 2026</li> </ol>	Participating in community consultations and providing feedback to inform better service delivery.	Yiyili, Lundja, Jungarni, Yura Yungi, NEHS, Dept. of Housing, SoHC, WACHS, Marra Worra Worra, KLRC	Undertake service mapping for remote communities.	Mandate funded service providers to form partnerships with remote communities for delivery. Disaggregate large contracts to enable local delivery by local organisations.
5	Families at Home, Learning for Life	Food security	Co-design a food security initiative.	Cost of living is high. Food insecurity impacts negatively on health and schooling outcomes for children in the short and long term.	June 2026	Support the development of community food initiatives through participation.	Jungarni (financial counselling), the Shire, Wunan, local shops (IGA, Butchers, Shell), Health organisations.	Undertake scoping and convene a food security working group.	Investment in community led food security initiatives

Sub-regional Plan- Wyndham									
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1	People and Country, Families at Home, Learning for Life	Connection to Country	Build a coordinated approach to Back to Country trips and sharing of knowledge and skills which include whole families and puts in place role models and mentors. Increase Balanggarra's scope to support this work. Investigate expansion of trips to others as well.	Respect for and connection to Country are intrinsically linked to wellbeing and success of Aboriginal people.	June 2026	Contribute to and participate in sharing of knowledge and skills, volunteer, role model cultural values.	Balanggarra, KLRC, AIWA, KALACC, WYAC	Recognise the importance of connection to Country and it's impact on wellbeing and life outcomes. Invest in a program of authentic, ongoing Back to Country trips.	Recognise the importance of connection to Country and it's impact on wellbeing and life outcomes. Invest in a program of authentic, ongoing Back to Country trips.
2	People and Country	Trauma informed community development approaches	Embed trauma informed approaches into all current SEWB delivery. Set up a reference group to co-design an approach to healing from the impacts of sexual abuse. Examine and share existing models relevant to the Kimberley. Increase access to grief, trauma and SEWB counselling services. Look at options to create healing spaces for men.	Healing from the impacts of displacement, trauma and intergenerational abuse needs to occur as part of enabling development and empowerment. Action is needed in order to break the cycle of trauma.	June 2026	Participate in healing and trauma informed development activities. Support the reference group.	Anglicare, NNAC, KAMS, WYAC, WAPOL, WDHS, WELA, Dept. of Communities	Research healing models and mobilise funding to roll out a healing approach for Wyndham. Support facilitation of reference group.	Acknowledge the impacts of historical and current trauma of the community and commit to funding required healing programs. Realign KPIs to align with trauma informed service delivery models.



## Sub-regional Plan- Wyndham

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3	Economic Empowerment	Enterprise and Employment	Work with providers to strengthen work experience options and career assistance, especially with youth. Focus on upskilling locals and reducing DIDO work. Encourage and address barriers around employment of women. Support development of local enterprise and community minded business. Develop a Wyndham 'Social Compact' that sets expectations for working in Wyndham.	Strengthening the local work force and encouraging healthy relationships with business and community is essential for place based development and community prosperity.	June 2026	Participate in and encourage upskilling of community members. Support development of local business. Contribute to the consultation and design of a social compact.	SWEK, TAFE, local business, EKJP, KDC	Facilitate development of a social compact and conduct environmental scanning in relation to employment of women and development of local business.	Embed social compact in all government tenders and contracts awarded in Wyndham. Invest in local initiatives that strengthen local enterprise and employment.
4	Monitoring and Evaluation	Data to support Aboriginal development	Share John Taylors report with member organisations. Design and roll out Wyndham specific census with a commitment to credibility and visibility. Use 'Yawuru knowing our community' survey to inform survey approach. Use of youth data collectors and community consultants. Use data collected to forecast future projects.	Current formal data sets are not reflective of the lived experience in Wyndham. Accurate place-based data is needed to make a case for investment particularly in regards to housing.	June 2026	Engage with the survey and share information required.	All LMC members, Kimberley Institute	Use data to advocate for investment in priorities, manage data sovereignty issues. Support use of community data collectors.	Use Wyndham Census data to inform investment and policy decisions in Wyndham.

# Regional Development Agenda: Wyndham Sub-regional Plan



## Sub-regional Plan- Wyndham

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5	People and Country, Families at Home	Youth justice services	Work with service providers to ensure consistent service delivery, establish a youth safehouse and support the local youth night patrol.	Safety, security and rehabilitation of young people is paramount for community wellbeing and a positive development trajectory. Increase accountability and effectiveness of funded services.	June 2026	Support youth safety and justice initiatives. Role model positive behaviour and volunteer as needed.	Department of Justice, Ngnowar Aerwah, WYAC	Facilitate conversations with service providers to progress youth justice initiatives and advocate for investment	Align funding and contracting with the preferred community approach.
6	Families at Home, People and Culture, Learning for Life	Family engagement with early years education	Increase family engagement opportunities with a focus on culture, education and capacity building. Link programming in early years (0-4). Support schools to increase parental engagement.	Children and families who feel safe and empowered and have their needs met have improved life outcomes.	Dec. 2024	Participate in family engagement activities and take responsibility for child's education and wellbeing.	DLG EYPWG, WELA, school, SWEK, all LMC members	BBY chair the DLG EYPWG, coordinate planning with stakeholders to increase and progress engagement opportunities.	Support a joined up approach and prioritise early years. Reinstate outreach funding.

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7	People and Country. Learning for Life	Multi-purpose resources centre	Scope feasibility of building a one-stop-shop where individuals can access a range of family support services. This should include a GP clinic, space for visiting programs and an Art and Culture hub where stories, language and art are shared and artist programs are run.	Gaps in service delivery and uncoordinated delivery approaches with the majority of services being based outside of Wyndham means people are not able to access the services they need. Culture is intrinsically linked to wellbeing and there are minimal opportunities for people to be a part of cultural sharing and learning.	June 2026	Support the development of the multi-purpose centre and contribute to the development of the Art and Culture hub through sharing knowledge and skills.	Jawun, Waringarri Arts, Wunan, KLRC, SWEK	Work with partners to develop a business case for the multi-purpose centre and advocate for investment.	Funding to establish the multi-purpose resource centre.
8	Families at Home, Learning for Life, People and Country	Reduce overcrowding	Undertake housing needs analysis as a first step to advocating for better allocation of housing assets in Wyndham. Create meaningful and practical action plan based on data to reduce overcrowding and address housing needs.	Overcrowding is an issue that impacts learning and development. Housing assets, including GROH housing, could be utilised to better support families. Housing impacts on all areas of a persons life and their opportunities.	December 2024	Participate in the housing needs analysis by sharing information where needed.	All LMC members, SWEK, Dept. Communities, Jawun	Coordinate the housing needs analysis. Advocate for better allocation of housing assets.	Re-structure housing allocations in Wyndham in alignment with the housing needs analysis and proposal put forward by ECEK.

# Regional Development Agenda: Kalumburu Sub-regional Plan



Sub-regional Plan- Kalumburu

	Development Domains	Potential Initiative <i>What do we want to do?</i>	Identified Actions <i>How do we do it?</i>	Rationale <i>Why are we doing it?</i>	Timeframe <i>When can we do it by?</i>	Role of Individuals and Families	Partners and Agencies involved	EC role (LMCs, BBY)	Role of Governments (Structural Reform)	
1	People and Country, Language & Culture, Enabling service system	Strong Families and a Stronger Community	Cultural Awareness Framework & Protocols	Develop, Design & Mandate Cultural Awareness Framework & Protocols when entering community	Raise people’s cultural understanding around community protocols & cultural safety when entering, communicating or interacting with members of Kalumburu cultural groups	June 2026	Community to provide input into framework & protocols design to build their unique cultural identity	KAC, EPWA; Kira Kiro Artists, Esther Waina/Clarry Djanghara, individual providers; State and Federal Government	Support development, design and advocate to Government about mandating cultural awareness protocols	Mandate Cultural awareness and community protocols when entering our community
			Language, Arts & Culture Preservation & Regeneration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish Elders Council to guide &amp; develop Intergenerational Learning</li> <li>2. Develop or access existing content to document &amp; record language, arts and cultural practices</li> </ol>	To improve the learning, behavioural, health and socialisation outcomes of students, young people and elders through purposeful Intergenerational learnings. Keep Culture strong by preserving & restoring Language, Arts & Culture practices	June 2026	Our families need to participate, contribute and engage in purposeful learning and Language, Arts & Culture Preservation & Revival for our families and community to be culturally strong again	KAC, WGAC, KLRC, EPWA, Camera Story, PAKAM	Support & measure purposeful intergenerational learnings outcomes. Link community to language & media centres	Work with communities to invest & measure purposeful learnings outcomes & support Language, Arts & Culture Preservation & Revival
			Individual & Community Healing	Design individual & community healing programs to restore wellbeing and self-determination	We need to respond to intergenerational trauma (including family violence trauma) and restore wellbeing and self-determination at a community, family and individual level.	June 2026	Families need to provide input to design, deliver& participate in regular healing programs	KAC,WGAC, KALACC, Healing Foundation, Thrilli, KAMS, WACHS, BOAB, Community Focus National (CFN),	Identify individual & community healing needs & priorities . Scope culturally appropriate healing programs to share & design with community	Invest in healing programs and provide better service delivery to respond to trauma

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1	People and Country, Language & Culture, Enabling service system	Strong Families and a Stronger Community	Connection to Country	Build a coordinated approach to Back to Country trips and sharing of knowledge and skills which include whole families and puts in place role models and mentors. Increase BAC & WGAC's scope to support this work.	Respect for and connection to Country are intrinsically linked to wellbeing and success of Aboriginal people. Access and connection to Country is a pathway to healing.	June 2026	Contribute to and participate in sharing of knowledge and skills, volunteer, role model cultural values.	BAC, WGAC, KLRC, KALACC Kira Kiro Artists	Support, design with and advocate for meaningful back to country trips	Recognise the importance of connection to Country and it's impact on wellbeing and life outcomes. Invest in a program of authentic, ongoing Back to Country trips.
2	Families at Home, Language & Culture People and Country, Learning for Life, Economic Empowerment, Enabling service system	Strengthening Families One Household at a Time		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household empowerment and capacity development (life skills, relationship skills, leadership, employment, financial , legal education &amp; family health needs)</li> <li>Create opportunities to celebrate Household strengthening</li> </ol>	Kalumburu people were once strong. We need to promote participation, understanding and belonging. We need to build self-reliance and empowerment with our families to improve the social, economic, mental and physical wellbeing of our community. Celebrating household strengthening (e.g. tidy yards rewards) will create role models.	June 2026	Our families need to participate, contribute and engage in opportunities and take greater responsibility for building household capacity & skills	Wunan, KCLS, AFLS, ALS, Anglicare, Mental Health, NRTAFE, EKJP, WACHS	Scope existing & new service delivery. Advocate for capacity building, & better service delivery	Improved service coordination & program delivery in remote communities; design and delivery of community-led place-based programs

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3	People and Country, Language & Culture, Enabling service system	Community infrastructure	Men's Centre/Shed	Establish Men's Centre/Shed and program funding to create a culturally safe space for men to lead, provide, protect and restore family balance	To improve the health and wellbeing, strengthen cultural connection, responsibility and restore family balance of our Men need a safe place, model good behaviors to address their personal needs and challenges	June 2026	Our Men to participate, contribute and engage in the Men's Program and wider community to support and build understanding around issues that affect men of all ages	Community Focus National (CFN), Dept of Communities, Boab, WAPOL, WACHS, Anglicare, Thrilli	Support development, design and advocate to Government about establishing a men's centre/shed	Work with community to invest in Men's Centre/Shed programs and evaluate options for infrastructure & services
			Youth Hub	Establish a safe & supportive space for young people to socialise, develop, learn, build resilience	With a lack of social activities, alternative education models, employment & training opportunities, our young people get left behind. We need to create safe and supportive environment to develop our future leaders	June 2026	Families can promote the importance of supportive relationships with young people by being positive roles models. Young people require stability and secure emotional support.	KAC, WGAC, Kalumburu Remote School, WAPOL, Dept of Justice, EYL	Influence change at a systems level & advocate for youth space to address disadvantages and strengthen individual, family and community resilience and social wellbeing	Strengthen the youth service system, Work closely with government departments in helping individuals and families access immediate and longer term support from departments
4	Enabling service system	Community Justice Project	Establish a Community Justice Group to reduce crime & social problems in community. Local decision making for low-level offenders to do community service in community; reintegrating community members who have been in detention.	We need to decrease the crime and social issues in our community by encouraging positive social norms, building capacity in conflict resolution and taking responsibility for our people. We have a great working relationship with the current OIC but need to lock in this approach for the long-term.	June 2026	Our families need guidance and supports to make positive changes, build skills to deal with conflict & set social norms.	KAC, WGAC, WAPOL, Dept of Justice, Kalumburu Elders Council	Scope restorative justice and behavioural programs and share with & design with community. Design community service options & partners	Work with community to design with, invest and restorative justice frameworks	

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5	Learning for Life, Economic Empowerment	Employment, Skills & Training Capacity Building & workforce innovation	Community-led projects, skills sets and business development for community self-sufficiency (housing maintenance, civil construction, general labour)	We need to have community training opportunities so we can maintain our own roads, housing, infrastructure & recycling, we can do this by partnering with employment & training providers to deliver place-based training that aligns with community employment opportunities.	June 2026	We need families to build capacity and skills sets so local people are gainfully employed and skilled to lead community led projects	EKJP, Wunan, KGT, Djaringo, Main Roads WA	Ensure community led projects are Aboriginal designed. Formalise partnership, responsibilities and accountability between providers	Support the design, partnership development of community led projects. Invest in building capacity of community & workforce innovation
6	Families at Home, , Learning for Life, Enabling service system	Community Educational Models	Alternative education for disengaged teenagers & young adults	Tailor an alternative education model to support disengaged young people to finish their education	We want our people to be educated so they have life opportunities.	Families to support, value, guide and encourage educational participation and completion	KAC, Alta 1, EKJP, Kalumburu Remote School, Dept of Education	Scope various education models, programs & pathways	Provide alternative educational options for remote participation
			Day Care Centre: Early Years	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build Early Years workforce</li> <li>2. Establish a centre or service to provide culturally safe day care services and support working families with children</li> </ol>	Without long care daycare options, working families are experiencing daily challenges to remain employed. Families are first educators, we need our own people to be formal educators.	June 2026	Opportunity for families to provide their children with foundations for mental & physical development	KAC, Kalumburu Remote School, Wunan, DPC, Dept of Communities, KDC, Dept Ed (Cth)	Partnership brokerage for developing and funding a proposal for ECEC service (or alternative)

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7	Economic Development	Data Needs: True reflection of Kalumburu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build foundational knowledge around data analysis to help guide data-driven community decisions.</li> <li>2. Design Household Survey project to capture true reflection of Kalumburu</li> </ol>	We need to learn, reflect, analysis and interpret data around population, housing, language & culture, employment & health so data can reflect current circumstances	June 2026	Participate in the training, design & surveying of the Household Survey	EPWA, KAC	Build technical skills of Kalumburu community members to analysis & present data to support advocacy and community led decision making	Support & invest in community led solutions, infrastructure & respond to complex, challenging issues such as social and economic disadvantage
8	Economic Development	Support & progress the Kalumburu Economic & Enterprise Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building a Strategy for Tourism Development in Kalumburu</li> <li>2. Progressing Local Enterprise Opportunities in Kalumburu</li> <li>3. Business Hub</li> </ol>	Our families need to participate, contribute and engage in Kalumburu Economic & Enterprise Priorities and take greater responsible for self empowerment	June 2026	Increase interest, opportunities & empowerment of individuals, families & communities by building capacity around economic development	KAC, EPWA, Tramulla Women's Group & Op Shop, EKJP, Morgul, Many Rivers	Support Economic Development for Kalumburu by playing a key role in advocacy, implementation of actions and responsibilities.	Scope & invest in infrastructure gaps, advocate and support identified priorities and self empowerment opportunities



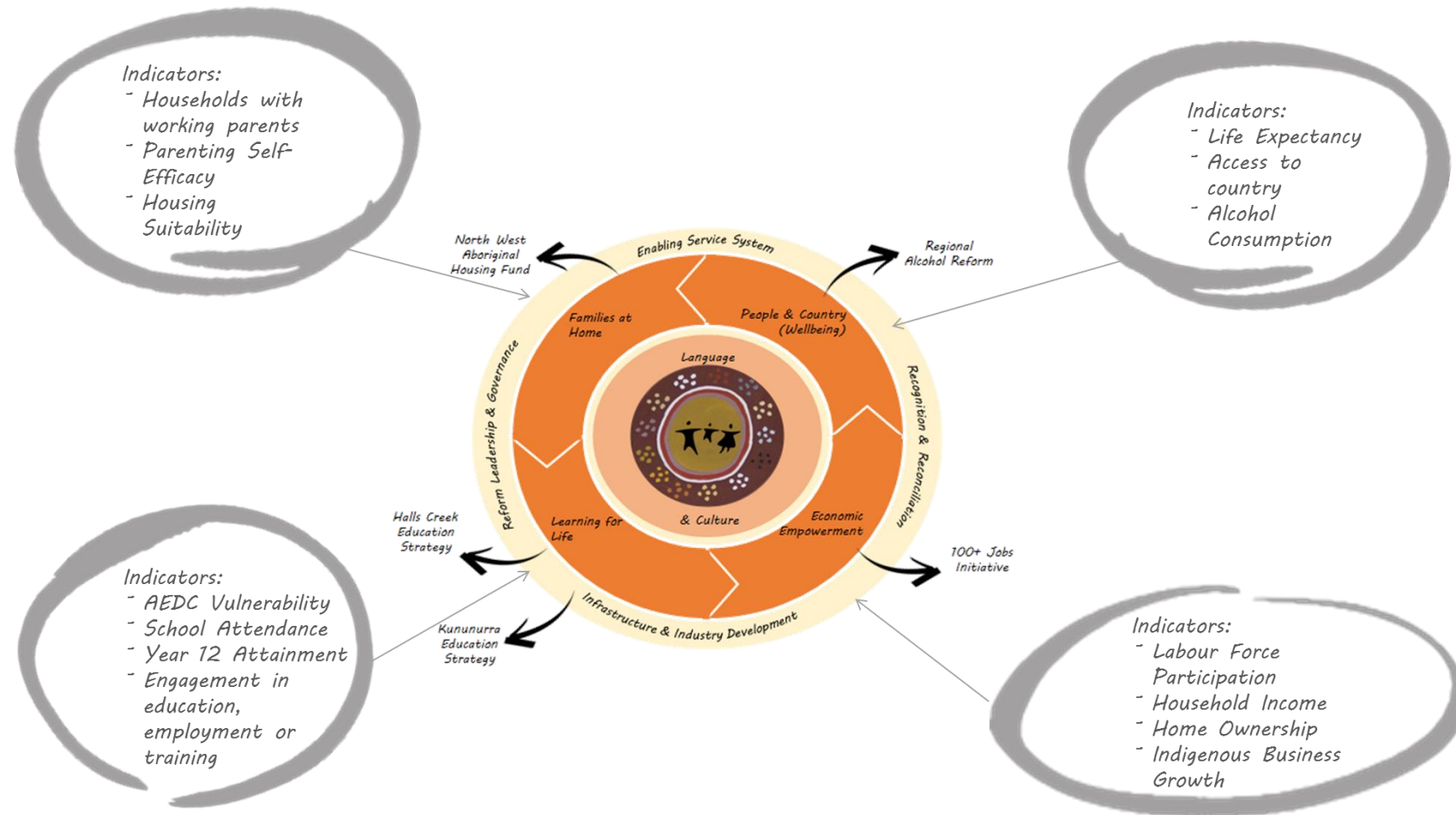
# Regional Development Agenda: Monitoring and Evaluation

Evaluating long-term social change efforts in complex environments is not straightforward.

We have started developing a M&E Framework and suite of Designing for Impact tools that will:

- Build knowledge about ‘what works, for whom, in what circumstances’ in our region
- Help us track the contribution programs are making (or not making) to population level outcomes and systems change called for in the RDA
- Provide real-time information to support decision-making about program adaptation and redesign
- Provide an evidence base to support decision-making about allocations from the Regional Pooled Fund

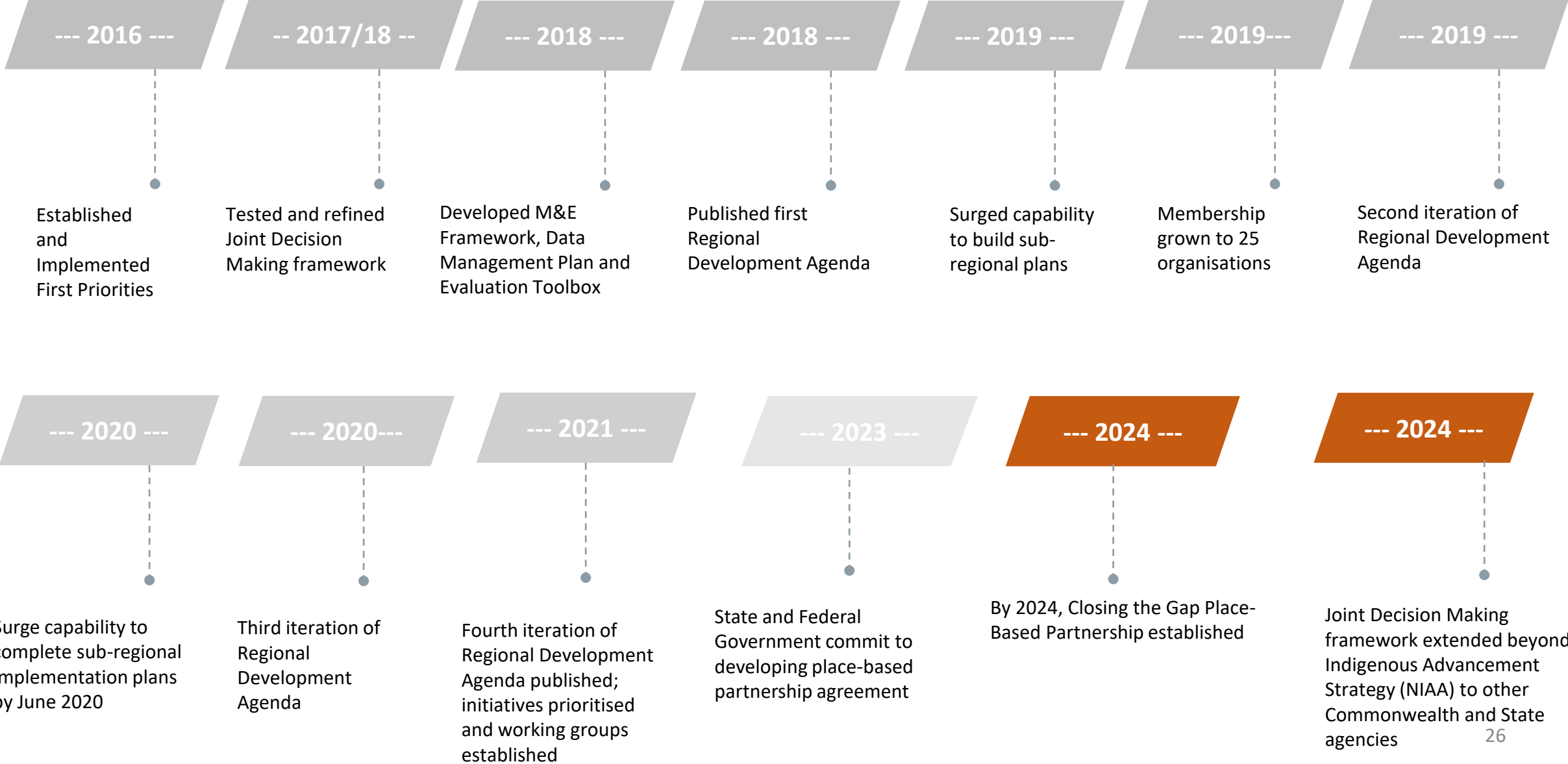
We have set some headline indicators and taken a baseline. However, there are many things we are interested in tracking (e.g. parenting self-efficacy) for which East Kimberley data is not available. We will need support from partners to access their data sources and to develop our community based researcher capability.



Over time, we need to build the data and evaluation capability of our Aboriginal organisational members, Government and NGO partners in the region, to move us all to

a shared measurement framework and to promote evidence-based decision-making.

# Regional Development Agenda: Next Steps



## Regional Development Agenda: Our Data

Binarri-binyja yarrowoo as the backbone organisation for Empowered Communities in the East Kimberley has a core function to obtain, collate and communicate useful and relevant data to our members, partners and decision makers. We do this in the forms of:

- Accurate baseline data
- Analysis of current systems and services
- Mapping and tracking of government investment
- Analysis of readily available regional and local data
- Building of frameworks to fill essential data and evidence gaps
- Providing a data service

Our baseline data is taken from 2015/16 and has been updated in 2023 (Appendix i 'Data'). The baseline indicators were chosen with particular attention to community priorities, and informed by international development, emerging best practice in Indigenous development, social determinants of health and Closing the Gap targets.

The challenge with our chosen indicator set is that in remote Australia, and the East Kimberley region, access to data at a meaningful level (disaggregated to township or suburb) is difficult- if the data exists at all. Combined with this the data that does exist is often deficit focussed.

Our aspiration for data in the East Kimberley is to have clearly defined indicators that can be shown at the sub-regional level (without affecting data quality), and that tell a story over time about the wellbeing of our families and our participation in the life and economy of the region.

With the recent review of the Closing the Gap targets, we welcome a focus on meaningful indicators, more granular measures, and stronger data capability in the East Kimberley.

*"... Indigenous people have the right to maintain, control and protect the data that is collected about them, access relevant and meaningful data to support decision making, and govern the direction of data projects that impact their communities".*

- Maggie Walter

## Appendix i. Data

This data has been compiled as a snapshot for Aboriginal development in four Domains- People and Country (wellbeing), Families at Home, Learning for Life and Economic Empowerment. More work is needed to finalise these indicators. BBY is currently developing a comparison framework to assist with benchmarking and the establishment of a data dashboard.

### Performance indicators used for measuring Aboriginal Development in the East Kimberley under the Empowered Communities Regional Development Agenda

Development Domain	Indicator	National Data	WA State Data	East Kimberley Data	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Shire of Halls Creek	Maps to Closing the Gap (CTG) Targets	Available for EC sub-regions	
People & Country	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults reported that they lived on their homelands or traditional country	27%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
	Life Expectancy at birth, by gender for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	2020-2022 71.9 Males 75.6 Females	2020-2022 68.9 Males 72.6 Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	Target 1		
	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 and over who exceed the lifetime risk alcohol guidelines	18.4%	33.1%	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Families at Home	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing	81.4% +2.5% since 2016	78.8% +3.6% since 2016	51.8% +1.7% since 2016	59.8% +1.6% since 2016	45.1% +1.9% since 2016	Target 9 Increase to 88%	✓	
	Parenting Self-efficacy	<i>In development</i>							
	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander couple families where both parents are employed	55.6% +4.5% since 2016	50.7% +7% since 2016	25.2% +0.4% since 2016	33.3% +1.4% since 2016	16.4% -0.3% since 2016		✓	
	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children reunified with birth family	<i>In development</i>							✓

## Appendix i. Data cont.

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Development Domain	Indicator	National Data	WA State Data	East Kimberley Data	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Data	Shire of Halls Creek Data	Maps to Closing the Gap (CTG) Targets	Available for EC sub-regions	
Learning for Life	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children assessed as developmentally on track in all five domains of the AEDC	34.3% +0.5% since 2015	31.3% +1.4% since 2015	n/a	n/a	n/a	Target 4 Increase to 55%	✓	
	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 20-24 who have completed year 12 or equivalent	68.1% + 4.9% since 2016	61.1% +3.7 % since 2016	36.7% <b>-2.6% since 2016</b>	39.7% <b>-5.5% since 2016</b>	32% <b>-4.5% since 2016</b>	Target 5 Increase to 96%	✓	
	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attending school 90 percent or more of the time	79%	72.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a		✓	
	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth (aged 15-24) fully engaged in employment or education	58% +0.8 since 2016	53.1% +1.6% since 2016	31.3% <b>-0.5% since 2016</b>	34.1% <b>-2.7% since 2016</b>	28.7% +2.8% since 2016	Target 7 Increase to 67%	✓	
Economic Empowerment	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households that are owner occupied (including those with a mortgage)	42.1% +2.7% since 2016	39.2% +3.9% since 2016	10.3% +0.8% since 2016	14.2% +2% since 2016	5.7% +0.4% since 2016		✓	
	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 25 to 64 who are employed	55.7% +4.7% since 2016	49.8% +5.1% since 2016	33% +1.7% since 2016	41.3% +5% since 2016	26.6% <b>-0.2% since 2016</b>	Target 8 Increase to 62%	✓	
	Aboriginal Business Growth - Indicator in development (data for the East Kimberley pending analysis of Empowered Communities' Aboriginal Business Survey)	In development							
	Median Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander weekly household income	\$1,507 +\$304 since 2016	\$1,480 +\$270 since 2016	\$989 +\$109 since 2016	\$1,135 +\$140 since 2016	\$869 +\$164 since 2016		✓	

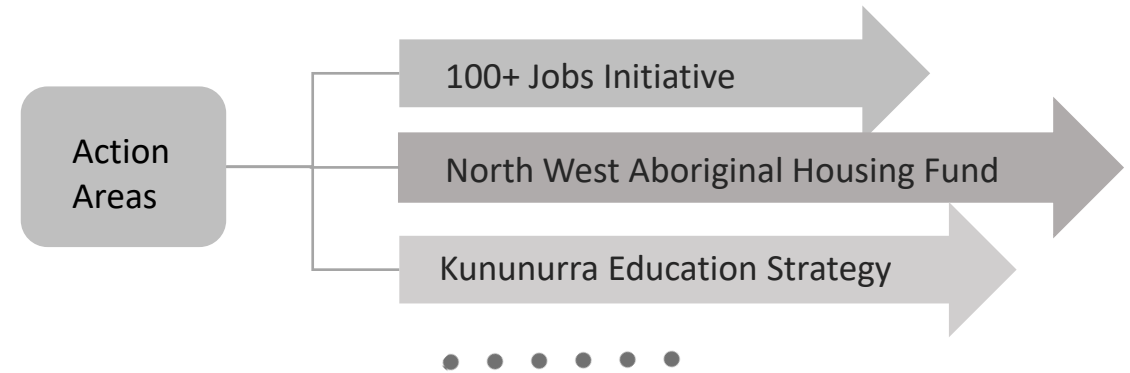
## Appendix ii. Sub-regional Profile: Kununurra



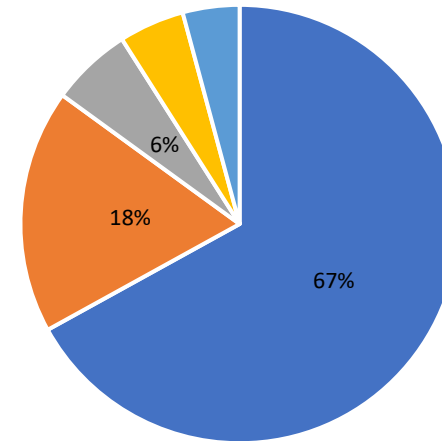
### Priorities identified in recent consultations (Govt. and non-Govt. consultations)

- **Jobs and Training** are high priorities for Aboriginal people in Kununurra. It is important to have meaningful employment opportunities and a **diverse industry base** to support Aboriginal businesses.
- **Housing** is of high concern, particularly for older people and children in overcrowded homes. Aboriginal voices in planning of housing is essential.
- **Education** starting at the **early years** is an important focus. **Language and culture** is required to support strong relationships between families and schools, coupled with the provision of **intensive family support services**.
- **Health** (particularly the unknown prevalence of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) has been highlighted as critical. Adequate resources to support assessments and diagnosis are needed. Also, more mental health services and culturally supportive programs are required to support young people.
- Access to **country and strong culture** is vital, not only for wellbeing but also opportunities for culture-based tourism and bush medicines.
- Providing **young people and their families** opportunity to thrive is a high concern- particularly responses to young people who require complex support.

### Empowered Communities Current Work



### Government Investment in the sub-region of Kununurra



*Data update in development  
2013 – 2019 data in use*

- Health and Wellbeing
- Education
- Employment/Training
- Caring for children and the vulnerable
- Safe communities

During April 2013 to February 2019 around 109 Commonwealth and State Government contracts have been issued specifically for Kununurra worth approximately **\$91 million**. Most of the funding was for health and wellbeing followed by support for education. The Kununurra specific contracts were awarded to **41 different organisations and agencies**.

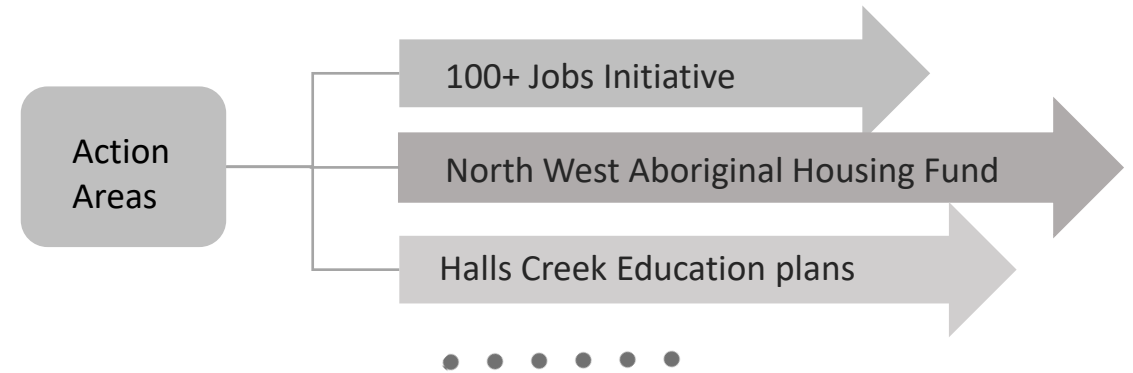
## Appendix ii. Sub-regional Profile: Halls Creek



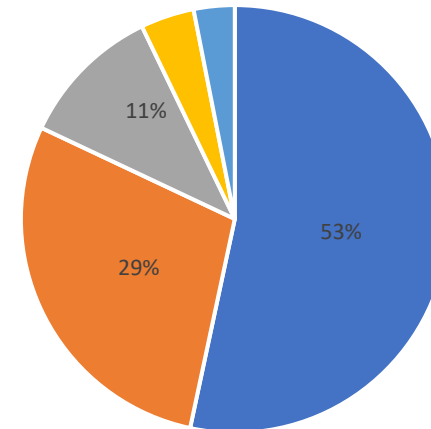
### Priorities identified in recent consultations (Govt. and non-Govt. consultations)

- **Education** is an urgent priority identified in Halls Creek. There are calls for strong pathways to ongoing training and jobs after school that are meaningful for young people and engages them early, to avoid trouble with police or welfare.
- **Jobs and Training** are high priorities for Aboriginal people in Halls Creek. Job creation in communities and opportunities for small business and enterprise is called for.
- **Housing** is of high concern- infrastructure development in Halls Creek with appropriate maintenance agreements are essential for individuals and families to thrive. As well as housing, co-designed and structurally sound infrastructure on community blocks is needed to support good community functioning.
- **Leadership** is important to the people of Halls Creek. It is important to promote the strengths that Aboriginal people bring to the region and continue to build capability of Aboriginal people, to empower collaboration efforts to support Aboriginal led change.
- **Economic development** opportunities through land tenure and diverse industries that can support Aboriginal businesses.

### Empowered Communities Current Work



### Government Investment in the sub-region of Halls Creek



*Data update in development  
2013 – 2019 data in use*

- Infrastructure
- Health and Wellbeing
- Education
- Caring for children and the vulnerable
- Safe communities

During April 2013 to February 2019 around 94 Commonwealth and State Government contracts have been issued specifically for Halls Creek worth approximately **\$111 million**. This chart includes investment into Warmun which contributes to the high infrastructure allocation. The next major investment area is health and wellbeing, followed by support for education. The Halls Creek specific contracts were awarded to **30 different organisations**.

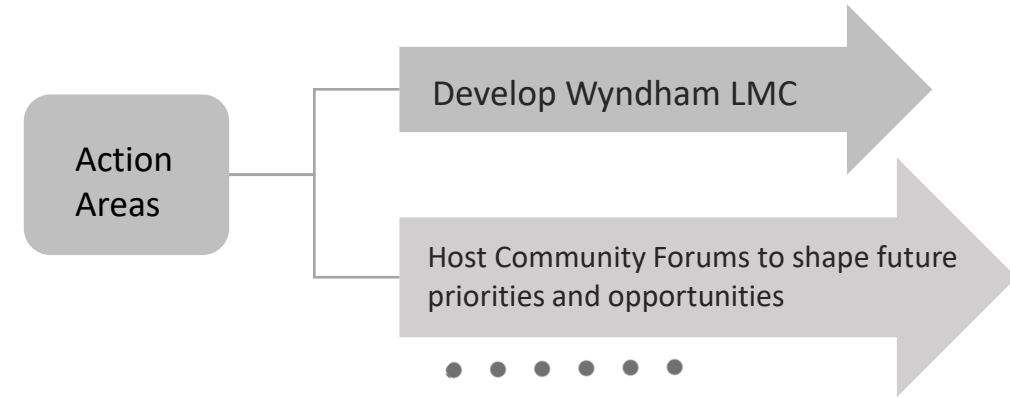
## Appendix ii. Sub-regional Profile: Wyndham



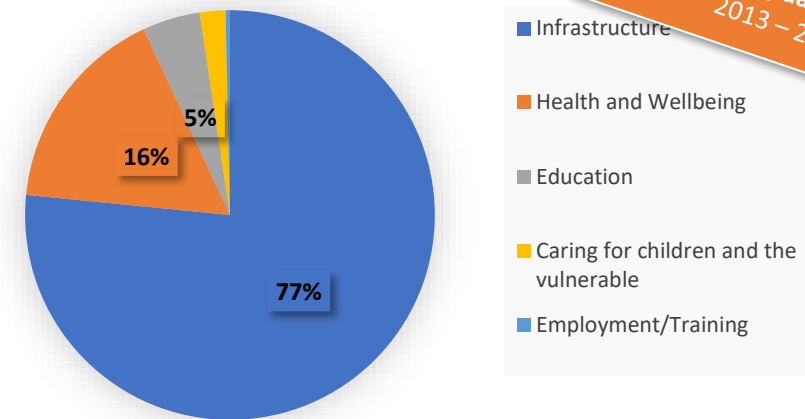
### Priorities identified in recent consultations (Govt. and non-Govt. consultations)

- **Youth Services**, with an emphasis on youth safety and developing safe spaces through supporting families and parents, providing pathways for young people's aspirations and the creation of a dedicated youth safe space.
- **Economic development**, including attracting investment, supporting local business, improving airport services, growing tourism and improving the overall appearance of Wyndham town centres.
- **Improved infrastructure** including fixing damaged road surfaces, better drainage, improved lighting and street-scapes, and more footpaths, cycleways and trails for better connectivity
- **Value for money from Shire rates**. Ratepayers request rate reductions or limits to rate increases

### Empowered Communities Current Work



### Government Investment in the sub-region of Wyndham



Data update in development  
2013 – 2019 data in use

During April 2013 to February 2019 around 39 Commonwealth and State Government contracts have been issued specifically for Wyndham worth approximately \$64 million. Most of the funding was for infrastructure followed by for health and wellbeing. The Wyndham specific contracts were awarded to **14 different organisations and agencies**.



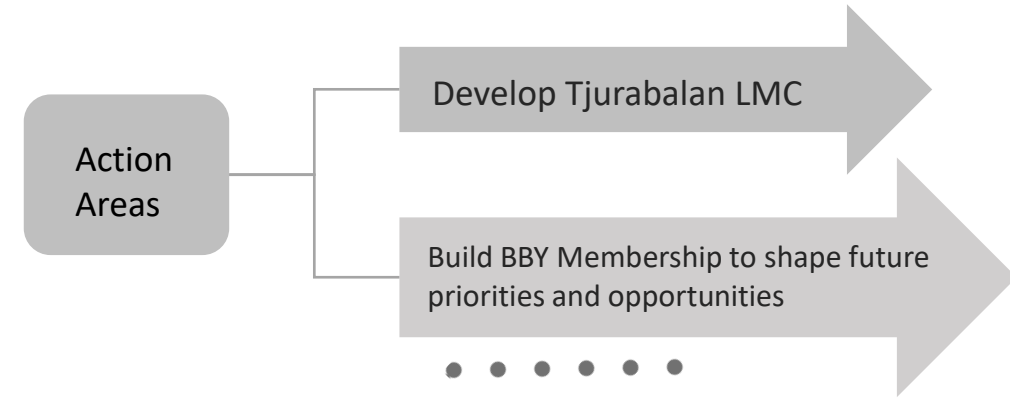
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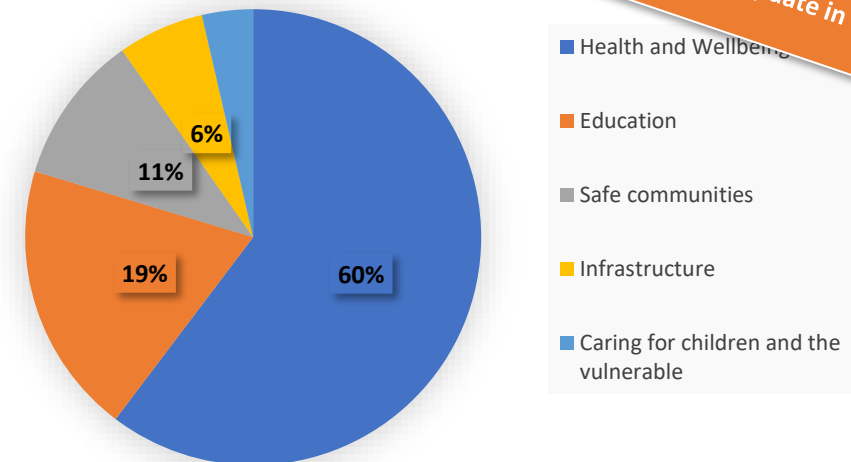
### Priorities identified in recent consultations (Govt. and non-Govt. consultations)

- **Efficient infrastructure** and making use of current building structures is important. This will support opportunities for new job creation and refurbishing current community buildings to be better fit for purpose.
- **Housing** maintenance has been raised in consultations as an issue. There is opportunity to advocate for procurement of housing maintenance to be awarded to local Aboriginal organisations, upskilling local people for maintenance roles while linking into employment opportunities.
- **Jobs and training** is important to sustain individual and family opportunity. There are calls to develop more 'on-country' jobs such as ranger groups.
- Increasing opportunities for economic development is important. By increasing opportunity for **Aboriginal businesses** (diversified businesses, including art and tourism), families and communities can better plan for long term economic development.
- **Education** is a priority- provision of **early childhood programs** and education are critical. Cross- cultural and bilingual approaches in education are essential to engaging kids to boost school attendance.

### Empowered Communities Current Work



### Government Investment in the sub-region of Tjurabalan



Over the past few years around 20 Commonwealth and State Government contracts have been issued specifically for the Tjurabalan region worth approximately **\$16 million**. Most of the funding was for health and wellbeing followed by support for education. The Tjurabalan specific contracts were awarded to **13 different organisations**.

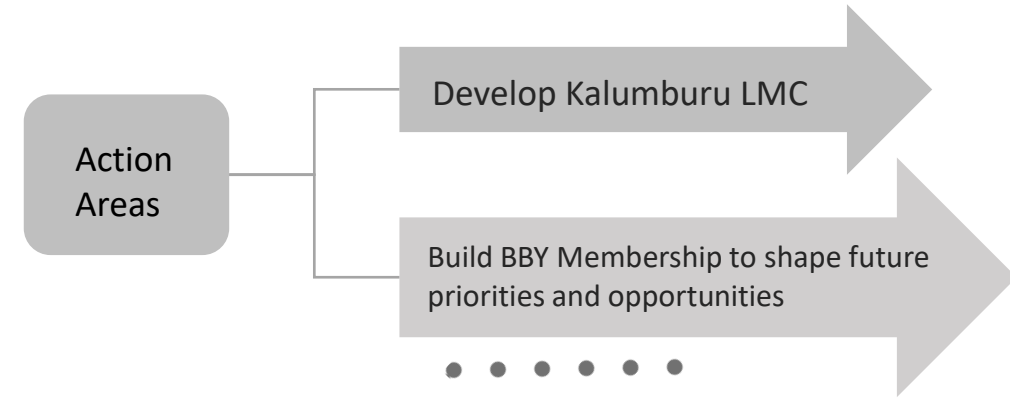
## Appendix ii. Sub-regional Profile: Kalumburu



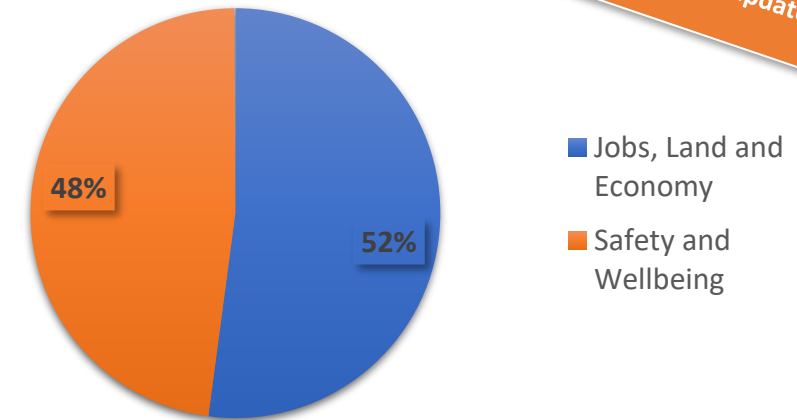
### Priorities identified in recent consultations (Govt. and non-Govt. consultations)

- **Connection to culture**, through the revival and documentation of language, arts and culture, intergenerational learning with Elders and taking kids out on country.
- **Strengthening families** through family activities, community led projects to build household capability and life skills, and financial management services. **Support for women's and men's groups**, including the need for a safe space for men and **youth services** for young people including mentoring and facilities.
- Increasing education opportunities for young people by scoping **alternative education models**.
- **Jobs and training** and building capacity of community to be employed in service delivery. Ensuring investment in the community provides opportunity for local people. Supporting **economic enterprise** opportunities.
- **Address housing issues** for both community people and incoming staff. Engaging local people to do housing maintenance through EKJP and house and yard initiatives.
- **Community strengthening** through a community garden, mandatory community protocol and cultural awareness, a community justice system and individual and community healing.

### Empowered Communities Current Work



### Government Investment in the sub-region of Kalumburu



Data update in development

Over the past few years around 3 Commonwealth and State Government contracts have been issued specifically for the Kalumburu region worth approximately **\$3.3 million**. Most of the funding was for jobs, land and economy followed by support for safety and wellbeing. The Kalumburu specific contracts were awarded to 3 different organisations.

*For data sources please contact BBY*

### Completed Actions

Development Domains	Initiative	Actions	Rationale	Partners and Agencies involved
Families at Home; Economic Empowerment	First Priority Employment Initiative-100+ Jobs	Pilot an Aboriginal-led employment program in Kununurra, Wyndham and Halls Creek.	Reducing the number of jobless households in the region is critical for social and economic empowerment. 100+ Jobs Initiative targets people left behind by CDP and Centrelink reforms.	MG Corp; BBY; NIAA; WA Department of Communities; EKJP; KGT; Jawun
Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)	Data to support Aboriginal development	Recast <i>Aboriginal Population Profiles for Development Planning in the Northern East Kimberley</i> report	To build the case for securing intergenerational social, cultural and economic development of our people through better targeted investment in our region	Rio Tinto; DPC; KDC; Primary Industries & Regional Development; Communities
Families at Home; Learning For life; Economic Empowerment	Public Housing to Home Ownership	Wunan and MG Corp will develop separate but complementary proposals to the NWAHF; reshape NIAA investment through JDM.	Increased home ownership will lead to increased economic empowerment and family wellbeing.	Wunan; MG Corp; Jawun; Department of Communities; Nirrumbuk

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