



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

1. What is the Transitional Housing Program?

The Transitional Housing Program in Kununurra consists of 40 transitional houses, providing housing management and support services for Aboriginal participants. The program has recently been extended into Halls Creek delivering 15 new houses, with eight completed in early March 2015.

The West Kimberley Transitional Housing Program will deliver a minimum of 40 homes in Broome and 20 homes in Derby. These homes are for eligible Aboriginal people who are committed to securing their financial independence and progressing towards home ownership or private rental.

Applicants must be either employed or in training.

2. Where is the program based?

The Transitional Housing Program is currently in Kununurra and Halls Creek, Broome and Derby.

3. How do I become eligible for the program?

Applicants for the Transitional Housing Program must be living in the local area. Applicants must be currently working or in training and if they have children, they must ensure their children attend school on a regular basis.

4. Am I eligible for the program if I do not have children?

Yes.

5. How does the program relate to Home Ownership?

Participants are selected based on their commitment to purchasing their own home in the future.

They are provided with an affordable rental property for the duration of their time in the program. As the rent is linked to the participant's income, they will have the opportunity to save money towards purchasing their own home.



6. How are participants of the program supported?

Participants are provided with affordable rental housing in addition to support services. The program allows participants to maintain employment or training while being supported and mentored in areas such as financial management, healthy living and home maintenance. Support is tailored to each individual's needs.

7. Do participants continue to receive support after they have moved into home ownership or private rental?

No. By the time the participant has moved into home ownership or private rental, it is anticipated they will no longer require support services.

8. If a participant decides they no longer want to be in the program and want to go back to public housing, do they get priority on the public housing waitlist?

No. Participants are selected after a comprehensive selection process to ensure they are committed to the program and achieving their goals of home ownership and long term financial security. In the rare instance that a participant withdraws from the program, they will need to secure alternative housing arrangements or wait for a public housing property to become available, if eligible.

9. Is a rental history necessary to be considered for the program?

No. Rental history is not a requirement. All applicants will be considered regardless of rental history.

10. Is there a limit on how many people may reside in each home?

Yes. Just like a private rental, participants must list family members who will be living in the home permanently. As with a private rental, participants will be able to have guests to stay. However, if guests stay for extended periods of time without being listed as a permanent household member, they may be requested to leave the property.

11. Are moveable items such as furniture etc. included in the transitional housing properties?

No. Participants are expected to bring their own furniture and other personal items.

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