

# WA State Government Awards Lotterywest Grant to Wunan Foundation, Boosting Support for Aboriginal Youth Accommodation in Kununurra



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A major milestone has been reached in Kununurra, significantly reducing vulnerability and disadvantage through the provision of safe and culturally appropriate accommodation for young people.

The WA State Government, represented by Dr. Tony Buti MLA, Hon John Carey BA MLA, and Divina D'Anna, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, proudly announced the awarding of a Lotterywest grant to the Wunan Foundation.

Wunan, a leading Indigenous organisation, has been gifted \$104,700.00 to support the reopening of the Kununurra Community Hostel. The grant, generously provided by Lotterywest, signifies the Government's commitment to supporting Wunan in refurbishing accommodation for young people in Kununurra, aiding their success in education, employment and training.

In a ceremonial event held in Kununurra recently, Minister Buti, alongside esteemed guests, presented Wunan with a celebratory cheque, which will be utilised towards the procurement of white goods and necessary upgrades for the Kununurra Community Hostel.

In collaboration with MG Corporation, the Kununurra Community Hostel aims to offer vital support and stability to young Aboriginal individuals as they take on training and employment opportunities. This initiative aligns with the State Government's vision of reducing vulnerability and disadvantage across communities while fostering inclusivity and community participation.

Prue Jenkins, CEO of Wunan Foundation, thanked Lotterywest and emphasised the importance of community collaboration in co-designing and delivering better accommodation and training outcomes for young people in Kununurra.

The event was attended by key representatives from Wunan Foundation, including Prue Jenkins (CEO), James Elliott (Deputy Chair), Jean O'Reeri (Director), and Simon Cochaud (Wunan Foundation).

For more information, please contact Prue Jenkins [WunanCeo@wunan.org.au](mailto:WunanCeo@wunan.org.au).

**About Wunan Foundation:** Wunan Foundation is a leading Indigenous organisation committed to empowering Aboriginal communities in the East Kimberley region. Through various initiatives and partnerships, Wunan strives to create sustainable opportunities for education, employment, and economic development, fostering positive change and social inclusion within Indigenous communities.