



Our ref: 2025/42271

Ms Virginia Miltrup  
Chief Executive Officer  
City of Karratha  
Lot 1083 Welcome Road  
KARRATHA WA 6714

Dear Ms Miltrup,

**46 ROE STREET, ROEBOURNE 6718**

The Department of Communities (Communities) has a peppercorn lease relating to the above City of Karratha property, which is due to terminate on 31 December 2025. The property is used to deliver the Western Australian Department of Education funded Connected Beginnings - Roebourne Community Action Plan in partnership with the Roebourne Elders. The 6718 Yandi for Change program has operated successfully using this property as a base, helping young Aboriginal children to have the best start in life. I would like to thank the City of Karratha for your contribution to this very important community early childhood initiative in Roebourne.

The Connected Beginnings – Roebourne funding agreement has been transitioned to an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation, Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation (Julyardi), effective from 1 October 2025 in line with strategic government priorities regarding self-determination of Aboriginal communities and building the Aboriginal community-controlled sector.

Julyardi has applied to the City of Karratha to lease 46 Roe Street, Roebourne to continue the operation of Yandi for Change. While this application is being considered, Communities has agreed to maintain its current lease and enter a sub-lease arrangement with Julyardi from 1 October to 31 December 2025.

I understand that the City of Karratha's leasing policy has been revised since Communities commenced the peppercorn lease and that this may have the unfortunate impact of establishing market rent for Julyardi's lease. A significant increase in rent is likely to result in less funding being available for direct service provision, which could reduce the opportunities for Julyardi to improve outcomes for Roebourne children. I would like to advocate for your support of the ongoing work of Julyardi and the Roebourne community in considering the Julyardi peppercorn lease application.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Dianne Leverett, Senior Project Officer at the Department of Communities on 0432 838 703 or at [di.leverett@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:di.leverett@communities.wa.gov.au). Thank you for your continued support and for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely



Mike Rowe  
**Director General**

09 October 2025

17 June 2025

To whom it may concern,

SNAICC - National Voice for Our Children, as Community Partner for the Connected Beginnings program, and the Department of Education (Australian Government) are writing to convey our support for Juliyardi Aboriginal Corporation (Juliyardi) to acquire the leasing arrangement for 46 Roe Street, Roebourne WA.

Housing is a crucial element towards the effective delivery of the Connected Beginnings program in Roebourne, which seeks to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island children and their families. For more information, please visit <https://www.snaicc.org.au/our-work/early-childhood-development/connected-beginnings>.

Please contact us on the details provided below if you would like to discuss further.

Kind regards,

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13 June 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

**Re: Support for Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation to Hold Lease at Peppercorn Rate for 46 Roe Street, Roebourne**

I am writing to express my full support for Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation to retain the lease for the premises located at 46 Roe Street, Roebourne, at a peppercorn rental rate. This will provide ongoing support and continued presence of Yandi 4 Change at this location under the Connected Beginnings funding as well as local Pilbara and State funding to support local services to the Roebourne community.

Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation has consistently demonstrated strong leadership, cultural authority, and an enduring commitment and together with Yandi 4 Change will continue to do so in the Roebourne community. Their management of the Connected Beginnings Hedland site has ensured it remains a safe, welcoming, and culturally appropriate space for Aboriginal children, families, and service providers.

Yandi 4 Change, operating from their same site, continues to deliver vital children, youth and adult focused services that empower and support people through culturally informed, trauma-aware practices. The continuity of service delivery from this location is critical to maintaining the trust and engagement of the local community and their families.

Providing the lease to Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation at a peppercorn rate not only supports the long-term sustainability of these community-led programs, but also represents a meaningful investment in Aboriginal self-determination and local capacity. The social and cultural value delivered through these services significantly outweighs any potential financial return from commercial leasing.

I strongly support this arrangement and show support for Aboriginal-led initiatives that are creating lasting, positive change in Roebourne.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Michel MLA  
Member for Pilbara



## Labor for Pilbara

