



8th August 2025

Warren Van Wyk
Director
City of Karratha
Lot 1083 Welcome Road
Karratha Western Australia 6714

Dear Warren,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Shanine Ryan (Deputy Chairperson) and I on Wednesday 16 July 2025. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss areas of our business that is focused on investment into local communities and their members.

Please find enclosed a brief submission regarding the properties of 15 and 17-19 Sholl Street, Roebourne for your consideration, following on from our discussion. I look forward to any feedback you may have and to continuing a constructive dialogue going forward.

Warm regards,

Michael Greene

A/Chief Executive Officer

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Background

Roebourne Community Resource Centre Incorporated (RCRC) and Ngarliyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation (NBAC) NBAC is an organisation with a 55-year history of sheer vision, determination and resilience and through changing times and hardship, the organisation has long been resourceful in finding ways to continue to support the Ngaardangali and broader community of Roebourne and surrounds.

This has created a trusted, well-respected organisation hence this proposal being submitted seeking support to realise the incredibly generous gift of land and assets from the dissolving RCRC.

On reviewing the City's Council Plan 2025-2035, incorporating the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan, we recognise the City's guiding commitments in implementing this plan as outlined below.

- Place-based tailoring policies and services to the unique needs, characteristics, and aspirations of local communities.
- Culturally informed respecting and uniting diverse cultural identities and values, including Traditional Owners, in planning and decision-making processes.
- Inclusive Ensuring equitable access to resources and services, fostering participation and belonging for all community members.
- Sustainable, balancing economic, environmental, and social factors to support long-term community wellbeing and resilience.
- Dynamic embracing innovation and adaptability to address emerging challenges and opportunities.
- Promoting fairness, transparency, and equity while challenging inequalities and upholding individual rights.

NBAC is uniquely positioned to align with each of these commitments and as such are seeking to understand the implications of accepting a gifted property and associated assets from the RCRC to continue to deliver important programs that bring the Roebourne and surrounding community together, empowering individuals and creating social and economic opportunities.

Reviewing the following table extracted from the Council Plan, highlighting the significant contribution to the national economy through the top three industries, not surprisingly mining and resources related, and although these are incredible figures and contributions, it is still deeply alarming to find such desolate, desperate and disparaging rates of poverty, homelessness,

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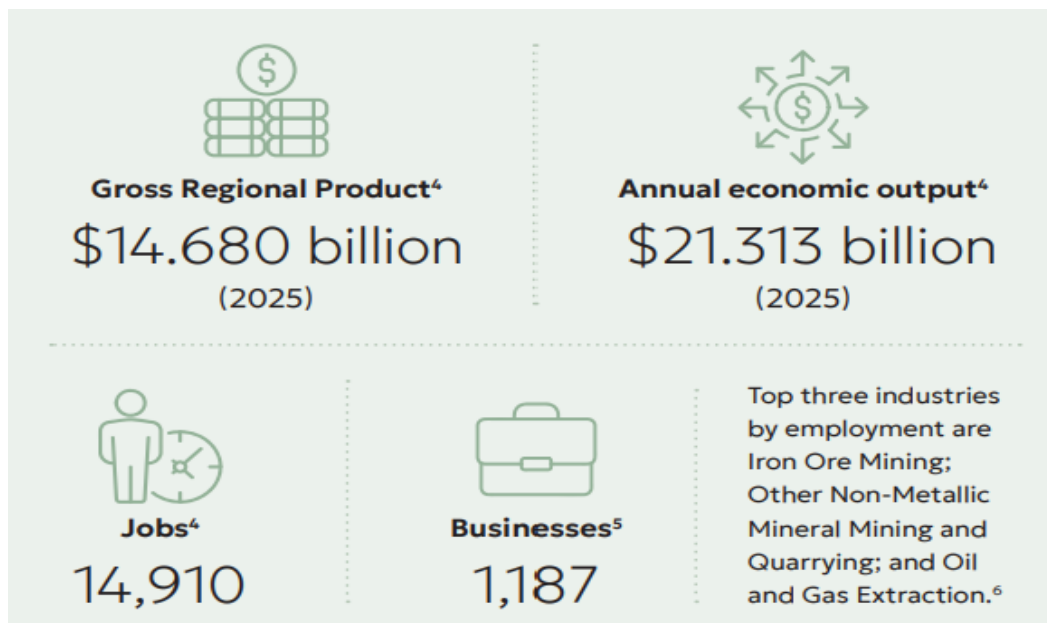
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overcrowding and struggle, with people finding it hard to survive with the general costs of living across our city footprint.

Evidence of this on a much larger scale can be found in the town of Roebourne, notably because many Aboriginal people are locked out of opportunities for varying reasons in these three major industries.



History of the Roebourne Community Resource Centre

The Roebourne Community Resource Centre Inc (ABN 91 501 887 104) was established in June 2003 as the Roebourne Telecentre Inc and changed its name in 2013. It was operated out of premises owned by the organisation at 15 and 17-19 Sholl Street in Roebourne.

Following an investigation into financial mismanagement in 2009, which was reported to relevant authorities, the organisation was unable to acquit the funding received from the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and has subsequently received no further funding for the Community Resource Centre. The organisation Coordinator continued to run the Resource Centre and manage the Roebourne Community Calendar, working in a voluntary capacity.

The only income the organisation received since 2009 was rental income from leasing out the buildings at 15 and 17-19 Sholl Street, Roebourne.

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One of these building's is leased to Val and Kathy's Crafty Kitchen, a volunteer community group, which supports local Elders and community members to connect and engage, building their mental health and wellbeing and increasing their sense of connection and belonging. Val and Kathy's Crafty Kitchen is 100% volunteer run with no operational income. It is made possible by NBAC which has been responsible for paying the \$100 weekly rent charged for use of the building.

Another of the building's was leased as a residential rental property to Real Employment for Aboriginal People (REFAP). REFAP has outstanding rental payments of approximately \$15,000 or more which the RCRC has attempted to recoup but is not hopeful of a resolution given REFAP no longer operate.

The income received from leasing these two properties barely covers costs associated with building insurance, power and water. With no additional income, the RCRC has, therefore, been unable to pay the outstanding Council rates.

With no income and no activities, the RCRC Board has decided to wind up the organisation. In line with the Associations Act and the organisation's Constitution, the Roebourne Community Resource Centre Inc would like to gift the premises at 15 and 17-19 Sholl Street Roebourne to Ngarliyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation (NBAC) to support the delivery of their social innovation programs in Roebourne.

NBAC Strategy

It is intended that programs such as the Yirramagardu Crew work-ready programs and the Bindirri Garlba youth work-ready program, along with Val and Kathy's Crafty Kitchen will operate out of these premises along with other future programs or partnerships that may contribute outcomes that align to NBAC's strategic plan 2025-2030 and the City's various plans including.

- Council Plan 2025-2035
- Strategic Community Plan
- Corporate Business Plan
- Youth Strategy
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan
- Age Friendly Strategy 2021-2026, and
- Aligning with the Roebourne Recreation Precinct Masterplan

These programs provide invaluable support to improve the quality of life for local Aboriginal people and other community members by empowering people to improve their health, wellbeing and social connection, supporting them on their pathway to work readiness and employment, and connecting

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individuals with other service providers. In doing so, these programs are changing mindsets and contributing to self-determination and in some cases economic empowerment.

Challenge

Before the premises at 15 and 17-19 Sholl Street, Roebourne can be gifted or transferred into NBAC's name, the outstanding Council Rates require addressing.

The Board of the RCRC is requesting the City of Karratha to kindly consider waiving or writing off the following outstanding Council Rates for 15 and 17-19 Sholl Street, which will allow the organisation to proceed with gifting the premises to NBAC and move forward with the process of winding up the organisation.

- 15 Sholl Street (Lot 142 Plan 223088)
Assessment Number A4460
Outstanding rates as of 6/11/24 - \$5,683.90
- 17-19 Sholl Street (Lot 140 141 Plan 223088)
Assessment Number A4428
Outstanding rates as of 6/11/24 - \$19,793.76

NBAC also request that council consider waiving any current rates for the 2025-2026 financial year to allow NBAC the opportunity to identify funding streams to cover associated costs in transferring title and attending to buildings and grounds that are currently requiring considerable maintenance that NBAC will need to factor into ongoing financial needs for the properties.

We are committed to the ongoing support of our community and thank you for your consideration of this matter. Should there be any further information required to support this proposal please don't hesitate to contact Michael Greene, A/Chief Executive Officer, 0400 675 247.

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