



# Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy 2021 - 2029 Community Guide

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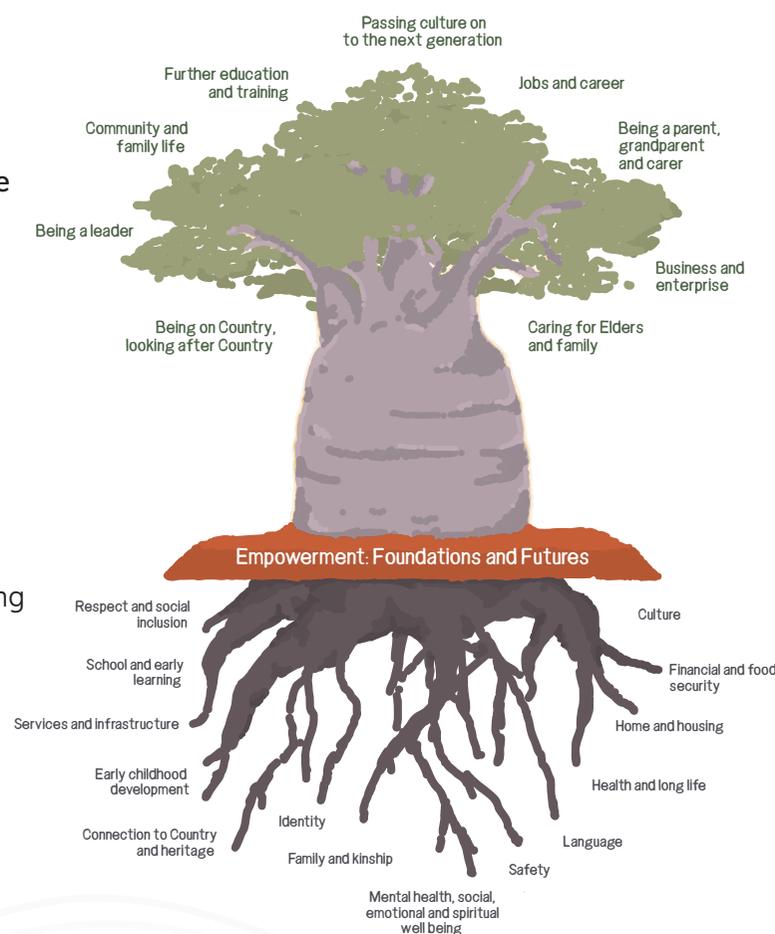
Developed in partnership with the Aboriginal Advisory Council of WA, the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy sets out the ways the WA Government will work with Aboriginal people to create new opportunities and address the impacts of past and ongoing injustices.

It's about Aboriginal people, families and communities being empowered to live good lives and choose their own futures from a secure foundation.

## What is empowerment?

Empowerment involves people making decisions about their own lives, and getting the support needed to make this happen.

It begins with having strong and secure foundations that allow people, families and communities to grow and develop, and build their own futures.



## Healing

Healing is a key part of the Strategy. Aboriginal people have said very clearly that healing is needed for social and economic outcomes to improve.

Healing is about addressing trauma. The healing process allows individuals, families and communities to work through the effects of past and ongoing trauma, and reduce its impacts on future generations.

In this way, healing forms part of every element of the Strategy, from supporting culture, to delivering truth-telling, to investing in foundations and futures, and building Aboriginal empowerment.

## Working together to make a difference

The Strategy covers a range of different areas, from decision-making to services delivery, economic opportunities and truth-telling. Many different people will need to work together to turn these different elements of the Strategy into action.

The WA Government will continue to work in partnership with Aboriginal people to determine the best way forward. The actions to make the Strategy a reality will be set out in an Implementation Plan that is backed by a strong framework of accountability that makes sure our efforts are working.

The Implementation Plan will also talk about what the WA Government is doing to meet its commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

