



# Embedding knowledge of Country into land use planning across the State

## First Nations Australians Planning Program

Join the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and help embed knowledge of Country into land use planning across regional WA.

### A voice in land use planning

The First Nations Australians Planning Program aims to recruit and develop First Nations Australians with strong cultural knowledge and a passion for planning.

Through employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, it helps strengthen connections between planning frameworks and First Nations cultural practices across regional Western Australia.

As part of the program, successful candidates work directly with community organisations, Prescribed Body Corporates and local services to shape economic development opportunities, infrastructure, development plans and governance strategies.

They also collaborate and provide advice to the Department, the Western Australian Planning Commission and other State and local governments to inform decision making and improve planning processes and policies, ensuring alignment with Aboriginal cultural and social priorities.

### Get involved

We are continuing to expand the program across regional WA. Find out more about the program, recruitment opportunities or contact us.

Visit [wa.gov.au/fnapp](https://wa.gov.au/fnapp) or scan the QR code below.



## We help make a difference

“Through my appointment, I have been able to better **support local traditional owner groups, Aboriginal communities and Prescribed Body Corporates in the Kimberley region** with their planning and land matters and bring more awareness to the region on what being a ‘Planner’ means.”



### *Shannon Lockyer*

Kija and Bardi man  
Principal Planner  
First Nations Australians Planning Program

“Since being in the program, I have been proactively **engaging and working with First Nations communities and Aboriginal organisations in the West Kimberley** and assisting them in building on their capacity and knowledge of land use planning.”



### *Wynston Shovellor-Sesar*

Karajarri man  
Principal Planner  
First Nations Australians Planning Program