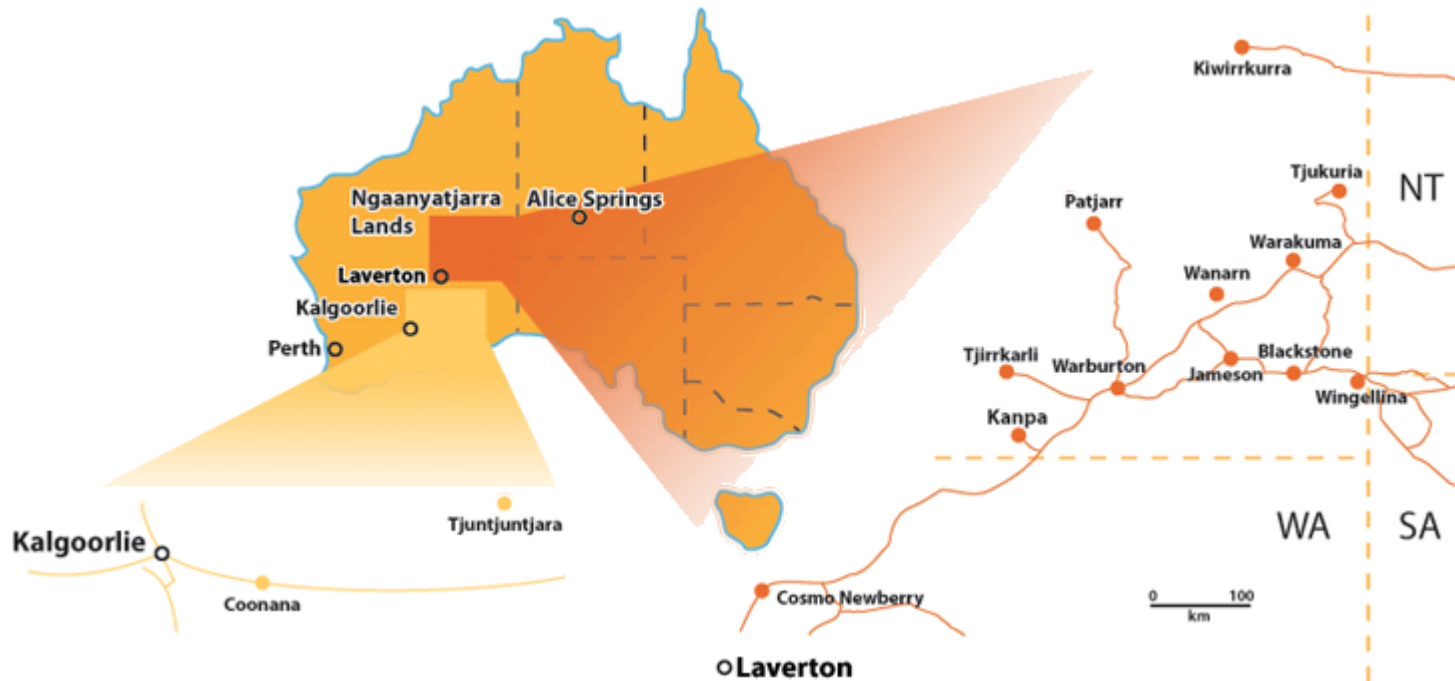


# Goldfields Regional Homelessness Plan

## 2011-12





## **GOLDFIELDS REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS PLAN 2011-2012**

### **Introduction**

The National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness reflects the strategic agenda outlined in the Government's White Paper on Homelessness: 'The Road Home' and contributes to the National Affordable Housing Agreement outcome that "people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness achieve sustainable housing and social inclusion." The agreement focuses on three key strategies to reduce homelessness:

- Prevention and early intervention to stop people becoming homeless;
- Breaking the cycle of homelessness; and
- Improving and expanding the service response to homelessness.

The Western Australia Homelessness State Plan 2010 – 2013: 'Opening Doors to Address Homelessness' outlines the outcomes and key principles for implementing an improved integrated approach to homelessness and provides a framework for communities to work together to address homelessness, recognising that partnerships between government agencies and community organisations are the most effective way to address homelessness.

The first Goldfields Regional Homelessness Planning Workshop was held on 18 August 2011 at Lotteries House in Kalgoorlie and provided an opportunity for a wide range of organisations to discuss and prioritise the key issues contributing to homelessness and its impacts in the region. Participants discussed local responses to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless in the context of their:

- Health and wellbeing;
- Employment, education and training;
- Connection with community, family and friends; and
- Housing options

The priority action areas arising from initial discussions were:

- increase the housing options in the region, including emergency, transitional and supported accommodation;
- establish 'one stop shop' models in the region; and
- improve the transport issues in the region.

Subsequent planning meetings to explore and further prioritise the key regional issues were held between September and December 2011 leading to the production of the Goldfields Regional Homelessness Plan 2011-12 and its three key priority actions:

- Establish one Regional Housing Forum for the Goldfields Region;
- Develop a Goldfields Regional Services Map; and
- Explore additional housing options.

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PRIORITY ACTIONS	TASKS	TIMEFRAME	AGENCY OR GROUP RESPONSIBLE	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<p><b>1. Establish one Regional Housing Forum for the Goldfields Region.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Merge the Regional Homelessness Planning Group with the existing Health and Shelter Action Group, in order to establish one Goldfields Regional Housing Forum, to avoid duplication of activities and maximise resources.</b></p> <p>2. Develop Terms of Reference for the Regional Health and Shelter Action Group (Goldfields Regional Housing Forum), which reflects the role of the group in working across the whole of the Goldfields region.</p> <p>3. Establish a meeting schedule for 2012.</p>	<p>March 2012</p> <p>March 2012</p> <p>March - December 2012</p> <p>March 2012</p>	<p>Forum representatives.</p> <p>Forum representatives.</p> <p>Forum representatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Shelter Action Group established as the Regional Housing Forum for the Goldfields.</li> <li>• Terms of Reference produced and endorsed by Forum representatives.</li> <li>• Meeting schedule for 2012 confirmed.</li> <li>• Regular attendance at the Health and Shelter Action Group from</li> </ul>

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	<p>4. Request heads of key agencies to attend, or to nominate a delegate, and review and update Forum attendees.</p>			<p>appropriate delegates from key regional agencies.</p>
<p><b>2. Develop a Goldfields Regional Services Map.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Undertake a regional mapping exercise to establish a comprehensive record of regional organisations, facilities, services and supports. Link with current mapping already completed or being undertaken in the region.</b></p> <p>2. Develop and implement a process for maintaining and updating the regional map.</p> <p>3. Establish a calendar of events for the region.</p>	<p>February – November 2012</p> <p>December 2012</p> <p>June 2012</p>	<p>Department of Housing, Department of Corrective Services and Australian Red Cross.</p> <p>Forum representatives.</p> <p>Forum representatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive regional mapping exercise completed and regional resource produced.</li> <li>• Process for maintaining and updating the regional map produced. Resources to manage the map identified or obtained.</li> <li>• Regional calendar of events produced and distributed and Forum activities linked to events.</li> </ul>

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<b>3. Explore additional housing options.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Explore opportunities to utilise empty properties for temporary and emergency housing, such as empty hotels and unused mining camps.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Organise a forum with the private rented sector, to promote local supported housing programs and help increase housing options for homeless people.</b></li> </ol>	<p>March - December 2012</p> <p>September 2012</p>	<p>Working group to be established.</p> <p>Forum representatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scoping document completed; opportunities for utilisation of empty property identified and proposals for resourcing produced.</li> <li>• Private rented sector forum held and commitment to ongoing partnership with regional agencies obtained.</li> </ul>