



Communities Leadership Team



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Governance, Integrity and Reform

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The Governance, Integrity and Reform Division is responsible for the Department of Communities' professional standards and integrity, agency-wide reforms, planning and reporting, data analysis, the development and delivery of whole of government priorities, legal services and the administration of Communities regulatory services.

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The Strategy and Partnerships Division is responsible for leading the development of high-level, long-term strategies across multiple portfolios in partnership with internal and external stakeholders to guide service delivery, investment and focused work. This Division also oversees strategic management of Communities' key partnerships and strategic relationships.

Key contacts

Office of Disability

Disability Services Policy, reform, advice, leadership, advocacy, WA State Disability Strategy 2020-2030, Royal Commission: Disability.

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Office of Homelessness

Strategy, policy, leadership, coordination and services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. All Paths Lead to a Home: Western Australia's 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness 2020-2030, Action plan 2020-2025 and related initiatives.

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Office for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

Strategy, services and responses to people at risk of, experiencing or perpetrating family and domestic violence, Path to Safety: WA's Strategy to Reduce Family and Domestic Violence 2020-2030.

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Specialist Child Protection Unit

Specialist Child Protection Unit, Child Protection Policy, Leadership, Practice, training and development.

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Strategy and Partnerships

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Strategy

Carers and Grandcarers
Carers Advisory Council, WA Carers Strategy.

Early Years Partnerships

Native Title Agreements
Oversight of Communities' commitments under the South West Native Title Settlement and Yamatji Nation Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Coordinating Western Australia's response to the Royal Commission recommendations.

Sector Partnerships

Connecting with community services sector peak agencies, assisting stakeholders to connect with business areas in Communities, Communities Partnership Framework and capability building.

Seniors and Ageing

Age Friendly Communities, Elder Abuse Strategy, WA Senior Strategy development.

Volunteering

Volunteer National Police Check administration, Volunteering Strategy.

Women's Interests

Stronger Together: WA's Plan for Gender Equality.

Youth

Ministerial Youth Advisory Committee, Youth Action Plan.

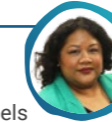
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Community Services

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This Community Services Division is responsible for developing, designing and delivering services, that are culturally appropriate, place-based and contemporary, to support individuals of all ages, families and communities to be safe and to thrive.

Key contacts

Emergency Relief and Support

State emergency and disaster response and recovery, emergency and disaster welfare support and resources.

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Specialised Care and Accommodation Services

Care, support and accommodation for people with disability and vulnerable children across multiple environments.

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State-wide Services

Supports frontline service delivery by coordinating operational improvements, reviewing performance data and implementing strategic initiatives (such as Target 120, Aboriginal Community Connectors, and Early Intervention and Family Support Services). The main entry point to the Department's 24/7, 365-day services including Housing Direct, WA Seniors Card, Crisis Care, and Child Protection Centralised Intake.

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Service Delivery

Communities segments the State into nine geographic areas known as 'Regions'. There are six regions in country areas and three in the metropolitan area. Each region is unique, with their own challenges and opportunities for the agency.

The Executive Director, Service Delivery, oversees strategic operations across these Regions, each of which has its own Regional Executive Director.

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Regional Executive Directors

The Regional Executive Directors are members of the Community Services Executive Team responsible for developing, designing and delivering services in their region, and building and managing stakeholder relationships.

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Kimberley Region

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North Metropolitan Region

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South Metropolitan Region

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South West Region

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People

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The People Division supports the Department in three ways: service delivery to employees, managers and executives; building and growing a talented workforce; and creating a culture that retains and engages people to deliver the Department's purpose. The People Division comprises Human Resource Business Partnering; Payroll Transactional Services; Work Health and Safety; Industrial and Employee Relations; Organisational Development and Workforce Capability; Learning and Development; Project Governance, Reporting, Insights and Analytics; and HR Systems and Business Improvement.

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Key contacts

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Aboriginal Outcomes

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The Aboriginal Outcomes Division is responsible for supporting and enabling the Department of Communities to improve Aboriginal outcomes.

Key contacts

Aboriginal Engagement and Strategic Projects

Strategic programs of work relate to reform in the areas of Aboriginal cultural capability across the agency and developing fit for purpose ways of working with Aboriginal people.

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Strategic Reform and Accountability

Leading Communities' implementation of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, Aboriginal Economic Reform, Communities' Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations Strategy and Aboriginal workforce support.

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The Housing and Assets Division is responsible for leading the strategic policy, planning and delivery of land, housing, and built-form construction, refurbishment and maintenance activities in relation to Communities' asset portfolio.

Key contacts

Strategy Planning and Policy

Strategic planning to support investment in built form service enabling assets.

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Operations

Non-client facing housing asset practice development and operational support.

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Construction

Delivery of works procurement and construction management for new build and refurbishment projects.

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Maintenance

Manages repair, maintenance and minor works across Communities' asset portfolio.

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Housing and Assets

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Priority Projects and the Program Management Office

Oversight of the Asset Investment Program including delivery program reporting, controls and governance. Delivers priority projects including Common Ground and Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation.

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Business and Operational Support Services

Chief Finance Officer
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The Business and Operational Support Services Division supports the Department through the provision of Information Services, Facilities, Contracting and Procurement, Commissioning support and a raft of Financial Management obligations including Accounting, Aboriginal Housing Funds Management, Budgeting, Analysis, Reporting, Reform and Regulation.

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