



Paupiyala  
Tjarutja

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Aboriginal Corporation

Thursday, May 31, 2018

**ATTENTION:**

Dear ,

**TJUNTJUNTJARA 'FURNISH THE GAP' APPEAL**

Paupiyala Tjarutja Aboriginal Corporation (PTAC) manages the Tjuntjuntjara community on behalf of the Spinifex people and is coordinating a furniture appeal on behalf of our community.

I am writing to you on behalf of PTAC because we need your support for Tjuntjuntjara's Furnish the Gap appeal. I understand your company may not accept unsolicited requests for donations but you may be able to help with referrals for support from companies in the industry in WA.

**1. Where is Tjuntjuntjara?**

Tjuntjuntjara is in the southeast of Western Australia, in the Great Victoria Desert (just inside the Great Victoria Desert Nature Reserve). It is very remote and isolated, about 690 kilometers north-east of Kalgoorlie, the nearest major regional centre. Tjuntjuntjara is connected to Kalgoorlie to the south-west and Wingellina in the north by a dirt track.

Tjuntjuntjara is about to receive 10 brand new and 12 upgraded houses thanks to State and Commonwealth support. The first four new houses are due for occupancy on 8 June 2018, with another four by the end of June.

**2. What is 'Furnish The Gap'?**

Imagine if you had a brand-new house to live in, but no furniture or appliances to go with it? No beds, tables or chairs, a fridge or even a washing machine to clean your clothes?

Unfortunately, without your help, many community housing tenants in Tjuntjuntjara will not be able to furnish their homes. Our goal is to help Close the Gap by raising housing conditions and assisting tenants to maintain healthy homes. But our big concern is that our



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community members don't have the resources or funds to purchase and transport the essential items that make a house a home.

PTAC is seeking cash donations or physical donations of furniture and/or whitegoods in new or good working order so that we can assist the members of the community to have access to items to furnish their new houses.

Furnishing a rented house is a real affordability issue. Tenants will be doing their bit to contribute to the program by keeping their new homes clean and tidy.

### **3. What are the Furnish the Gap Campaign details?**

We have established a dedicated Facebook page and a GoFundMe site on social media. Both sites are linked to PTAC's website [www.spinifex.org.au](http://www.spinifex.org.au). The sites have been effective in raising awareness in the online community about the need. We have also had the opportunity to speak on local radio programs and our campaign has been featured in both the West Australian and the Kalgoorlie Miner.

Details can be found at the following links:

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/furnishthegap](http://www.facebook.com/furnishthegap)

**Gofundme:** [www.gofundme.com/furnish-the-gap](http://www.gofundme.com/furnish-the-gap)

**PTAC website:** [www.spinifex.org.au](http://www.spinifex.org.au)

So far all the support in respect of this appeal has come from the general public in making small cash donations, as well as established charities in Perth including Spider Waste Recycling and Starting Over Service. Red Cross are also trying to assist with finding volunteers in Kalgoorlie to load, clean and store donated items.

As at Tuesday 29 May 2018 we have received a little over \$1,200 in cash donations, which is far from our minimum goal of \$20,000 but it is a very good start.

### **4. What can you do?**

As a registered charity, PTAC can accept gifts or donations from private companies or government agencies on behalf of donors that are tax deductible and directly benefit the community we serve.

You can find out more about our registered charity status on the community's website:

<https://www.spinifex.org.au/registeredcharity>

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We would like your company or organization to consider donating cash or gifting furniture, whitegoods and shipping (transport and/or containers to freight items from metropolitan and regional centres to Tjuntjuntjara) before or after the end of the FY18 fiscal year.

Donated items, for example, may be assets in your possession that surplus to your requirements and, while in good working order, may need replacing through your asset

replacement reserve to keep up standards. Some hospitality or mining companies and public facilities may be able to assist in this way. Furniture retailers may simply be able to write off slightly marked items that you can't sell on the shop floor!

Cash donations for storage and transport of goods are really welcome as that will enable us to purchase containers and freight donated items to Tjuntjuntjara.

Some examples of items needed for the new houses are:

- Washing machines
- Fridges and Freezers
- Storage and transport of items to Tjuntjuntjara
- Bedframes and bedding – mattress protectors, blankets, sheets, doona covers
- Dining furniture sets; and outdoor table settings;
- Kettles, TVs, coffee tables, study desks and chairs.

## **5. What can we do for you?**

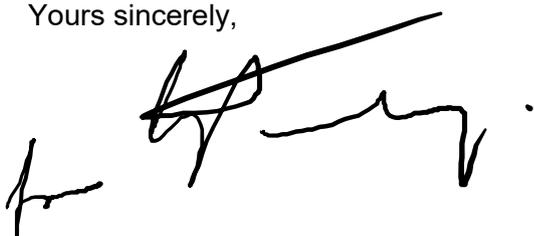
If you request, PTAC will be very happy to acknowledge your organisation's donation through our social media campaign.

## **6. Who can you contact for more information?**

Please feel free to contact Dr Graham Townley via email [graham.townley@spinifex.org.au](mailto:graham.townley@spinifex.org.au) or by mobile on 0413789991 for more information.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal and we hope that you are able to assist us in any way that you can.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Moray Ralph', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

**MORAY RALPH**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**