



Finding my
FAMILY TREE



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HOW CAN I GET MY FAMILY TREE?

GENEALOGY

You might have heard of the word 'genealogy' before. This is the word we use in Native Title, but it really just means Family Tree.



NATIVE TITLE

The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) collects Family Trees as part of the process to have Native Title recognised.



INFORMATION CAN BE SENSITIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL

This information can be sensitive and confidential as it is a person's private information.



GO TO SENIOR FAMILY MEMBERS FIRST

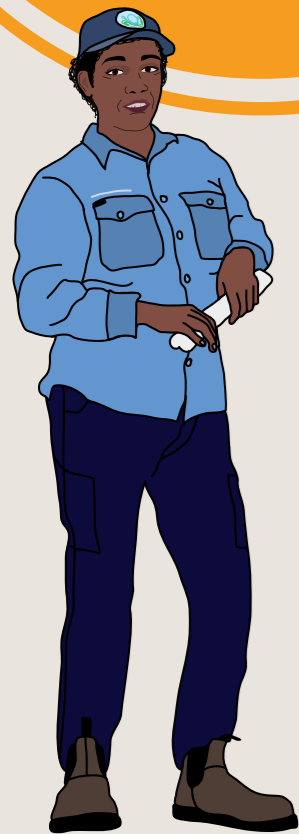
To find out about your Family Tree, make sure you go to senior family members first.



HOW CAN I GET MY FAMILY TREE?

Can I ask KLC to look at my family tree?

Yes! If you are a Native Title holder, you can ask the KLC for a copy of your Family Tree.



What if I'm still waiting for my Native Title to be recognised?

If your Native Title Claim is **still being researched**, you will be able to look at your Family Tree and talk about it with one of the KLC anthropologists.

When the **research is finished** and you have your Native Title recognised, KLC can then give you a copy of your Family Tree.

Can other people see my Family Tree?

The KLC is strict about respecting people's privacy. KLC will only show you the names of your direct ancestors (for example, your mother, mother's mother, mother's father).



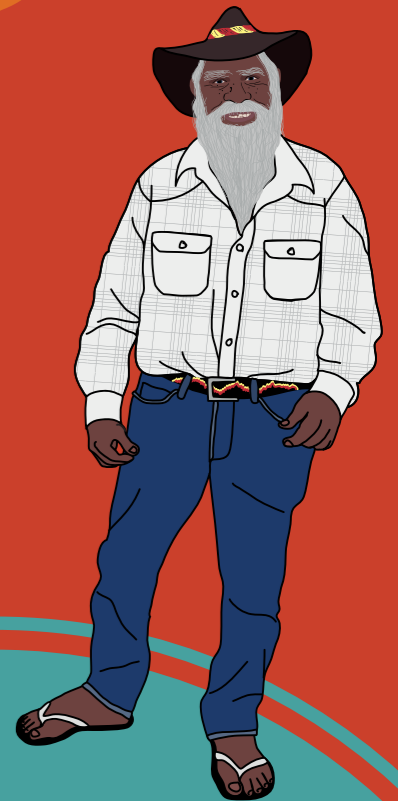
So how can I get my Family Tree?

There is a form that you will need to fill out and return to the KLC. If you would like a copy of the form please **contact the KLC** and ask to speak with an **anthropologist**.

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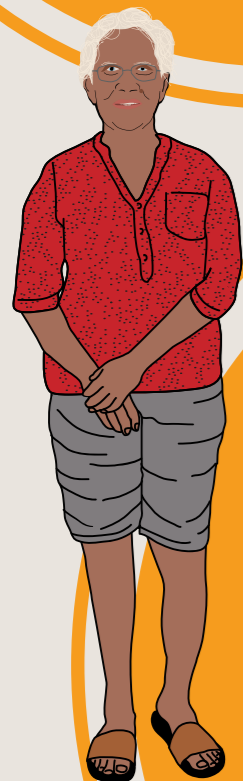
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CAN I UPDATE MY FAMILY TREE?

What if my kids are missing from my Family Tree?

If your Native Title is still being researched, you can talk with one of the KLC anthropologists about adding your children.



What if the research has finished and I already have Native Title?

If your Native Title Claim has been determined, you should talk to your PBC about KLC keeping your native title claim's genealogy up to date.

I want to make sure my kids get Native Title but their names are not on my Family Tree. What can I do?

That's okay. You do not need to have your name on a Family Tree to be a Native Title holder. The rules for who is a Native Title holder are called the 'Description of Native Title Holders.' If you are not sure where to find these rules, contact the KLC to speak with an anthropologist.

WHAT IF KLC DOESN'T HAVE MY FAMILY TREE?

I'm trying to find out about my family, but KLC doesn't have the information I'm looking for. Is there somewhere else I can go?

Yes! There are a few organisations that could help you with your research.



If your family was part of the Stolen Generation, there is an organisation in Broome called Kimberley Stolen Generation. They can work with you to link you up with family.

The WA Government might have some records about your family. You can ask the Aboriginal History Research Unit in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Another good place to ask is the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). They can help you find your records about your family.



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