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MANDJAH BOODJAH VILLAGE

AND

NGALA KOORT MAYA

Our Heart Centre

- Indigenous Elders Coexistence Village
- Indigenous Heritage Consultation
- Indigenous Education, Employment and Training
- Cross- Cultural Awareness Education
- Living In Harmony
 - Reconciliation / Overcoming Racism

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Commendations from supporters;

“The Mandjah Boodjah Village development is well placed to have far reaching benefits for the greater Fremantle community. With the provision of safe, healthy, respectful and culturally supportive housing for Mandjah Boodjah elders, seniors and pensioners within an extended family and co-existence village environment, this project will be a role model for urban Indigenous community housing of which the City of Fremantle can be proud.”

Brad Pettitt - Mayor, City of Fremantle

“The Mandjah Boodjah Village has strong community support. Since the commencement of the project, the Mandjah Boodjah Aboriginal Corporation has operated in a highly professional manner in its management of the development of the Village and the community has looked forward with proud anticipation to the completion of the project.”

Melissa Parke—Federal Fremantle M.P.

The Mandjah Boodjah Village project has already contributed to strengthening the Indigenous community through creative and cultural activities, allowing a private and safe place for cultural education. The expansion of this innovative social housing project is critical to the overall vision for the Mandjah Boodjah Village to be a model for harmonious living and a place for old and young to come together, to share, to be inspired and to be connected.”

Adele Carles—State Fremantle M.L.A.

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Our

Housing Development

1-5: Existing Houses – Renovate

New Construction

6, 7: Stage 1 JVA Units

8-14: Stage 2 JVA Units

C - Community Centre

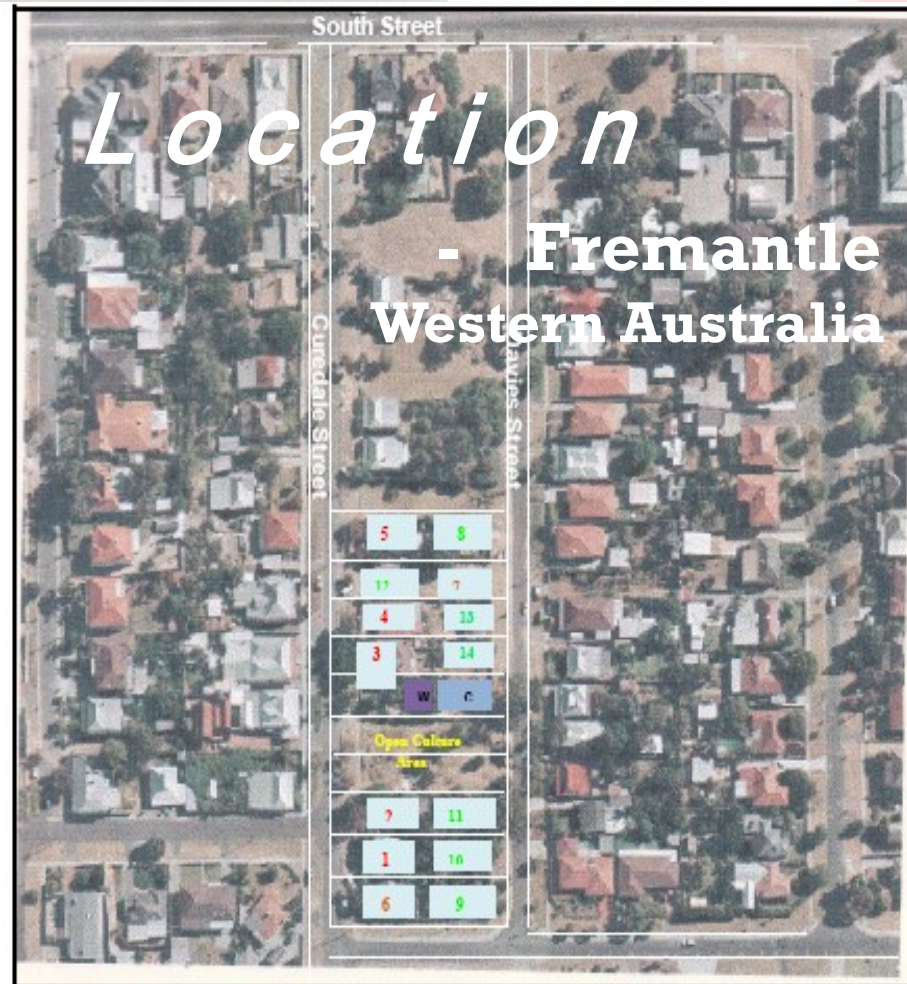
W - Workshop / Shed

Cultural Open Space:

- ❖ Community Gardens
- ❖ Ceremony Ground
- ❖ Playground
- ❖ Meeting Area

Location

- Fremantle
Western Australia



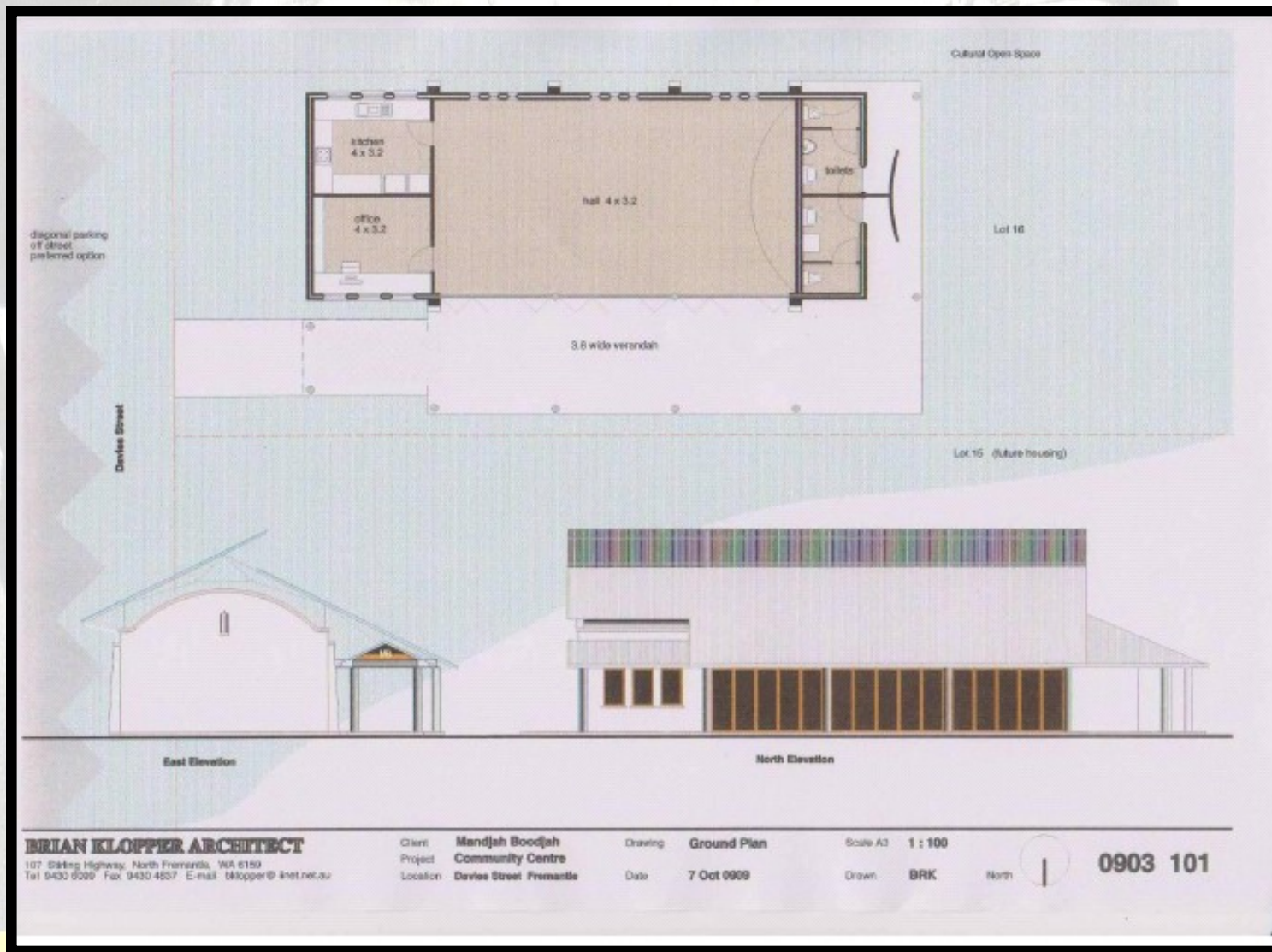
NORTH

MANDJAH BOODJAH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Site Plan: **Mandjah Boodjah Village**
Location: **Curdale Street Beaconsfield**
Date: **3 November 2009**

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NGARLA KOORT MAYA - Our Heart Centre Architectural Design



**Construction
Cost**

\$450,000

NGARLA KOORT MAYA – *Our Heart Centre*

Will be a vibrant Community Centre and Cultural Open Space located within the Mandjah Boodjah Indigenous elders village that encompasses a wide range of activities for Indigenous residents and the wider Indigenous and general community to

Promote:

**Cross-cultural awareness Indigenous heritage education Reconciliation,
Active Ageing Healthy Living**

Engage:

Indigenous seniors with local primary and secondary schools, local neighbors, other indigenous organizations and service providers and the wider community.

Include:

Indigenous and multicultural storytelling and legends, arts and crafts, music and dance, traditional foods, medicinal plants, Noongar language, beliefs and history. Healthy and active living activities.



Multicultural Activities at Mandjah Boodjah on Harmony Day



Children learning damper making from elders.



Lester Bennell speaks at the welcoming ceremony at Boojun. We all participated in the Nyungar tradition of the Karlkuriny (smoking) ceremony to rid each visitor of the warra werin (bad spirits) and replace them with the moorditj werin (good spirits).



Indigenous and other senior women gather plants for weaving traditional carry bags

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"I regard the Mandjah Boodjah Village and Community Centre project as highly symbolic and an important beacon for how urban areas can address Indigenous issues in a creative and sustainable way. This project is an invaluable local community education service to nearby TAFE, secondary and primary school students and it will send a strong signal of practical reconciliation throughout the community."

Professor Peter Newman - Sustainability and Technology Policy

"I can attest to the lifelong dedication of the Noongar elders who are the source of inspiration and guidance for the project and who along with their Capacity Development Manager, have worked tirelessly to develop the project from an inspirational vision to a well planned, viable development . I have been involved with the group from it's inception and had been kept fully informed of the development's progress while holding office as the State member of Fremantle."

Jim McGinty former Fremantle M.L.A.



Indigenous Heritage Consultation



Cross- Cultural Awareness



Indigenous Heritage Education



**Capacity Development
Management and Training**



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The Mandjah Boodjah Village is a special community project that needs further expressions of community and corporate support to secure funding through the Lotteries Commission for the construction of 'Ngala Koort Maya' - Our Heart Centre.

- ***“Mandjah Boodjah is about RESPECT***
- ***Strengthening elders***
- ***Passing on culture &***
- ***Living in Harmony.***
- ***The way it should have been from the start.”***

Patrick Hume, Chairperson

If your organization is willing to contribute or provide a letter of support and requires further information regarding the project , then please

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