



Shire of **Ngaanyatjarraku**
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Free Child Car Seats for Vulnerable Community Members

The Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku has partnered with the Road Safety Commission, WALGA RoadWise and WA Police Force to ensure community members have the opportunity keep their children safe when travelling in a vehicle, by improving access to quality child car seats.

Use of an appropriate child car seat can greatly reduce the risk of death or serious injury to a child in the event of a crash. Geographical isolation of communities in the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku can be a significant barrier for vulnerable community members to access appropriate child car seats, increasing the occurrence of nonuse. The initiative will provide free child car seats to vulnerable community members that are deemed to be in genuine need.

Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku President, Damian McLean said “Whilst provision of child car seats is outside of the scope of Shire service provision, the Shire is keen to partner with other organisations to address community barriers and deliver viable solutions. A multi-agency response will ensure vulnerable community members have access to child car seats within our community.” he said.

Officer in Charge of Warakurna Multi Function Police Facility Brevet Senior Sergeant Colin Johnston said “In WA, children aged 0 to 7 must be appropriately restrained when travelling as a passenger in a vehicle. Children are among our most at risk road users. By improving access to child car seats in our communities, we will increase the safety of children on our roads.”

The child car seats can be obtained from the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku administration office. For more information call: 08 8956 7966.

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