



Supporting the **Yinhawangka, Banyjima** and **Nyiyaparli** people

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Dear IBN Community Member,

Changes to Community Programs: Effective 1 July 2018.

As IBN continues to develop our Community Programs to meet the changing needs of the IBN Community, we have made some amendments, which will come into effect at the start the new financial year on 1 July 2018.

The Community Programs Handbook and the application forms have been updated to reflect the changes. A copy of the handbook is included in this pack. Updated application forms will be available from all IBN offices and on the website www.ibngroup.com.au from 1 July 2018.

Below is a summary of the key changes:

- **Household Essentials Program:** Increase in benefits from \$1,800 to \$2,200 (Pilbara-based members) and \$1,900 (all other members). Program now also includes food vouchers.
- **Primary and Secondary School Expenses Program:** Increase in benefits from \$2,000 to \$2,200.
- **New program “Secondary School Boarding Fees and Expenses”:** This program assists with boarding fees and travel expenses for students studying away from home in both public and private schools anywhere in Australia.
- **Secondary Scholarships:** Restriction on ‘Pilbara-Gascoyne based’ has been removed. Students can be from anywhere in Australia.
- **Tertiary Education Program:** Benefits extended to include university/college parking fees.
- **Medical Travel Escort and Patient Support Programs:** Extended to assist with travel expenses for a person/s to accompany an IBN Member/patient OR for an IBN Member/s to accompany an immediate family member receiving medical care away from home. Dependent children can be included within the cap. Accommodation, meals and transport subsidy for Medical Travel Escort increased from \$200 per week to \$250 per day.
- **Lore Travel Program:** Benefits increased to \$500 twice per financial year, to attend lore business.
- **Funeral Support Program (IBN Member funerals):** Benefits have been combined to allow up to \$5,000 per member funeral, per year to cover funeral costs such as funeral arranging, travel and hosting family.

Members are encouraged to read the handbook for a detailed explanation of each program, any special exclusions or conditions and the documents you should include with your application.

If you'd like to clarify any programs or can't find what you are looking for please contact the Community Programs Team on 1800 014 401, or drop into an IBN office for a wangka.

Yours Sincerely,

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