



**INDIGENOUS  
WEALTH**

# Indigenous Wealth helps Wendy build stability for retirement

**When Wendy Knight went looking for opportunities to make more of her super, she was turned away by a local financial planner and thought that might be the end of the road for her investment plans. And then she found Indigenous Wealth.**

Since 2018, Wendy's been heading up Ngunya Jarjum, an organisation founded in 1996 by Bundjalung elders and community members to keep Aboriginal children in family, on country and in culture. And now she's starting her next adventure in executive management at Life Without Barriers, as well as sitting on various boards and community groups.

She's given a lot to community in her career, and as she started to think ahead to retirement, she realised her super wasn't really doing much for her.

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*I just kept getting my super statements and not seeing any real movement. I was paying a tonne of fees and charges and I started really worrying about growing older and not having any stability for my retirement.*

She went to see a local financial planner, who basically told her she didn't have enough money to do anything. And to Wendy, that seemed unfair – like you had to be already rich to make enough to retire comfortably. So, she walked away, still worrying about her retirement.

Then a friend tagged her on a Facebook post about Indigenous Wealth. And she's upfront when she says she initially wondered whether this was genuinely an Indigenous-owned business.

“First thing, I did my research to make sure this mob were genuine and not some company saying that they were Aboriginal owned to ride on the back of blackfellas,” she says.

And the more Wendy learnt, the more she was impressed by Brad and his company. “They were the real deal.”

Brad worked with Wendy to set her funds up in a self-managed super fund (SMSF), ready to purchase her first investment property.

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*Brad did all the legal stuff and made it really easy for me, taking all the pressure off. He was patient too. I’m always travelling and working long hours, and he kept chasing me, keeping me on track to get everything done so I didn’t have to worry about it. It was brilliant.*

Once Wendy’s SMSF set-up was complete, Indigenous Wealth set about finding the perfect investment property, hitting on one that suited her on the outskirts of Brisbane.

Now, Wendy feels like she’s getting somewhere, and her super is finally working for her. The next step is investment property number two.

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*We’re in the process of rolling my partner’s super into the SMSF and making her a director so we can combine our resources, and, as we build equity in this one, we’ll get our next property.*

*Before finding Indigenous Wealth, I didn’t realise there was a genuinely Aboriginal-owned company out there doing this, helping individual people make the most of their money and helping community to build for the future. I feel like I’ll have some stability for retirement, and my super is actually doing something for me and my family.*

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