

Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group

Meeting on 15 November 2021 (Dumas House, Whadjuk Noongar Country)

The Chair, Dr Ron Edwards, and Mr Peter Jeffries, Chief Executive Officer, Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC), welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

The Minister for Environment; Climate Change, Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, joined the meeting and thanked members for their involvement. The Minister noted the importance of continued collaboration and supporting MAC and Traditional Owners.

Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program

Members received an update from Calibre Group, Curtin University and MAC on the status of the monitoring program.

As well as the news that all monitoring sites have now been selected, subject to final cultural approval by the Circle of Elders, the update provided an insight into the additional value of the program in providing records of at least 100 additional petroglyphs on previous unsurveyed areas, including the outer islands.

MAC also spoke of the extra value the program was bringing to the Murujuga Rangers and Elders. As well as the constant involvement in site selection, Rangers were actively seeking involvement in all aspects of the work related to the monitoring.

The Chair noted the importance of ensuring that MAC is central to all decision-making and that there is ongoing capacity building for MAC through the process.

Update from Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC)

In addition to work on the monitoring program site selection, MAC Rangers have continued to provide rock art tours and cultural awareness training. Rangers have received training in use of drones and mapping, graffiti removal and are participating in the WA Museum's Emerging Curator program. A Junior Ranger program is planned to commence shortly. Design and planning work continues for the Living Knowledge Centre and tourism precinct. It is proposed that MAC's Cultural Management Plan be extended to include the islands of the Archipelago.

Communications and Engagement

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation provided an update to members on communication activities. The department's media team is working with MAC to ensure messaging is clear and consistent. As well as working together to keep stakeholders and the community updated on the progress of the Murujuga rock art monitoring program, DWER is helping identify media opportunities to showcase MAC's involvement in the rock art monitoring and other on-country work.

Study of the Cumulative Impacts of Air emissions in the Murujuga Airshed

Members received a briefing on the recently released [Study on the Cumulative Impacts of Air Emissions in the Murujuga Airshed](#), released in September 2021. The study is a predictive tool to model dispersion in the ambient atmosphere and adopts the latest NEPM standards for Ambient Air Quality.

World Heritage update

Members received an update on the world heritage nomination, which is progressing toward submission to the Commonwealth by the end of 2022.