

Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group

Summary of meeting, 18 September 2023

DWER Head Office, Joondalup (Whadjuk Noongar Country)

The Chair Professor Stephen van Leeuwen welcomed Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) members and observers to the meeting. Travis McNaught acting CEO the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) informed the SRG the new MAC CEO Kim Wood will start in October. Kim is a very experienced CEO and chairperson.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation sought feedback from members and observers on the revised Terms of Reference, which will be referred to the Minister for approval.

The Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program (MRAMP) team gave an update on the status of the monitoring program.

- Solar powered “passive” Air Quality monitoring (AQM) sites.
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- Stakeholder workshop held on 25 May.
- MRAMP Ranger training.
- Community Engagement.

Members and observers were briefed on the progress of the independent peer reviews and the planned December publication of the Year One Technical Report on Monitoring Studies

The SRG were briefed on two major engagement activities. The [ICOMOS General Assembly 2023](#) was run for the first time in Southern Hemisphere which had around 1500 attendees. The Murujuga Cultural Landscape Symposium was held on Friday 1 September as part of the program. This was jointly hosted by MAC and the University of Western Australia Centre for Rock Art Research and Management.

The symposium commenced with a video made by the MAC Board after the World Heritage nomination was lodged – ensuring Traditional Custodians are front and centre as this is an Indigenous-led nomination.



40 Indigenous custodians and cultural heritage practitioners attended the Murujuga Cultural Landscape Symposium from around Australia and international World Heritage properties.

Professor Ben Mullins presented on behalf of the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program.

MAC generated media stories focused on the trip by Murujuga custodians to the ICOMOS General Assembly in Sydney to promote the World Heritage nomination for the Murujuga Cultural Landscape.



The [Australian Earth Sciences Convention](#) was held in Perth on 26 June 2023 – Peter Jeffries, former MAC CEO, Amy Stevens, MAC Heritage Research Manager, and Ben Mullins, Curtin University, jointly presented the plenary address “Murujuga – perspectives on a place” showcasing the World Heritage Nomination and work of the Murujuga Rock Art monitoring program.