

Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group

Summary of meeting, 22 March 2023 (online)

The Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) held their first quarterly meeting for 2023 online. The focus of the meeting was to understand the status of the monitoring program and to note upcoming major activities for 2023 requiring input from the group.

The SRG welcomed new members, including the Rock Art Strategy Coordinator at the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC), Media and Communications Advisor at MAC, Executive Director Strategic Policy at Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and Martin Salm, member for Rio Tinto.

The Public Sector Commission provided a briefing on good governance principles, which have been considered as part of the annual review and update of the Terms of Reference for the Group.

The Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation advised that the World Heritage Nomination had been formally submitted to UNESCO and provided a briefing on communications and engagement activities relation to the Rock Art Strategy and World Heritage Nomination.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation outlined the process for selection of independent peer reviewers, publication of data and the stakeholder workshop planned for 26 May 2023 in Karratha.

Calibre and Curtin University provided a briefing on the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring program progress:

- The fourth field studies campaign was completed 27 February – 24 March 2023. This also marks completion of the first year of monitoring studies.
- All planned spatial mapping is now complete – final flights over Woodside leaseholds completed in January. This has progressed to data processing stage.
- Laboratory work is ongoing – some results will be included in the Annual Technical Report
- Air Quality monitoring station deployment is progressing, with monthly passive sampler collection ongoing since November 2022.
- A briefing on the proposed real time monitoring platform was provided.
- The monitoring team is now focused on preparation of the draft Annual Technical Report for peer review in May 2023. A plain English summary will also be prepared.