

Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group

Summary of meeting held 16 July 2024

Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation Office, Murujuga Country (Dampier, WA)

The Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) members and observers participated in Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation's (MAC) Cultural awareness induction conducted by MAC Rangers. The induction is essential for any person conducting business with MAC and working on Murujuga Country as this ensures culturally safe work placements and practices.



MAC Cultural awareness induction, Murujuga National Park (Credit: MAC)

The focus of the second meeting in 2024 was renewal of cultural awareness inductions and support in preparation for MAC and DWER taking the lead on the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program (MRAMP) from 2026.

MAC introduced their new Rock Art Strategy Coordinator who will be focused on transition planning and facilitating processes for long-term operations of the MRAMP. MAC advised members on the status of the world heritage nomination, which is led by MAC and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Curtin University presented the structure for the *Undergraduate Certificate in Land, Sea and River First Nation Ranger Management and Practice*. This program is an initiative of Curtin's Healing Country team, designed to equip First Nations participants with essential skills and knowledge in managing and protecting natural resources, integrating Traditional Indigenous Knowledge with contemporary scientific practices. MRAMP Ranger Glen Aubrey shared his experiences in completing his first micro-credential unit - Introduction to ambient air quality monitoring.

The MRAMP team gave an update on the status of the monitoring program, which has now entered its third year of monitoring studies. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation have engaged a panel of independent experts to peer review the year 2 draft Technical Report on the Monitoring Studies. The Technical Report will be published on the MRAMP website.