

Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group Community Forum on 15 November 2019

The Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group held its second Community Forum on 15 November 2019 at The Red Earth Arts Precinct in Karratha. The purpose of the Forum was to provide the community with an update on the activities of the Stakeholder Reference Group in the first year since it was established by the Minister for Environment in September 2018.

The Community Forum was opened with a Welcome to Country. Mr Peter Jeffries and the Chair, Dr Ron Edwards, welcomed community members to the Community Forum.

Dr Edwards provided an overview of role and membership of the Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group and an update on key activities undertaken by the Stakeholder Reference Group. These included, the development and finalisation of the Murujuga Rock Art Strategy, development and implementation of a Communication and Engagement Implementation Plan, a briefing to the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) Board of Directors, and meetings with the Minister for Environment, the Chief Scientist of Western Australia and the Chair of the Environmental Protection Authority.

Attendees at the Community Forum were provided with updates on:

- the Murujuga Rock Art Strategy by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation; and
- the Murujuga World Heritage Nomination by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Stakeholder Reference Group members also provided the Community Forum with brief updates, including on Woodside's liquefied natural gas (LNG) 'Burrup Hub', Minister Ley's recent visit to Murujuga, Yara Pilbara's 2019 rock art monitoring and the review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

There followed a question and answer session with members of the Stakeholder Reference Group.

Community members were invited to join the Stakeholder Reference Group for afternoon tea.

Five community members attended the Forum, with 11 Stakeholder Reference Group members participating.