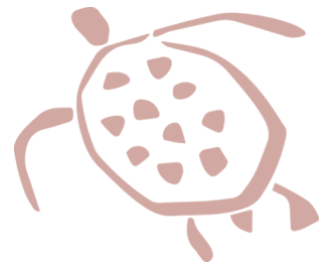




MURUJUGA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION WORLD HERITAGE NOMINATION

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The Murujuga Heritage Committee and Interagency Taskforce held a joint meeting at the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation office in Dampier on 29 July 2020. The meeting was led by Mr Vince Adams, the new Chair of the Heritage Committee, recently elected by the MAC Board of Directors. Ongoing COVID-19 restrictions meant that several members joined the meeting online from locations in Perth, Canberra and Tasmania.

Minister for Environment, the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, conveyed his appreciation to current and former Heritage Committee members, acknowledging the hard work that they have put into the nomination process so far, including achieving the successful Tentative Listing of the Murujuga Cultural Landscape.

Committee and Taskforce members received updates on the drafting of the nomination book. Since the last Heritage Committee meeting in March, work has commenced on five key sections of the nomination.

Committee and Taskforce members met MAC's new World Heritage Support Officer, Ms Amy Stevens, who is a very welcome addition to MAC and the Murujuga World Heritage nomination team. Amy will have the lead role in preparing chapter 2 which is an important part of the nomination, where the history and description of Murujuga is told. Committee members will help Amy connect with Elders and community to gather stories and content for this chapter. It will be important in this section to present the connection between the petroglyphs and cultural landscape with the stories for Murujuga and the way we practice culture today.

The Committee and Taskforce members talked about communication and engagement activities planned for the next few months. Most communication about the World Heritage nomination process will be virtual due to the large number of community events that have been cancelled because of COVID-19.

Committee and Taskforce members also received brief updates on other key Murujuga projects including the Murujuga Rock Art Strategy and Monitoring Program, the Tourism Precinct and research projects taking place through The University of Western Australia's Centre for Rock Art Research and Management.

The next meeting will be held in September 2020.

If you have any stories about the history of Murujuga that you would like to share, please contact Amy Stevens at the MAC Office, on 9144 4112 or at whofficer@murujuga.org.au.