

**Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group**  
**Summary of meeting held 16 December 2024 (online)**

The Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) members and observers attended the Quarter 4, 2024 meeting, which was held online.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) provided an update on the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program (MRAMP), including the installation and commissioning of a third Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) unit from the University of Newcastle in November. With approval from the Murujuga Circle Elders and assistance from Rio Tinto Rail, eight additional rock samples were collected from the original Rio Tinto railway cutting south of the Dampier townsite. These samples will provide a record of any weathering or microbiome colonisation which has occurred since circa 1960, for comparison with other rock samples collected.

The Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) has secured funding from Lotterywest to support purchase of a boat, which will enable MAC rangers to manage sea Country, including for the Rock Art Monitoring Program. The MRAMP Rangers have completed the Introduction to Work Health and Safety micro-credential offered by Curtin University. MAC and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water advised that a decision on the World Heritage nomination is expected mid-2025.

The next meeting will be held in April 2025.



L: MRAMP researcher inspecting the railway cutting face before rock sampling. R: Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) units collecting data in November 2024 Photo credit: Curtin University.