

# Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Committee

## Strategic Intent – 2024

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Aboriginal Heritage in Western Australia will be preserved and protected, and its value and importance is understood.

### Guiding principles

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Committee (ACHC) believes **trust** and respect is gained if you act **consistently** and act on sound principles.

### Our principles include:

- Respect
- Visibility
- Transparency
- Accessibility
- Education

### Priority focus areas

1. Providing **education** on:
  - Traditional knowledge
  - The relationship between Aboriginal Heritage and conservation, Cultural knowledge, and Native Title.
  - Understanding the functions of the ACHC and its role.
  - The ACHC role in informed consent decision making.
2. Valuing and engaging with all **stakeholders**.
3. Ensuring **statutory obligations are met** in a transparent and impartial manner.
4. Striving for **excellence** in meeting our statutory responsibilities
  - In decision making.
  - In ACHC membership (as per Section 29 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*).
    - Regional, Cultural diversity and expertise.
    - Regional and local cultural awareness.
    - Gender balance.
    - Relevant knowledge, skills and experience.
  - Transparency and accountability.
5. Applying an **open mindset**:
  - Ability to review and consider multiple perspectives.
  - Review past practice where appropriate.