



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

COMMUNIQUE – MEETING 45

The 45th meeting of the Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council (WAAAC) took place on Wednesday, 9 May 2018, at Dumas House in West Perth.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Ian Trust and attended by Ms Gail Allison; Mr Gordon Gray; Ms Carol Pettersen; Ms Krista Dunstan (nee McMeeken); and Mr Phil Matera. Ms Brenda Garstone was an apology.

The WAAAC considered the following:

- **Review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*** – The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage updated the WAAAC on the current review process, including the workshops conducted with the Aboriginal community and industry representatives. The WAAAC noted the presentation and offered advice on the review, and how to best promote the workshops.
- **Closing the Gap Refresh** – The Department of the Premier and Cabinet provided an overview of the refresh of the Closing the Gap Agenda and the consultation undertaken in Western Australia. The WAAAC noted the presentation and requested an opportunity to provide collective input.
- **Homelessness Strategy** – The Department of Communities presented on the development of a Homelessness Strategy. The WAAAC offered feedback on the current process and requested future engagement during its development.
- **Child Protection Reform** – The Department of Communities informed the WAAAC of the review of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* and presented the recommended changes. The WAAAC noted the presentation and agreed to provide advice at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the WAAAC will take place on Wednesday, 13 June 2018.

Ian Trust
Chair
Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council

