

McArthur River Mine Community Reference Group



Community Reference Group Chair Richard Galton and member Gadrian Hoosan at the McArthur River channel with other CRG members.

Public Communique – Meeting held Thursday 28 November 2024

A tour of the McArthur River Mine (MRM) site was one of the features of the MRM Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting held at the mine on Thursday 28 November 2024.

Members had the opportunity to view how the main waste rock pile is being constructed, how the river channel has recovered from flooding associated with Cyclone Megan in March and also road restoration works currently taking place with guidance from Gudanji cultural monitors.

MRM General Manager Mark Furlotte gave a general update on operations and MRM's community engagement program.

He outlined steps that MRM has undertaken to prepare the mine site for the coming wet season and the potential release of water in compliance with the MRM Waste Discharge Licence. He said the mine has about 2 GL of water ready to release when there is sufficient flow in the McArthur River and other licensing conditions are met.

The meeting heard from the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment about progress in

establishing Independent Panels for the Tailings Storage Facility, North Overburden Emplacement Facility (or the waste rock pile) and Mine Closure.

The community representative for the Independent Monitor gave a presentation on the Independent Monitor Report, which will be released in the near future. Community consultation had been undertaken over the previous week and feedback will be reported in the final report.

The report will note that the McArthur River remains healthy, that fish are safe to eat and that there has been no significant change in environmental risks as a result of the mine's operations. Overall compliance remains high but areas for improvement include more timely reporting.

Members discussed the Terms of Reference for the CRG and their desire for more community members to become involved. Their feedback will be incorporated into a report from the Chair to the responsible minister in the new year.

The next meeting of the CRG will be held on Thursday 27 February 2025.