

McArthur River Mine Community Reference Group

Public Communique – Meeting held Thursday 29 May 2025

Members of the Community Reference Group (CRG) met in the MRM Borroloola Community Office on Thursday 29 May 2025.

NT Government representative Andria Handley gave an update on the Independent Panels for the waste rock pile, tailings dam and closure.

Members for the waste rock pile and tailings dam panels have been appointed and attended their first visit to the mine site in April. Closure panel chair Dr Carl Grant is currently recruiting members to that panel.

The waste rock panel will report to the Minister in early 2026 with their review of the design and performance of the structure. The tailings dam panel will report around 12 months later and the closure panel a further 12 months after that.

MRM Health Safety and Environment Manager Lana Treasure gave an operational and safety update. There was some discussion about how staff health is monitored and how visitors are kept safe when they go on the mine site.

Environment Superintendent Ben McTavish said the Independent Monitor had visited MRM earlier in the month to start his next review of MRM's environmental performance. IndoPacific Environmental, who do fish monitoring, and Ecological Management Services, who do bird monitoring, have recently been in the region conducting monitoring. Ben noted that there was a sighting of a Gouldian Finch in the McArthur River channel, which is a good sign that the river is healthy.

The MRM community team gave an overview of the recent Road Safety Day, which was held in Borroloola, as well as complaints received since the last CRGT meeting. Two had been resolved and one was still under investigation.

The next meeting of the CRG will be held in Borroloola on Thursday 28 August 2025.



MRM Projects Manager Mark Spinks, CRG Chair Richard Galton, NT Government representative Andria Handley, CRG member Scott Hallett, MRM Health Safety and Environment Manager Lana Treasure, CRG member Gadrian Hoosan, MRM Principal Community Agreements Advisor Tracy Jones, CRG members Eddie Webber, Shirley Simon, Daphne Mawson and Jack Green and MRM Environment Superintendent Ben McTavish.

