Bess Price
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

New funding to protect Aboriginal rock art and cultural sites in Limmen National Park

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The Parks and Wildlife Commission has received new funding of nearly $100,000 for the protection of Aboriginal rock art and cultural sites in Limmen National Park.

The funding boost from the McArthur River Mine’s Community Benefits Trust follows a grant of nearly $50,000 for the same purpose last year.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said the extra money would pay for a new project which would ensure the continued protection of the Aboriginal rock art and cultural sites in Limmen.

The project would run over three non-consecutive weeks from this month to September and involve rock art site recording, training, environmental protection, minor archaeology and interpretation works.

“This project will see up to 20 local Marra, Yanuwa, Alawa and Gudanji Aboriginal people from the Gulf region employed alongside Commission staff and expert consultants," Mrs Price said.

“The Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) will be a major project partner, consulting with relevant Aboriginal custodians and contributing their time and professional expertise to the project.

“AAPA's involvement will greatly contribute to the ongoing development of strategies and management plans for the various art galleries and sites of significance dotted around the park.”

Mrs Price said the continued funding would help protect and preserve important rock art sites from environmental degradation as well pass on cultural knowledge about rock art at Limmen National Park to younger generations of Aboriginal people.

“Mt Government is committed to helping and boosting employment for the appropriate Aboriginal land owners (Mingirringgi) and managers (Djunggayi),” she said.

“This project will also see training for Aboriginal people and Parks and Wildlife rangers in rock art site protection, recording and interpretation, as well as helping empower Aboriginal custodians to re-engage and strengthen cultural ties with the country.”

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