

## Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

### Esperance to host Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Education Workshop

Monday, 29 May 2023

- The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 will provide a modern framework to preserve and conserve Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- Information sessions will be held across the State including Esperance.

An education session on the new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act will be held in Esperance in June.

The workshop will provide an overview of the Act, along with guidelines and regulations, the commencement process, information for the agricultural sector and will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

Online sessions will be made available for those unable to attend.

Interested parties are encouraged to register for the Esperance education workshop:

Date: Monday 12 June 2023  
Time: 10am – 1.30pm  
Where: Esperance Civic Centre  
Register: [achimplementation@dplh.wa.gov.au](mailto:achimplementation@dplh.wa.gov.au)

The new ACH Act introduces a modern framework for the protection and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

These new laws are designed to prioritise consultation with Aboriginal people about any land use activities that may impact their cultural heritage.

It also introduces for the first time a range of activities that are either exempt from needing an approval or only require a streamlined approval that will specifically benefit farmers and pastoralists.

Extensive consultation was undertaken across the State over the past 5 years in relation to the new Act and an extensive 12-month co-design process was completed to develop regulations and guidelines.

The WA Farmers Federation, the Pastoralists and Graziers Association and private landowners have all been constructively involved in this process, including making submissions.

#### Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC

“The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 will protect, recognise, conserve and preserve Aboriginal heritage into the future”, she said.

“These information sessions will help people to understand and prepare for the changes, which will include more contemporary processes”.

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