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Dr Joe Dortch, archaeologist, and Dirima Cuthbert, anthropologist and environmental designer, provide high-quality services in all aspects of heritage assessment, research, planning, communication and management.

Capabilities

- **Social Surroundings Assessments** under the *Environmental Protection Act (WA)*.
- **Heritage Surveys** under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act (WA)*.
- **Cultural Heritage Management Plans** and **cultural landscape management** for the future *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act (WA)* - anticipated in 2022.
- **Life of mine plans** for mining and other long-term projects: complete integration of heritage management throughout the life of project.
- **Interpretation plans** to communicate and celebrate cultural heritage.
- **Cultural heritage futures planning** to anticipate impacts to and opportunities for cultural heritage in the future, from climate change or tourism for example.
- **Facilitation of co-design workshops** to bring First Peoples, proponents and other stakeholders together in the design phase of a project.
- **Environmental design** for landscape planning and regeneration projects.
- **Built environment design** for infrastructure attuned to people and places.

Expertise

Joe Dortch has worked with First Peoples across Western Australia, completing some 200 commercial archaeology projects since 1992. Clients include Aboriginal Corporations, resource majors and government agencies.

Joe is a leading archaeological researcher, having produced 55 peer-reviewed publications with Indigenous and academic collaborators. He is Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia, a Research Associate at the Western Australian Museum, and a Full Member of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc. Joe is current President of the Australian Archaeological Association.

Qualifications

- PhD, Archaeology, The University of Western Australia, 2001
- BA (Honours, Archaeology), University of Southampton, 1991

Professional affiliations

- Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, School of Social Sciences, The University of Western Australia

- Research Associate, Western Australian Museum



Dirima Cuthbert is an experienced anthropologist and environmental designer, having worked with First Peoples in the South West and Pilbara regions since 1996. While some projects lean more towards anthropology and some more towards environmental design, her cross-disciplinary approach is useful in revealing and regenerating connections between people and places in all projects. Dirima is a Professional and Committee Member of the Anthropological Society of Western Australia and a Member of the Australian Anthropological Society.

Qualifications

- MEnvDes (Co-supervised between Architecture & Anthropology), The University of Western Australia, 2022
- BDes (Architecture), University of Sydney, 2005
- BSc (Honours, Anthropology), The University of Western Australia, 1995

Clients

We consult to Indigenous Corporations, industry, government, business and universities. Recent clients include:

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| Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation | Goldfields Land & Sea Council | Kimberley Regional Economic Development |
| City of Albany | City of Joondalup | City of Fremantle |
| Department of Building Management & Works | Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation | Rio Tinto |
| Murdoch University | Perth Airport | South32 |
| South-West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council | Westnet Rail | WA Planning Commission |



Selected projects

- Banjima Social Surroundings Assessments, Pilbara, 2022
- Yinhawangka Social Surroundings Assessments, Pilbara, 2021
- Yinhawangka ethnobotanical survey, West Angelas mining area, Pilbara, 2019
- Tamala Park interpretation, City of Joondalup, 2019
- Interpretative heritage display, Fiona Stanley Hospital, 2016
- Cultural heritage management planning, Murdoch University, 2014
- Archaeological assessments, Perth Airport, 2009-2010
- Cultural heritage management plan, Peel-Harvey estuary, 2007
- Heritage surveys, Heath Ledger Performing Arts Venue, 2007

Insurance, safety & standards

We hold \$10m of Professional Indemnity and Public Liability cover. Our field procedures follow industry standards (e.g. Rio Tinto HSEQ) and we hold Western Australian Safety Awareness Training ("White Card"). Staff and contractors are COVID vaccinated and have Senior First Aid and four-wheel drive training. We adhere to professional standards as per the Codes of Ethics of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc, Australian Archaeological Association, and Australian Anthropological Society.

