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Australian Archaeological Association

Anthropological Society of Western Australia

Australian Anthropological Society

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

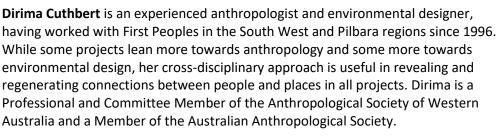
- PhD, Archaeology, The University of Western Australia, 2001
- BA (Honours, Archaeology), University of Southampton, 1991

Professional affiliations

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

Research Associate, Western Australian Museum	





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:

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