



*“One Indigenous voice for the Canning Stock Route (CSR)”*

**10 May 2022**

**RE: Update on Kuju Wangka Permit (Canning Stock Route) - CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Kuju Wangka has not issued permits since March 2020.

This has been done to minimise health risks to communities on and adjacent to the Canning Stock Route (CSR) since the outbreak of Covid-19 in early 2020.

Traditional Owners of the CSR lands met again in May 2022 to assess the status of Kuju Wangka, provide information to people wanting to travel on the CSR, and to consider a timetable for issuing travel permits.

Kuju Wangka is continuing to monitor the health advice from WA Health agencies for communities on the CSR and along key access roads.

After our meeting, all Traditional Owner members of Kuju Wangka have agreed to maintain the current CSR closure.

Kuju Wangka understands and regrets that this will affect many people and delay plans and business bookings.

Reducing the health risks to people in remote communities will always be our priority.

The closure will be reassessed actively on a monthly basis - Further updates will be made available at <https://www.canningstockroute.net.au/>

The CSR will reopen as soon as communities and TOs are confident it is safe to welcome travellers back.

Traditional owners and their affiliated rangers confirmed at our meeting that on-country work and monitoring is continuing along the length of the CSR.

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For further information on permits please visit - <https://www.canningstockroute.net.au/why-do-you-need-a-permit>

For further health advice; WA Department of Health <https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/>