



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

**14 June 2022**

**RE: Update on Kuju Wangka Permit (Canning Stock Route)**

Kuju Wangka welcomes visitors and travellers back to share in the beauty, wonder and incredible cultural landscape along the Canning Stock Route (CSR).

The Canning Stock Route has become a premier, globally renowned off-road and 4WD travel destination. This route traverses Country which has been managed by Aboriginal people for millennia, and these Traditional Owner and native title holders manage this same Country today.

Kuju Wangka members appreciate travellers’ patience in respecting the closure of the CSR since the outbreak of Covid-19. The closure was essential to preserve the health, safety and wellbeing of people and communities along the CSR over the past 2.5 years.

Safety, for travellers and communities, will always be a priority for Kuju Wangka. As this region starts to re-open to travellers, Kuju Wangka strongly recommends travellers adhere to additional safety measures during this transition period.

The CSR is a very remote and challenging journey. Kuju Wangka recommends travellers prepare accordingly, bearing in mind the following:

- Kuju Wangka permits for the Canning Stock Route do not include permission to enter Aboriginal Communities. Communities may, at their discretion, restrict access to non-essential visitors (including Kuju Wangka permit holders).
- **Permit holders are responsible for their own safety and planning, including planning the availability of all intended fuel and provision supply points, to complete their journey safely.**
- The route has been subject to very little vehicle access over the past 2.5 years, and parts of the track may be overgrown or eroded. Additional preparation is therefore critical, including when calculating fuel consumption. **Being self-sufficient in the event of delays, including carrying appropriate water, food and communication equipment in the event of emergency or evacuation situation is essential.**
- Like the rest of Australia, Remote desert communities and stores are facing unprecedented challenges regarding supply, staffing and transport. Kuju Wangka requests you do your part by undertaking adequate preparations for your journey, and demonstrate respect and understanding for priority access for residents to goods and services in remote areas.



- Travellers unfamiliar with how to prepare for remote desert journeys, and especially those new to 4WD travel, are strongly encouraged to seek advice from experienced travellers to understand the unique challenges of the CSR, and commence the journey only when you are confident in your vehicle, safety equipment and driver capacity to undertake the journey.

Kuju Wangka will commence issuing permits at <https://www.canningstockroute.net.au/> from 15/06/22.

**The permit fees for 2022:**

Light Vehicle (including motorbikes)	\$195
Heavy vehicle	\$385
Commercial tourist operator	\$485
Trailer	\$99
Bicycle and trekkers	\$99

*Kuju Wangka will review rates at the conclusion of the 2022 season, to support the ongoing cultural and environmental management of the Canning Stock Route, to ensure it remains accessible to travellers in the long term.*

Traditional Owners and their affiliated rangers continue to be present undertaking on-country work and monitoring 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 information on preparation for CSR travel, please visit <https://www.canningstockroute.net.au/prepare>