

# Key Messages

## Board Meeting held 20 August 2021

- The Building and Construction Industry Training Board recently held an industry stakeholder sundowner and Board meeting in Karratha.
- At the sundowner held at the Karratha Red Earth Arts Centre, stakeholders were welcomed to country by Patrick Churnside from Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation. The Board also took the opportunity to experience the local aboriginal cultural heritage through a visit to local rock art.
- The Board learned from industry stakeholders the breadth of development being experienced in Karratha including housing, renewables, commercial and resources construction.
- The Board also heard from Woodside on the importance of a skilled construction workforce to facilitate their plans for expansion in the Burrup Peninsula.
- Whilst in Karratha the Board met with local builders and heard about the challenges they are experiencing with building in the Pilbara, taking on and keeping apprentices, and challenges they may be experiencing in accessing CTF's funds. The visit to builders was very well received and requested follow up visits from CTF's Industry Training Advisors.
- Chief Executive Officer of the City of Karratha, Chris Adams shared with the Board the current economic growth being experienced in Karratha and the pressures this is creating in skills shortages, and housing, and how these challenges are promoting more local trades in Karratha.
- At the meeting, the Board discussed how the CTF could assist in the disaster recovery from events that occurred earlier in the year as they head towards the rebuild phase.
- The Board also discussed opportunities to support mentoring programs across the State to better support apprentices on their training journey.

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Board Chair  
Reg Howard-Smith

Date