

Gavin Jackson
Bsc (Hons) Archaeology and Geography
Managing Director

Gavin has been working as a heritage consultant since 1993. Gavin has been the managing director of Gavin Jackson Cultural Resource Management since its inception in March 2000. Gavin's current role is to manage the day to day operations of the business which involves creating and implementing company policies, developing strategic plans, controlling finances and building and maintaining an effective team of heritage consultants in the fields of archaeology, anthropology and GIS mapping and analysis.

Gavin has also personally completed over 500 Aboriginal heritage and native title consultancy projects and reports and has widespread experience in the Pilbara, Goldfields, Southwest and Midwest regions of Western Australia as well as central South Australia and Northwest Queensland.

The projects that Gavin has coordinated and participated in have involved the planning and undertaking of Aboriginal site surveys, the surface collection of artefactual material from open surface scatters and the test pitting and excavation of rock shelters and shell midden deposits. Gavin also has extensive experience in planning and executing management plans for both archaeological and ethnographic sites and in conducting significance assessments of Australian archaeological sites. Gavin's role also includes conducting extensive Aboriginal community consultations regarding the heritage impacts of wide-scale development proposals.

Experience and Skills:

- Aboriginal community liaison
- Aboriginal heritage and Native Title legislation
- Management and administration of projects
- Recording, analysis and significance assessment of all types of Aboriginal archaeological sites
- Planning and executing management plans for archaeological and ethnographic sites
- Test-pitting, excavation and salvage collection from open surface scatters, shell middens and rock shelters
- Report writing
- Business management, strategic plans and policies
- Strong interpersonal, leadership and communication skills
- Meticulous attention to detail
- Proven ability to make sound logical decisions
- Competent and reliable team member

Key Achievements:

- Building and managing a successful heritage consultancy based on high standards of professionalism, quality services and ethical principles which is agile and responsive to the changing parameters of the heritage industry and client expectations
- Negotiating and implementing landmark agreements between two competing native title claimant groups to work cooperatively on Aboriginal heritage surveys for two major mine and infrastructure development projects at Cape Preston in the West Pilbara for Citic Pacific and Australian Premium Iron.
- Presented one day Masterclass course on practicalities of gaining a social license to operate at the annual Permit and Project Approvals Conference in October 2012. Topics covered included the concept of social licence, as well as understanding the legislative framework of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA).
- Community consultation and project co-ordinator in setting up an archaeological excavation for the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia as a component of the RGS Lake Eyre South Regional Study

Summary of Archaeological Projects:

- Salvage excavations of selected Aboriginal archaeological sites at the Utah Point Berth Project, Port Hedland, for *Marapikurrinya* Aboriginal Corporation on behalf of the Port Hedland Port Authority.
- Project manager on the Heritage surveys of the PKKP, KM and YM sections of the proposed API Mine and Rail project, 2010-2011.
- Project manager on the Heritage surveys of the proposed Citic Pacific Cape Preston Mine, tailings dam, processing plant and infrastructure areas, 2008-2010.
- Project manager and archaeologist on Aboriginal heritage surveys of Boral Quarries Project Areas in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions of Western Australia 2010.
- Project manager and archaeologist on the Aboriginal archaeological surveys of the entire RGP5 Port Expansion Project including salvage excavation of several shell middens at Port Hedland, for *Marapikurrinya* and BHP Billiton Iron Ore, 2008-2009.

Education and Qualifications:

- 1992 – University of WA
Honours in Archaeology. Result: Class 1 Thesis: Ratiocination: A taphonomic analysis of rodent and other bones from Rainbow Cave, Southwest WA
- 1989-1991 – University of WA : BSc
Majors in both Archaeology and Geography
- Eureka 4WD Training Certificate
- Current First Aid certificate

Affiliations:

- Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologies Incorporated: Full Member
- Australian Archaeological Association: Full Member