



**fara**

Friends of  
Australian  
Rock Art

C/o Conservation Council of W.A Inc.  
Lotteries House 2 Delhi St. West Perth  
6005 Western Australia  
fara.perth@gmail.com  
Mobile: 04 0266 4503  
ABN: 35 018 895 052

# Media Alert

August 12, 2007  
For immediate release

## Artists for the Burrup - A Rocking Success

Despite the unfavourable weather conditions, an enthusiastic crowd of 150 or more gathered at the Moores Building, Fremantle to participate in Friends of Australian Rock Art's (FARA) inaugural Art auction fundraiser – Artists for the Burrup on Sunday 29 July.

After brief opening speeches by Federal MP Carmen Lawrence, Fremantle Mayor, Peter Tagliaferri and FARA representative, Chris Malcolm; the auction commenced. Over ninety items were auctioned by the lively Max Kay, candidate for Perth Mayor and current Perth City Council Councillor. Another 30 items were offered for sale as part of a Silent Auction in the upstairs gallery.

Bidding was keen as bidders sought to secure works by highly regarded artists such as David Gregson, Elizabeth Durack, Norma McDonald, Julie Dowling, Loreen Samson and Robert Juniper to name a few. Many works sold above reserve with bidders recognising that partial proceeds from the Auction would go towards the campaign to raise awareness of the Burrup Peninsula. In total, FARA raised approximately \$30,000 from this event.

The Burrup peninsula is home to the world's largest and oldest rock art gallery. It is also earmarked to become the Western Australia's preferred site for industry as projects like Woodside's Pluto LNG plant get the green light. Though the significance of the rock art and other ancient artefacts have been well documented and broadcast by experts domestically and overseas, it appears that the push for the resource dollar casts a strong shadow on what is ultimately a world heritage site.

Friends of Australian Rock Art would like to thank all the contributing artists for their generous support, the City of Fremantle for use of the Moores Building and the general public for their attendance and backing.

**ENDS**

For further information, photos, interviews, or to run an article on this event, please contact Judith Hugo, Art Auction Coordinator on 0439 090 321 or [jhugo@iinet.net.au](mailto:jhugo@iinet.net.au)

**Defending Australia's Ancient Cultural Heritage**  
[www.standupfortheburrup.com](http://www.standupfortheburrup.com)



fara

### Coming event: Rock up for Rock Art

FARA's next fundraising event will be musically inspired. A concert featuring local talent: St Agnes, Phil Moncrieff, The Hip Replacements and local legends Burgers of Beef. The concert will be held at Swan Basement Hotel, 201 Queen Victoria Street, North Fremantle on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm.

For more information, interviews or to feature this story, please contact Jeannine Gan on 0421 616 943 or [media@friendsofaustralianrockart.com](mailto:media@friendsofaustralianrockart.com)