



FARA
Friends of Australian Rock Art



Dear FARA/Murujuga supporters,

October 2021

Firstly, many thanks to all those who sent in appeals against the EPA's decision to allow **Perdaman** to add further to the industrial pollution on the Burrup. I believe the response was noteworthy and FARA has been called in this week to meet further with the Appeals Convenor... so keep fingers crossed.

There are also a number of developments and events (not all WA-based) I'd like to bring to your attention –

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 at 12pm – 1:30pm

Woodside Wednesdays – all welcome!

11 Mount St, Perth WA 6000, Australia

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021 at 11am – 2pm

Boorloo/Perth - School Strike for Climate

Parliament of Western Australia

<https://www.facebook.com/events/250426446958647>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 at 10am – 12:30pm

Say NO to Scarborough: Mobilise to Win

Uniting Church in the City, 97 William Street, cnr Hay, Perth

Join us to stop Woodside's Scarborough gas project. With Brookfield recently withdrawing its finance from the Woodside project, we have the best opportunity in the coming weeks to ensure that Scarborough gas is kept in the ground forever. To do so, we need to rapidly scale up our movement. Your skills, networks and passions are needed to prevent one of Australia's most polluting projects from going ahead.

Please join our workshop to grow this creative, broad and diverse movement and say NO to Scarborough gas. Register here -

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/say-no-to-scarborough-mobilise-to-win-tickets-182368096887>

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 – Senate Enquiry report on Juukan Gorge due out!

The 2020 Rio Tinto destruction of 46,000-year-old rock caves in the Pilbara sent shockwaves around the world. It wasn't the first event of its kind, and it won't be the last. Read the report and **write to Stephen Dawson, WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister**, reminding him of his responsibility to prevent the equally criminal destruction of Murujuga's ancient rock art - minister.dawson@dpc.wa.gov.au

MUST READ: Paul Cleary's *Title Fight* about the David & Goliath struggle of the Yindjibarndi people vs FMG to save their sacred places from mining.

Landmark Legal Case: UN Scrutiny for WA Cultural Heritage Bill after First Nations Referral

The Environmental Defenders' Office (EDO) has assisted a group of First Nations people to make a formal request for a United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to review Western Australia's draft proposed cultural heritage bill, arguing the bill is incompatible with Australia's international obligations on racial discrimination.

This request by WA Aboriginal leaders Slim Parker, Kado Muir, Dr Anne Poelina, Clayton Lewis and Dr Hannah McGlade, has just been lodged as it is expected that the formal Bill will be tabled in the WA Parliament in the very near future:

<https://www.edo.org.au/2021/09/10/un-scrutiny-for-wa-cultural-heritage-bill-after-first-nations-referral/>

SATURDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2021 at 9:30am

Protect Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Walk

Let's CELEBRATE our culture. Not destroy it.

Australia's cultural heritage is being harmed or destroyed every day and it is vital that the WA Aboriginal Heritage Bill is re-written so that it properly protects Aboriginal heritage instead of enabling greedy industrial interests. If you don't want to stand by and let this happen, please join us -

Saturday, 23 October 2021 - 9am, for a 9:30am start. Concludes 12noon.

Meet at Victoria Gardens, East Perth, to walk over Matagarup (Heirisson Island) Bridge to Burswood Park near Optus Stadium.

Register here for updates: <https://protectaboriginalheritagewa.org.au/protect.../>

SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021, 6pm

Concert to celebrate 75th anniversary of 1946 Pilbara Strike by Aboriginal Pastoral Workers

75 years ago, on May 1 (May Day), 1946, hundreds of Aboriginal workers began walking off dozens of pastoral stations across the vast Pilbara region to fight for wages and better living conditions.

We invite you to join us to honour the courage and determination of the strikers, and commemorate this pivotal, yet little known event in our shared history.

On 23 October, the **Pilbara Strike Band** will be returning to the Fremantle Park Sport and Community Centre for one night only.

Featured musicians: David Milroy, Dave Johnson, Naomi Pigram, musical director David Hyams, Roy Martinez and Talya Valenti, Roebourne singer-songwriter Tyson Mowarin and a theatrical performance by playwright Jolly Read.

Doors open 6pm - Buffet meal and bar available

Tickets now available: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUHMB>

SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2021, 1pm

Glasgow COP 26 Global Day of Action on Climate Change, 1pm Forrest Place, Perth (and other cities across Australia). See

<https://www.facebook.com/events/438740103927205/> for updates.

Stay tuned for release this month of Climate Analytics' report modelling impact of the Woodside Scarborough LNG project on Australia's greenhouse gas emissions and Paris climate targets.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated – in the end we hope that people power will triumph over corporate/government collaboration!

Yours sincerely,

Judith Hugo & Dr Stephen Bennetts

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