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Hi everyone

Special Meeting Friday 19 May—This month we are fortunate to have archaeologist **Ben Gunn** to speak at our meeting (**HIRL, Nth Boundary Rd, 7.30 pm**).

Ben will focus on the rock art of Murujuga (Burrup Peninsula near Dampier in WA)
Please note the change to Friday evening from our usual Thursday date.

Excursion Saturday 20 May—Ben (possibly with Leigh Davis) will lead us to rock art sites in the Black Range. Meet at Hamilton Visitor Centre, Lonsdale St, at 9 am.

Rock Art Specialist in Hamilton

Ben Gunn, an archaeologist with over 30 years' experience in studying Aboriginal rock art, is our guest speaker in May 2017.

Ben brings to his work a passion for exploration and understanding of the pre-European history of Australia. He has surveyed Aboriginal sites in all states and territories of Australia, working closely with Aboriginal communities. His work has involved specialist rock art projects as well as general pre-development and research surveys, including excavation and interpretations of sacred sites. He was the first archaeologist to survey the highly significant Nawarla Gabarmang rock shelter in Arnhem land. This site has since been dated at 50 000 yrs old.

Ben's talk will focus on the rock art of Murujuga (the Burrup Peninsula) in Western Australia. Part of the peninsula is on the National Heritage Register and is currently being considered for World Heritage status. There may be more than a million individual rock carvings (petroglyphs) within Murujuga and with up to 40 000 yrs of rock art production it is one of the largest and oldest such sites in the world.

As a resident of western Victoria Ben has spent many hours examining the sandstone outcrops of the Grampians-Gariwerd and is widely acknowledged as an expert specialist of the rock art of the area. Since the widespread bushfires in recent years Ben has discovered 35 previously unknown art sites. The field trip on Saturday 20 May will be led by Ben Gunn to the Black Range.

Visitors are welcome to both the meeting and the field trip.

Cheers

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