

World Heritage Forum

WHY WORLD HERITAGE:

THE REALITIES AND THE POTENTIALS FOR COMMUNITIES



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This forum brings together experts on World Heritage and community leaders to discuss the implications of world heritage listing of natural and cultural sites to local, state and national communities.

The forum is being held to celebrate the **International Day of Monuments and Sites** and to mark the 40th anniversary of the **UNESCO World Heritage Convention**, which was adopted in 1972.

The focus will be on "World Heritage and Sustainable Development: the Role of Local Communities" – which spans their involvement in the nomination process, management and conservation of World Heritage sites, but also as actors and beneficiaries from a socio-economic perspective, and holders of indigenous management practices and traditional knowledge.

The forum will involve three speakers, **Peter Sharp**, Director, Parks and Visitor Services, DEC; **Luke Donegan**, Interpretation Manager, Fremantle Prison and **Jon Strachan**, on behalf of the Mayor, City of Fremantle. **Tom Perrigo**, CEO, National Trust of Australia (WA) will chair the session and pose the questions '**Does the World Heritage Convention support communities in their endeavour to protect their heritage?**' and '**Does the Convention and its operations provide benefits for communities?**' The outcomes of the discussion will be taken to the Australia ICOMOS national symposium being held in Sydney in October and from there into a broader international debate.

Date: Wednesday 18 April 2012

Venue: Crown Theatre, Fremantle Prison

Time: 6 – 8 pm

Cost: \$15

RSVP: Monday 16 April, 9321 6088

The forum will be followed by drinks and refreshments

World Heritage sites in Western Australia – Fremantle Prison, Shark Bay, the Ningaloo Coast and Purnululu National Park