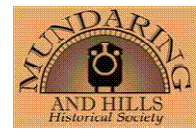


# Media Release

Mundaring Arts Centre, Western Australia



**Subject:** *On Fire* – Exhibition  
and  
*ALL FIRED UP* - Mundaring Shire Volunteer Bushfire Brigades' Exhibitions & Auctions

**Dates:** **Exhibitions:** **Friday 6 February – Sunday 8 March 2009**  
**Main Auction:** **Friday 6 March 2009, 7 pm**

In celebration of its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Mundaring Arts Centre is proud to present their premiere events for 2009, *On Fire* and *ALL FIRED UP* opening on Friday 6 February.



In the Main Gallery, *On Fire* presents audiences with a variety of artworks by selected artists contemplating the many different ways we experience, understand and appreciate fire. Artists represented are Troy Bennell, Merrick Belyea, Lorraine Biggs, Jacqui Crossley, Jack de Vos, Patricia Hines, Sarah Keirle, Shane Pickett, Gerry Reilly, Margaret Ruane, Angelina Sellin, Monique Tippett, Neil Turner and Richard Woldendorp, with Haiku poetry presented in association with the Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers Centre.

A full programme of art workshops and artist talks with exhibiting artists will run throughout the month including sessions on pyrography, lino printing, the use of fire in Indigenous culture and traditional tool making.



In the Community Room, *ALL FIRED UP* is a multi-faceted project initiated by members of the Mundaring Shire Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, with exhibited artworks being generously donated for auction by residents of the Hills and surrounding communities, including prominent artists Jenny Armati, Madeleine Clear, David Gregson, Robert Juniper, Brian McKay, Jenny Mills, Jude Taylor, Linda van der Merwe and Richard Woldendorp.



An eclectic display of 30 decorated fire fighters' helmets will also be under the hammer, 20 by silent auction and 10 as part of the main auction. Each helmet is decorated by a local Hills artist, a local identity or community group, or by one of the 10 bush fire brigades. An announcement of the results of the silent auction for the helmets will be made at the main artwork auction on Friday 6 March, at 7pm. All sales proceeds go towards the writing and publication of a history of the Mundaring Shire Bush Fire Brigades.

## About the history book

The Mundaring Volunteer Bushfire Brigades are raising funds to enable the writing of the history of their organisation, which is a history worth telling. The Mundaring Shire Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades are regarded as being the most innovative, progressive and professional Brigades in WA, having set the practices and standards that are followed throughout the state.



The book will be professionally written and 700 copies will be given away, free, to all schools, libraries and Fire Brigades in the Mundaring Shire, to the State Library and similar venues for easy access by all Western Australians.



*On Fire* and *ALL FIRED UP* will be on display in the Mundaring Arts Centre from 6 February to 8 March alongside a fascinating historic display of materials and artefacts conveying aspects of the story of the Mundaring Shire Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, curated by the Mundaring and Hills Historical Society.

The Mundaring Arts Centre is situated in the heart of Mundaring at 7190 Great Eastern Hwy. Featuring a gallery gift shop with a range of locally made artworks by WA artists, the Mundaring Arts Centre is open daily with free entry from 10 am – 5 pm weekdays; 10 am – 4 pm weekends. For further information please call 08 9295 3991 or visit [www.mundaringartscentre.com](http://www.mundaringartscentre.com)

*On Fire* is proudly sponsored by:



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Images attached: **Merrick Belyea**, *Front* (detail), oil on canvas, 1998  
**Lorraine Biggs**, *Pyrocumulus*, photograph, 2008  
**Joan Johnson**, *Fire Helmet*, mixed media, 2009  
**Jack de Vos**, *After the Fire*, marri, 2008  
**Margaret Ruane**, *Aftermath* (detail), wool, paint, cotton, linen threads, 2008

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