



MEDIA STATEMENT

RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MEMBER FOR WEST SWAN



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MLA CALLS ON INDIGENOUS ARTISTS

Local Member for Member for West Swan is calling on local Indigenous artists to be nominated in the prestigious 2011 Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards.

“Australian Indigenous Art is the oldest ongoing traditional art in the world and reflects the richness and tradition of Indigenous culture,” Ms Saffioti said.

“These awards are an opportunity for us to recognise local Indigenous artists and the significant role they play in Western Australian art and culture.”

Ms Saffioti said nominations are open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are over the age of 18 and residing in Australia.

There are three awards on offer including:

- Western Australian Indigenous Art Award of \$50,000 (national);
- Western Australian Artist Award of \$10,000 (for a Western Australian artist); and
- People’s Choice Award of \$5,000 (most votes from the public).

Artists will have their work displayed at the Art Gallery of Western Australia after August 13 where people will be able to vote for their favourite artist for the People’s Choice Award.

Nominations close at 5pm on Monday 28 February 2011. Please contact Rita Saffioti office on 9248 3822 for further information.

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