



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF WEST PAPUA

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2016 Sampari Art Exhibition & Sale for West Papua

ACU Art Gallery, 26 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

Dates: Friday 2 – Sunday 11 December 2016

Gallery hours: Monday & Tuesday: 11am—6pm; Wed to Fri: 11am—8pm; Saturday & Sunday 10am—5pm.

Further information at Sampari Facebook [Page](#) and DFAIT [Website](#).

SAMPARI ART EXHIBITION is hosted by the FRWP Womens Office in Docklands. It is designed to inspire and inform both artists and audience, and raise money for West Papua's liberation. Since the first exhibition in December 2015, two important inter-government fora, the Melanesian Spearhead Group and Pacific Island Forum, have recognized the legitimacy of West Papua's resistance and nation-making endeavours. A Pacific Coalition for West Papua is now tasked to win back West Papuans their sovereignty within the United Nations.

SAMPARI 2016 includes: A body of Australian and international artworks in a variety of media. A wall of prints by Melanesian artists (the Kanak of New Caledonia, Solomon Islanders, ni-Vanuatu, and from Papua New Guinea and Fiji). An exhibition of cartoons published in 2006 during the war-of-words between Indonesia and Australia after Immigration Minister Amanda Vanstone recognised the claims of forty-three West Papuan asylum seekers.

Public programs during Sampari Art exhibition and sale for West Papua

Forthspeak: Saturday 3rd December 2016, 2 pm

Forthspeak is an opportunity for poets and spoken word artists to express their solidarity with West Papua. Listeners will be captivated by the stories and the power of the spoken word. Facebook [Event](#).

SALUTING MELANESIA, A Cultural Day: Sunday 4th December 2016, 1 pm

Celebrating the Melanesian people's courageous decision to pick up and help carry their kin's political burden with a solemn Fiji Kava Ceremony, followed by music, dance, and food. Facebook [Event](#).

DEBATE: SHOULD WEST PAPUA BE INDEPENDENT? Thursday 8th December, 6pm

Skilled debaters from Melbourne and Monash universities presenting the arguments about sovereignty of resource-rich West Papua. Only 70 seats available, so please book with Louise Byrne 0424 745 155, or at frwpwomensoffice@gmail.com

LAND OF THE MORNING STAR, A FILM BY MARK WORTH: Friday 9th December 2016, 7 pm

Film screening and tribute to director Mark Worth. Guest speaker, Greg Barber, Greens MLC. A sweeping account of West Papua's story since 1962, including footage of Indonesian military incursions. Facebook [Event](#).

TALK 350 Pacific and West Papua: Saturday 10th December 2016, 2 pm

Jacynta on 350 PACIFIC environmental activism, and Wensi on the destruction of forest in West Papua. Also Designer Off2War showing wearable art made from recycled materials. Facebook [Event](#).

OPEN DAY West Papua Rent Collective: Sunday 11th December 2016, 12 pm

A celebration for acknowledged supporters and new friends. Food by Dapur Sampari (West Papua kitchen) so please book for catering purposes (frwpwomensoffice@gmail.com)

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