

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Great men of rock to gather in Wodonga

Indigenous elders from north-east Victoria are helping to pass on age-old techniques and traditional knowledge to younger Indigenous people living in the region.

Traditional Owners and Elders from the North East will conduct the third in a series of stone tool-making (knapping) workshop at the Burraja Cultural Centre on the Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga this Sunday, 21 June.

The Indigenous men will demonstrate techniques gained through a lifetime of experience and share these with participants attending the Burraja workshops.

All three workshops have been funded and supported by Wodonga City Council, the North East Catchment Management Authority and the Murray Catchment Management Authority,

“Through this project, we’ve sought to bring together people with the knowledge to make stone artefacts so that they can share with those who are keen to learn,” said Richard McTernan from the North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

“We’ve also received great support from the Albury Wodonga Lapidary and Allied Craft club who helped us locate suitable stones that we could use during these workshops,” said Richard.

Award-winning Border filmmaker, Jacqueline Schultz and local photographer Chantele Bourne are collecting footage and images of the stone tool making workshops. These multi-media resources will be used for educational purposes and become a historical document for future generations.

“ By capturing images of the stone knapping techniques we can share this important cultural resource knowledge with a much wider audience and for many years to come,” said Richard.

The North East CMA in partnership with Wodonga City Council will display the artefacts made during the workshops during NAIDOC week (5 – 12 July 2009)

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