

Experts inspect Burrup rock art

ARCHAEOLOGISTS, former politicians and native historians visited the Burrup recently as part of the Friends of Australian Rock Art convention.

FARA spokesman Robin Chapple said the aim of the gathering was to visit some of the archaeological rock art sites on the Burrup as well as indigenous Australian community members.

Mr Chapple said the rock art of the Burrup was archaeologically and historically significant because it constituted some of the oldest recordings of human civilisation in the world.

"These sites and examples of rock art in the Burrup are important because, as petroglyph 'story-books', they are living sites," he said.

"They've had visitations from various indigenous communities over time, which have told stories that have been transmitted from one generation to another over thousands of years."