

## Fortescue co-launches book celebrating Nyiyaparli history and culture

**SOUTH HEDLAND, 19 May 2015:** Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue), members of the Nyiyaparli aboriginal community and Archae-aus celebrated the official launch of the *Kakutungutanta to Warrie Outcamp; 40,000 years in Nyiyaparli country* book at a ceremonial event held at Spinifex Hill Studio in South Hedland.

Authored by the Nyiyaparli community with Caroline Bird and Edward McDonald, the story beautifully illustrates the rich history of Nyiyaparli people in the eastern Chichester Range and around the Fortescue Marsh who have lived on the land for over 40,000 years.

The content is drawn from traditional Nyiyaparli knowledge, extensive research from archaeology and historical publications, and almost a decade of archaeological field surveys, excavations and ethnographic surveys within Nyiyaparli country to identify important heritage sites within Fortescue's Christmas Creek and Cloudbreak mines. The book is scattered with colourful images of the land, the culture and the people.

The launch was well attended and included notable guests Town of Port Hedland Deputy Mayor, Gloria Jacob, and Nyiyaparli Elders, Gordon Yuline and David Stock (Yandi).

Speaking at the event, Nyiyaparli man and Karlka Chairperson, Brad Hall said, "*Kakutungutanta to Warrie Outcamp* is aimed at providing the wider Australian community with a greater understanding of Nyiyaparli Country and its rich culture and heritage."

"We are grateful to Fortescue and the heritage team for their passionate support and valuable funding which has enabled the book to be published and our vision to be realised."

Chief Executive Officer Nev Power said, "Fortescue is proud to be involved in this significant project and contribute to a wider knowledge and understanding of Nyiyaparli country and people."

The Fortescue heritage team continues to work closely with Nyiyaparli people and dedicated archaeologists and anthropologists to ensure places of cultural

significance to Niyiyaparli people are recorded and protected throughout the life of the mines.

*Kakutungutanta to Warrie Outcamp; 40,000 years in Niyiyaparli country will be distributed to schools in the Pilbara region and will; be available at the National Library of Australia, tourist centres in the Pilbara and as an e-book on the Archae-Aus website.*

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Pictured (l to r): Notable guests at the launch, Brad Hall, Alexa Morcombe, Gordon Yuline, Gloria Jacob, Fiona Hook, Michael Thompson and David Stock.