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## **FORUM**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr Marion Hercock** 

## Topic: The Aboriginal Industry What Does It Mean For Western Australia?

An analysis showing how public policy has led to a divided Australia.

For an Australian Sovereign Nation where is this Aboriginal Industry leading?

Who will be the winners and losers in this manipulation of history and culture?

This illustrated talk is based on WA, with some bushcraft and personal encounters to enliven the subject.

Dr Marion Hercock is a geographer and editor with the Western Australian Explorers' Diaries Project. Her PhD (UWA) was in the disciplines of Geography and Political Science (public policy analysis).

Together with her husband, Joe Bryant, Marion ran a remote area tour company following the routes of the 19th century explorers of Western Australia.

This business brought them into contact with the 'Aboriginal industry' and the complexities it created for running outback tours.

During their operations they consulted with field historians Stan Gratte and Harry Lever, and learnt about their 1976 meeting with the Brown family – the last desert family – in the Little Sandy Desert.

The Browns opted to leave the desert and live in Wiluna. The story of the Brown family and the expedition organised by Marion and Joe to take Dadina Georgina Brown and Stan Gratte back to their meeting place is covered in Marion's 2009 book *Born in the Desert*.

## Free Entry, Everyone Welcome

Presentation Address followed by Q&A Session

When: Sunday 19th September 2021

Time: 2.30pm start to 4.30pm finish

Where: Royal Perth Yacht Club, Australia II Drive, Crawley Bay, Nedlands 6009

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