



## Exhibition of Aboriginal art “Treasures of the spirit” - Porto Montenegro, Tivat

An exhibition of Aboriginal prints by desert artists from Australia’s remote Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands was opened by the Australian Ambassador HE Helena Studdert and CEO of Porto Montenegro Oliver Corlette at the Naval Heritage Collection (Porto Montenegro, Tivat) on 31 May. The exhibition was arranged for viewing in Montenegro by Australian academic Dr Christine Nicholls.

Dr Studdert said that ‘Aboriginal peoples have lived on the Australian continent for tens of thousands of years. The *Treasures of the Spirit* is a special collection because the Anangu people were isolated for many years and only recently agreed to share their art and narratives’. She hoped that Montenegrins would take advantage of the opportunity to view the works. The exhibition offers a unique experience of the way Aboriginal artists use colours and forms to tell their individual stories through their art.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 1-10 June 2013.



*H.E. Dr Helena Studdert giving opening speech*



*Porto Montenegro CEO Oliver Corlette addressing the public*



*Opening ceremony*