Record Nr. UNISA996573772703316 Autore McDonald Jo (Josephine) Titolo Dreamtime superhighway: an analysis of Sydney Basin rock art and prehistoric information exchange // Jo McDonald Canberra:,: ANU Press,, 2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-921536-16-0 1 online resource (380 pages): colour illustrations, charts Descrizione fisica Collana Terra Australis;; 27 709.011309944 Disciplina Soggetti Petroglyphs Visual communication in art Rock paintings - Australia - Sydney Basin (N.S.W.) Petroglyphs - Australia - Sydney Basin (N.S.W.) Visual communication in art - Australia - Sydney Basin (N.S.W.) Art, Aboriginal Australian - Australia - Sydney Basin (N.S.W.) Aboriginal Australians - Australia - Sydney Basin (N.S.W.) - Antiquities Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Sommario/riassunto Dreamtime Superhighway presents a thorough and original contextualization of the rock art and archaeology of the Sydney Basin. By combining excavation results with rock art analysis it demonstrates that a true archaeology of rock art can provide insights into rock art image-making in people's social and cultural lives. Based on a PhD dissertation, this monograph is a significantly revised and updated study which draws forcefully on rich and new data from extensive recent research—much of it by McDonald herself. McDonald has

developed a model that suggests that visual culture—such as rock artmaking and its images and forms—could be understood as a system of communication, as a way of signaling group identifying behaviour. For the archaeologist of art, the anthropologist of art and those of us who try to think about past worlds... this monograph is a must read.