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### **Freedom Songs featuring Neil Murray with support from Rachel Taylor**

On Thursday September first, Australian singer-songwriter Neil Murray will play a special show at Mojo's in support of Refugee Rights Action Network (RRAN) and their work to end mandatory detention of refugees and to halt the Malaysian Solution.

PERFORMANCE DATE: Thursday September 1, from 7.30pm

VENUE: Mojo's, 237 Queen Victoria Street, North Fremantle

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Neil's solo take on Australian rock is deeply affecting, drawn from his travels across Australia during his twenty-year solo career and his 1980s performances with indigenous rock group, the Warumpi Band.

"Neil's music and his work as an artist aligns with what RRAN is about. Neil's gigs are not to be missed and this one will be charged with a very special energy as people come down to support the critical fight to stop the Malaysian Solution." RRAN member Sam Fox.

Also on the bill is artist Rachel Taylor, who has performed at folk and roots festivals around the country. Part folk-angel, part blues-mama, Rachel writes well-crafted songs and sings them with grace and honesty.

All proceeds from the night will go to RRAN's activist work visiting immigration detention centres and exposing the conditions and treatment of asylum seekers. RRAN also runs a program Dictionaries for Refugees that provides a practical aid to refugees. Each dictionary is personally addressed with a message inside that refugees have said provides a rare source of hope.

"There is a reason the largest detention centres are located in the most remote parts of Australia and their operation outsourced to the multinational corporation, Serco", said Marcus Hampson, RRAN spokesperson. "It makes it very difficult for the Australian community to know what is happening. RRAN bus trips to Curtin and Leonora immigration detention centres have allowed us to get information out about the the system of mandatory detention, which has led to several deaths in detention and uncounted cases of self harm and attempted suicide."

**FREEDOM SONGS. Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>, Mojo's.**