INTRODUCTION

For Elizabeth Durack and me Australia’s rugged Kimberley region is home. Our forebears were pioneering families who adopted the region, having driven herds of cattle thousands of kilometres overland from Queensland in search of ‘the promised land’. They found it.

The Duracks quickly succumbed to the allure of the landscape and of the Aboriginal people whose land they pioneered. Trust and mutual respect were the cornerstones of the legendary and close relationship which was established between the settler and the settled.

To view the work of Eddie Burrup is to see the world through the eyes of a woman whose soul is imbued with a deep affection and understanding of the land and its indigenous people.