

The Place of Reflection

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Reconciliation Committee

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PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Reconciliation Committee with a summary of the *Place of Reflection* project ahead of the unveiling ceremony and community event scheduled for 10am on 14 September 2023.

The *Place of Reflection* project was a key action in the City of Adelaide's Stretch Reconciliation Plan (2015-2018) and an important milestone in the Reconciliation journey for the City.

The *Place of Reflection* is a high-profile public artwork in the City of Adelaide that acknowledges the strength and resilience of the Stolen Generations, their families and friends, and the wider community.

The *Place of Reflection* is located within the southwest corner of Murlawirrpurka / Rymill Park (Park 14) alongside Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.

The *Place of Reflection* has been created by respected Ngarrindjeri Elder and artist Aunty Yvonne Koolmatrie, in collaboration with artist/designer Karl Meyer, supported by Exhibition Studios.

The *Place of Reflection* includes a focal sculpture and seating nestled into new landscaping providing the community with a place to meet, to support each other, to feel strong and to heal.

The *Place of Reflection* has been an Aboriginal-led commission, informed and developed in consultation with the Aboriginal community, including the experiences of the Stolen Generations and their stories.

To advise and inform the delivery of the *Place of Reflection*, an Advisory Group has been involved throughout the project and members have included representatives from: Kurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association, Healing Foundation /Link Up, Nunkuwarrin Yunti, Journey of Healing, Reconciliation Committee, Stolen Generation Alliance, Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation, Reconciliation South Australia, Tandanya National Aboriginal Institute, and the Art Gallery of South Australia.

The *Place of Reflection* project was initiated and managed by the City of Adelaide, with support from the Government of South Australia. The total commission budget for the Place of Reflection is \$265,000:

- City of Adelaide has contributed \$150,000 from its Public Art Capital budget.
- Government of South Australia (Department of Premier and Cabinet) has contributed \$115,000 through Arts South Australia (\$15,000) and Stolen Generations (Community) Reparations Scheme (\$100,000) administered by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.