



Kids on Country 2023

Kaurna Cultural Activity Day – Project Update

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Kids on Country – Background

- An annual event in partnership with the Kaurna Community
- A program designed by Kaurna leaders to connect young people with Culture and help foster a sense of inclusion and identity
- First held in 2018 soon after the determination of the Kaurna People’s Native Title claim
- A key action of the City of Adelaide Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2024



Kids on Country – Objectives

- Youth focussed event to attract young people to the City
- Opportunity for Kurna young people to connect with Kurna Culture by walking on their Country
- Community-led learning experience for young people to enhance knowledge about Kurna Culture
- A day to share their Culture with Aboriginal kids from other Language Groups and non-Aboriginal kids



Kids on Country – 2023

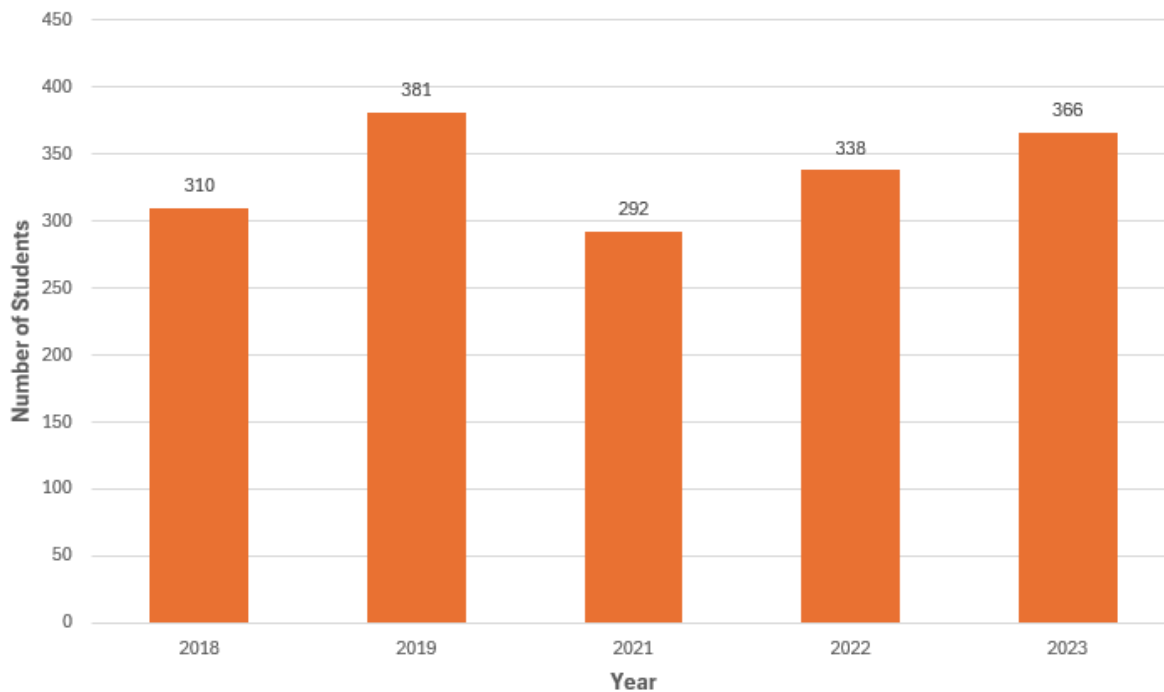
- 1 November 2023
- Held in the natural area at the back of Wirrarninths (Park 23)
- Over 360 primary school students from years 4, 5 and 6
- 17 schools attended
- 14 activities for students to enjoy
- Free to participants



Kids on Country – Attendance

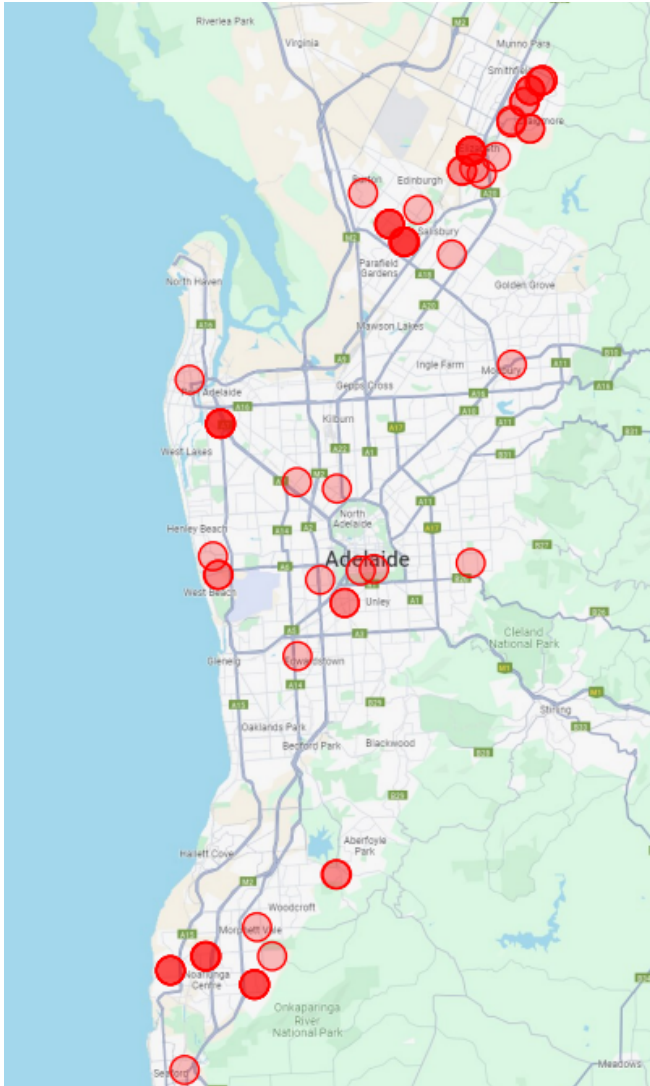
- Average event attendance 337 children

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Kids On Country – Distribution of Attendees

Distribution of participating schools
2018 - 2023:



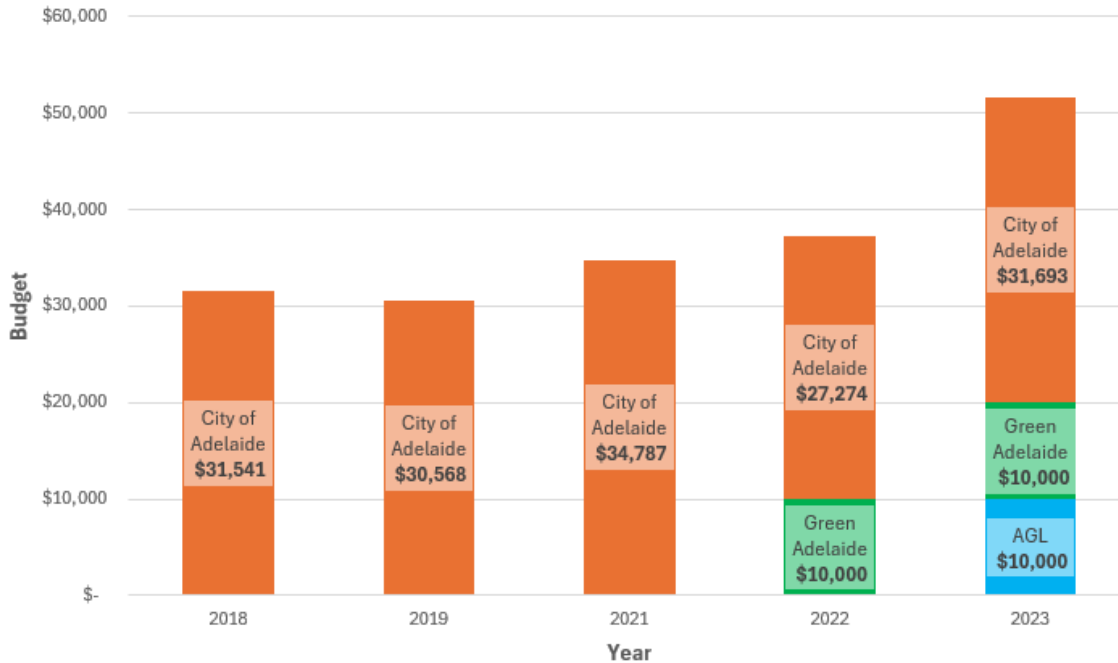
- Spread of schools across metropolitan Adelaide/Kaurna Country
- Free transport provided for all students



Kids on Country – Budget

- Funded by annual CoA budget to deliver Kaurna initiatives
- Significant increase in event infrastructure costs in 2023
- Increased cost has been offset by external funding partners
- Green Adelaide \$10,000 in 2022 and 2023
- AGL \$10,000 in 2023

Kids on Country Investment In



Kids on Country – 2023 Feedback

- Teachers felt there was a significant positive impact on Aboriginal students attending
- Teachers saw a strong connection to Cultural activities as part of school curriculum
- Students were highly engaged in the activities
- Students felt proud and connected to their Culture
- Non-Aboriginal students got a greater appreciation of Kaurna Culture and Kaurna Country



Kids On Country – Next Steps

- Prioritise city schools
- Investigate opportunities to tailor the event to target Year 7 and 8 students from City schools
- Secure partnership funding
- Create opportunities for additional Kaurna Cultural activity providers to expand Cultural experience



Video of 2023 event

[Kids on Country 2023 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

