

A man with a beard and a headband stands in the center of the frame. He is wearing a traditional orange-brown garment with a wide collar and a sash. The background is a vibrant sunset with orange and yellow hues. The text 'KNOWLEDGE PROJECT' is overlaid in large white letters across the middle of the image.

KNOWLEDGE PROJECT

Foundational Knowledge for Deeper Understanding

WHAT IS THE KNOWLEDGE PROJECT?

The Knowledge Project is an ongoing free resource aimed at increasing foundational knowledge of Kaurna culture, history, and language.

It was co-founded by Jack Buckskin of Kuma Kaaru and Chris Kellett of Nucleus. The project has been developed in partnership with the City of Adelaide.

Project Purpose

To provide accessible, engaging content that fills gaps in public knowledge, fostering better, more informed conversations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.



HOW IT STARTED

The project began with a simple conversation where Jack was asked, “What do you wish people knew?”

Jack expressed frustration at how much of his time was spent covering the same basics of Kaurna history and culture.

From that question, we envisioned a resource that could serve as a baseline for community knowledge, allowing for more nuanced and impactful dialogue to follow.

PROJECT GOALS

Building Foundational Knowledge

- Aim to improve the community's basic understanding of Kurna history, culture, and language.
- By increasing this foundational knowledge, we hope to lay the groundwork for more meaningful and nuanced conversations.

Creating a Judgment-Free Space

- Encourage people to ask questions in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

Fostering Collaboration and Community Engagement

- Promote ongoing conversations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.
- Break down barriers for people engaging with difficult or uncomfortable topics.
- Champion collaboration by involving the wider public in shaping future content and conversations.

AN EVOLVING PROJECT

The Knowledge Project is in ongoing development, designed to respond and follow up questions that arise from viewers engaging with the initial resources.

The goal here is to have a conversation where we listen to feedback and questions that the community has, recognizing that different groups have different questions, and we may not immediately know the content people are looking for.



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Current Status

The first two videos on Modern History and Spirituality are live, providing critical insights.

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Year 2 Focus

Expand the library with videos based on community feedback and collaboration.

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Year 3 Focus

Deepen community engagement through continued support of resources and in-person appearances to share the resource and encourage the community to continue the conversation.

FUTURE HOPES FOR THE PROJECT

The background of the entire page is a composite image. On the left, there is a close-up of a person's face with intricate white and blue body paint. On the right, there is a silhouette of a person standing in a natural setting, holding a long spear. The overall tone is dark and historical.

LONG-TERM VISION

A community where foundational knowledge about Kurna history and culture is widespread, enabling more complex, respectful, and productive discussions between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT

This resource aims to provide information in a format that is engaging, concise manner, which values the time of the viewer and provides foundational knowledge that is immediately conducive to better conversations.

CALL TO ACTION

We invite local leaders, educational institutions, and community groups to champion this project and help make it an enduring educational tool for generations to come. We encourage members of the community to use the website to ask questions they may otherwise not feel comfortable asking, so that we can learn and grow together.