Kaurna Knowledge Project

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

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Purpose of Presentation

The purpose of this presentation is to update the Reconciliation Committee on the Kaurna Knowledge Project.

This project, designed to increase Cultural Learning across the City, aligns with the City of Adelaide Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (2021-2024).

Led by Mr Jack Buckskin of Kuma Kaaru Cultural Services, and in conjunction with the Nucleus Creative Agency, the Kaurna Knowledge Project aims to increase the broader community's foundational knowledge of Kaurna history, spirituality, and language, through the development of a website and educational videos. Through the promotion of respectful conversations, the project fosters open dialogue in a non-judgemental environment to bridge cultural gaps and strengthen community connections.

The Kaurna Knowledge Project is supported by the City of Adelaide through a three-year Strategic Partnership Grant of \$150,000 . The project is in the second year of the three-year partnership.

In the first year of the strategic partnership, the Knowledge Project Website (Knowledge Project) was created and incorporates two videos titled, 'Modern History' and 'Spirituality'. The website was launched in August 2024.

In year two (2024/25), the project will focus on engaging with the community to inform a series of short videos. Jack Buckskin will host six workshops in the city to inform the content of these videos. The format of the workshops will empower people to ask questions and seek answers, fostering a shared journey towards a more informed and knowledgeable community.

The next phase of the Kaurna Knowledge Project, including the short video series, may form part of NAIDOC Week or Reconciliation Week programming in 2025.

The Kaurna Knowledge Project will be linked to the Kaurna Voices project on the City of Adelaide website.