



# Thriving Communities

Kids on Country  
Kaurna Cultural Activity Day – Project Update

City Lifestyle

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# Kids on Country Kaurna Cultural Activity Day

## 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 Peoples Native Title claim
- Now an Enduring Commitment in the City of Adelaide Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan

## Kids on Country Kurna Cultural Activity Day



- 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 Kurna Cultural Activity Day



- One day event (9.30am-2pm) run annually in Spring
- Held in the natural area at the back of Wirrarninthi (Park 23) adjacent to the billabong where the bush tours are held
- Schools with high numbers of Aboriginal students (*initially identified by Kurna*) largely from the north and south of the City
- Years 3/4/5
- Free to participants (transport, lunch and Cultural Activities supplied)
- Between 300-450 students at each event

## Kids on Country Kaurna Cultural Activity Day



- Cost of the event is \$30k (approx.), with partnership support from State Government/Green Adelaide
- Around 1200 students from schools around Adelaide have taken part in a range of Cultural activities - art, weaving, carving, cultural bush tours, native plant propagation, dance, wodli building, storytelling and more!
- All events have been run or coordinated by Kaurna Elders and community leaders

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# Learnings

- Post event surveys have shown a high level of satisfaction amongst participants
- Students highly engaged, felt proud and connected to their Culture
- Non-Aboriginal students got a greater appreciation of Kaurna Culture and Kaurna Country



*“Our pupils really engaged and felt a part of the event. They wanted to explore all aspects and were eager to do a bush walk and explore the outdoor space. Connecting with nature and the richness of its offerings is key to engaging our kids and closing the gap. There were no behavioural issues and even our most challenging students blended in and engaged in all activities. All felt empowered and walked a bit taller after the event. Proud of their culture, people, and Country.”*  
(Teacher, Christie Downs Primary School)

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## Next Steps and The Future

- Next event proposed for 1 November 2023
- Opportunities to include Aboriginal kids from City schools
- Adapt Cultural activities to target older High School students
- Explore links to curriculum and tailor activities to integrate Indigenous Knowledge into STEM subjects
- Seek additional funding partners to allow the event to run over two days with greater exposure
- Open the event as a school holiday activity
- Seek to maximise reconciliation outcomes
- Explore different locations – eg the new wetlands in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi

