



# Thriving Communities

## Kaurna Voices - Cultural Mapping

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# Kaurna Voices- Cultural Mapping



- Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan: *Utilise the Kaurna cultural mapping project to capture sites of significance in the City and North Adelaide.*
- City of Adelaide is currently undertaking a Cultural Mapping Project, entitled Kaurna Voices.
- The project is managed by Kaurna Cultural Consultants, Southern Cultural Immersion with input from the KYAC Board.
- Kaurna Voices involves working with a group of Kaurna Elders and Community members to create a written, visual and audio record of Kaurna Culture and personal accounts of their lives in the City.
- The information and stories gathered will be combined with existing information on Kaurna Cultural Heritage to develop a Kaurna Voices web resource for the Kaurna Community and the City of Adelaide.







## Uncle Jeffrey Newchurch on the Value of Cultural Mapping

- *“Kaurna Cultural sites are not just dots on a map - Kaurna Cultural Heritage is entwined through the whole of Kaurna Country”*
- *“Cultural mapping is a healing process”*
- *“Connecting to Culture gives young Kaurna people a voice and a purpose”*
- *“By working in partnership with Council - it aids the Reconciliation process”*

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The project acknowledges and celebrates Kaurna Cultural Heritage through:

- The preservation, interpretation and continuation of Kaurna traditional knowledge which will help build Kaurna community capacity to hold and transfer knowledge from the past, present and into the future.
- The creation of a mixed media cultural mapping database that captures the many and varied layers of Kaurna Cultural Heritage.
- Involvement of Kaurna young people who are responsible for the collection, recording, documentation of cultural information.
- An important opportunity to put language back on Country through interpretation and stories.
- Identification of significant Cultural sites that need to be protected, acknowledged or interpreted.
- The provision of a Kaurna Cultural Lens to guide and enhance any master planning and design; Information from the project will be used by Council to better inform and enhance master planning and project implementation in the Park Lands.

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## Australian Cultural Heritage Management

Cultural Heritage Management  
Community Development  
Archaeology  
Native Title



Geographic Information Systems  
Cultural Tourism  
Archaeology  
Cartography



DATE: May 2005  
CLIENT: Adelaide City Council  
TITLE: Community Land Management Plans: Adelaide Parklands and Squares – Aboriginal Heritage.

- In 2005 a Cultural survey of the Adelaide Park Lands was undertaken with Kurna Elders.
- The report identified a range of sites or places of Cultural significance or interest.
- Information from this report has been consolidated into a map identifying these sites. The places and stories shown on the map is being used as the basis for the Kurna Voices project.





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## *The project so far....*

- Preparation of questions, scripts for interviews.
- Interviews and recording of stories and memories from eight Kaurna Elders and key community leaders (four women and four men)
- Written transcripts and audio and video documentation of Kaurna engagement
- Edited 3-4 minute films from each interview
- Research and collation of existing Cultural Heritage information to complement the locations and stories from the filming
- Development of bespoke webpages (in progress)

# Kaurna Voices – Next Steps

- Finalise Kaurna Voices webpages and launch first stage.
- Budget bid for next financial year to continue the project.
- Future stages would expand webpages to create a richer and more comprehensive overview of Kaurna Culture using information from previous studies and Kaurna Cultural Heritage Assessments.
- Advice will be sought from Kaurna Elders and Community Leaders on which sites (from the 80 currently mapped) and stories are progressively interpreted and presented on the website.
- The Kaurna Voices project will create a Kaurna Cultural lens over the whole City and Park Lands.
- Opportunities to incorporate Tiati/Truth Telling into the project.