



# Cultural Activities Resource Booklet



Aboriginal Family Support Services





**“Keeping kids safe in culture provides a strong cultural  
identity and contributes to children’s resilience”  
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This Cultural Activities Resource Booklet has been prepared by AFSS to assist you in connecting the children and young people in your care with culture.

It is widely researched and recognised that a strong connection to culture for Aboriginal children and young people assists in providing positive outcomes for them throughout their lives.

We hope you find the suggestions helpful.

If you have any ideas for extra activities, or want us to include in this publication cultural services or activities you can provide to Aboriginal children and young people, please let us know by contacting the AFSS Communications Officer, Grace Nelligan, email [grace.nelligan@afss.com.au](mailto:grace.nelligan@afss.com.au) or phone 8205 1500.







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## Connection to Culture

As an Aboriginal agency, AFSS is committed to ensuring that Aboriginal children and young people in our care are assisted to maintain a strong connection to their culture. This is not simply involving them in annual Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC events (although these are very important), as connection to culture is much more diverse. In assisting Aboriginal children and young people to maintain strong links with their culture, family and community AFSS will also focus on the following:

### a. Aboriginal Communities

Contact with birth families is not always possible. AFSS will work with the Department for Child Protection and the Principal Aboriginal Consultants to accurately identify the language group of all children and young people residing in an AFSS residential service. The purpose of these consultations will be to confirm a child or young person's language group and to enable AFSS to make contact with their community. This will help in sourcing resources, including story books, cultural stories and other relevant information specific to the language group that the child or young person belongs to.

### e. Aboriginal Community Events

There are some significant and important annual anniversaries celebrated and/or acknowledged by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. AFSS will ensure that where possible, all children and young people in an AFSS residential service are able to actively participate in these events and celebrations with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

#### 13 February (2008) - National Apology

The apology in Federal Parliament to the Stolen Generations of Australia became a defining moment in the nation's history. Crowds gathered across the country to mark the occasion with tears, cheers and emotional displays of relief and happiness.

#### 26 May (1997) - National Sorry Day

26 May carries great significance for the Stolen Generations, as well as for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. On 26 May 1997, the *Bringing Them Home* report was tabled in Parliament. The annual National Sorry Day commemorations remind and raise awareness among politicians, policy makers, and the wider public about the significance of the forcible removal policies and their impact, not only on the children that were taken, but also on their families and communities.

### 27 May (1967) - Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum

On 27 May 1967 a Federal referendum was held. The second question was to determine whether two references in the Australian Constitution, which discriminated against Aboriginal people, should be removed. The sections of the Constitution under scrutiny were:

51. The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to:-

...(xxvi) The people of any race, other than the aboriginal people in any State, for whom it is necessary to make special laws.

and

127. In reckoning the numbers of the people of the Commonwealth, or of a State or other part of the Commonwealth, aboriginal natives should not be counted.

The removal of the words '... other than the aboriginal people in any State...' in section 51 (xxvi) and the whole of section 127 were considered by many to be representative of the prevailing movement for political change within Aboriginal affairs. As a result of the political climate, this referendum saw the highest YES vote ever recorded in a Federal referendum, with 90.77 per cent voting for change. It is interesting to note that because the majority of parliamentarians supported the proposed amendment, a NO case was never formulated for presentation as part of the referendum campaign.

The Constitution was changed, giving formal effect to the referendum result, by the Constitution Alteration (Aboriginals) 1967 (Act No 55 of 1967), which received assent on 10 August 1967.

### 27 May to 3 June (1996) - Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week falls between 27 May and 3 June – two significant dates in the relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians: 1) the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and Mabo Day and 2) the anniversary of the 1992 High Court judgment in the Mabo case.

National Reconciliation Week was first celebrated in 1996. National Reconciliation Week aims to give people across Australia the opportunity to focus on reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians. It is a time to reflect on achievements so far and on what must still be done to achieve reconciliation.

### 3 June (1992) - Mabo Anniversary

Mabo Day occurs annually on 3 June. It commemorates Eddie Koiki Mabo (29 June 1936 – 21 January 1992) a Torres Strait Islander man whose campaign for Aboriginal land rights led to a landmark decision of the High Court of Australia that, on 3 June 1992, overturned the legal fiction of *terra nullius* which had characterised Australian law with regard to land and title since the voyage of James Cook in 1770.



### July - NAIDOC Week (first week in July)

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Aboriginal communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

### August - National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is the largest national day to celebrate Aboriginal children. Children's Day, and the week leading up to it, is a time to for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children. The day is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that community, culture and family play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child.

### 7 October - Annual Aboriginal Sports Carnival

The SA State Aboriginal Sports Carnival is held annually on the October long weekend to showcase the best football and netball talent from across South Australia, and is one of the largest sport and social gatherings of Aboriginal people each year. Each year the carnival is hosted by a different community in Adelaide or in country SA.

Second Week of November - City of Port Adelaide Enfield Nunga Week

## Aboriginal Cultural Tours

### What's offered:

A unique insight into one of the world's oldest living cultures. Choose from tours ranging from half a day to five days.

Connect with nature and the environment. Tours available:

OUT BUSH (Ngadjuri) tours

COASTAL (Adjahdura) tours

COMBO OUT BUSH and COASTAL (Ngadjuri and Adjahdura) tours



**Where:** Yorke Peninsula and surrounds

**Cost:** POA

**Contact:** Traditional Owner Quenten Agius  
46 Maitland Rd  
Point Pearce SA 5573  
Mobile: 0429 367 121  
Email: [tours@adjahdura.com.au](mailto:tours@adjahdura.com.au)  
Website: [aboriginalsa.com.au](http://aboriginalsa.com.au)

## Bookabee Australia

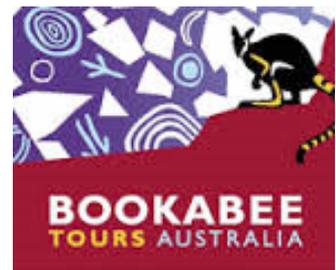
### What's offered:

Authentic Aboriginal experiences in Adelaide and through the outback.

Experiences include:

Adnyamathanha life and culture in the Flinders Ranges

Local tours include Botanic Gardens and the SA Museum



**Where:** SA metro, regional, remote

**Cost:** POA

**Contact:** Phone: (08) 8235 9954  
Mobile: 0408 209 593 or 0434 161 421  
Email: [haydyn@bookabee.com.au](mailto:haydyn@bookabee.com.au)  
Website: [www.bookabee.com.au](http://www.bookabee.com.au)

## Camp Coorong

### What's offered:

Offers activities to people or groups wishing to learn more about Aboriginal history, arts, crafts and the environment within the Ngarrindjeri region. Ngarrindjeri traditions and way of life before European arrival. You can:

Hear about Ngarrindjeri feelings for land and culture

View a hidden site and talk about burial grounds

Learn the art of basket weaving

Learn about the environment, animals, medicine and food plants of the Coorong by going on a nature walk with Ngarrindjeri elders (field trips)

Talk to Ngarrindjeri people about present day Ngarrindjeri culture

View videos and visit the cultural museum

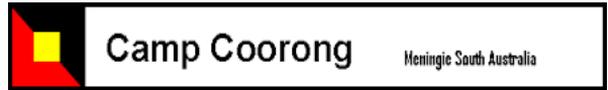
Go on Field trips to Southern and Northern ends of the Coorong

**Where:** Meningie SA 5264

**Cost:** POA

**Contact:** 23 Seven Mile Rd, Meningie SA 5264  
Phone: (08) 8575 1557

Website: [www.ngarrindjeri.org.au/camp-coorong](http://www.ngarrindjeri.org.au/camp-coorong)



Ngarrindjeri Land and Progress Association

## Garridja Aboriginal Cultural Consultancy

### What's offered:

Tailored cultural awareness and competency training

Cultural advice

Community consultations

Facilitation

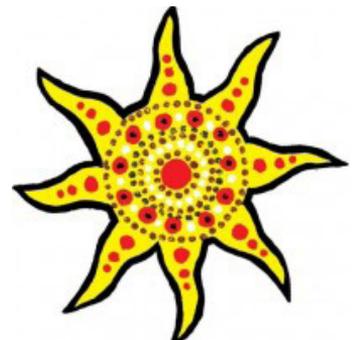
Youth programs

Pre-employment programs

Mentoring

Tailored presentations and public speaking

Advocacy



**Where:** Adelaide and regional South Australia

**Cost:** POA

**Contact:** Tauto Sansbury 0403 165 193

Website: [www.garridja.com.au](http://www.garridja.com.au)

# Karl Telfer

## What's offered:

Karl 'Winda' Telfer is a cultural custodian for the Kaurna Meyunna (people) and has strong family ties to Narungga Country, Yorke Peninsula. He is a senior custodian of ceremony, a cultural designer, educator and artist.

### Provides:

Bookiana Towilla Yerta - Greetings to country - Welcome to culture

Ngadlukko Taikarti Palti – Language, story, song and dance

Puiyorendi Meyunna Yertanna - Protection and cleansing smoking ceremonies

Gadla Towilla – Spirit of fire making

Yidaki - Didgeridoo sharing, workshops and cultural protocols

Arts, Culture and Design – Symbol and story workshops

Bi-Cultural Ways of Understanding – Lectures and seminars

Spirit of Place – Cultural tours/Wandering over country

Also: Yellaka: 'Old Wisdom - New Ways'

Led by Karl Winda Telfer. Yellaka transfers ancient Aboriginal knowledge, inspiring our young to be strong in culture. 'Yellaka' perform cultural ceremony including fire and water ceremony, fire sculptures, greetings to country, event management, cultural tours, corporate events.



**Where:** Kaurna region (Adelaide Plains)

**Cost:** POA

**Contact:** Phone: 0417 835 805

Email: [winda8@yahoo.com](mailto:winda8@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.credadl.com](http://www.credadl.com)

Yellaka can be contact via the Facebook page

# Kura Yerlo

## What's offered:

The organisation delivers a wide range of culturally relevant services and programs for Aboriginal community members in the metropolitan area. Provides:



A children's centre

Extreme Team offers activities for children 5-12yrs in the local area. Engages children in sport and craft while helping build their self-esteem, gain confidence, learn social skills and make new friends

Aboriginal Youth Action Committee (AYAC) assists young Aboriginal people develop their own local committee, so that they are taught good governance and participate in decision processes and planning for the betterment of their community. The Kura Yerlo AYAC consists of local Aboriginal youth attending schools in the Western metropolitan area.

Aged and disability programs

Language and culture programs

Healing and art and craft programs (felted, mosaic, pottery)

Gym and fitness programs

Also Includes **Zebra Finch Aboriginal Men's Group:**

The group has a strong focus on learning and participation and aims to pass on the skills of Aboriginal artefact-making and knowledge to the next generation. The shed provides a culturally safe, friendly and healing environment where Aboriginal men can work on meaningful projects at their own pace, in the company of others.

The shed also provides the men with an opportunity to openly tell their stories and discuss their personal issues, thoughts and ideas in a culturally safe and secure environment without interruption.

There is also a strong focus on mentoring youth.

**Where:** 208 Lady Gowrie Drive  
Largs Bay SA 5016

**Cost:** POA

**Contact:** 208 Lady Gowrie Drive, Largs Bay SA 5016  
P.O. Box 203, Port Adelaide 5015  
Phone: (08) 8449 7367  
Fax: (08) 8341 7006  
Email: [reception@kurayerloinc.org.au](mailto:reception@kurayerloinc.org.au)  
Website: [www.kurayerloinc.org.au](http://www.kurayerloinc.org.au)

# Kurruru Youth Performing Arts

## What's offered:

Performing arts development workshops in dance, circus, music, drama and singing for children and youth aged 4-26.

Fee-for-service performing arts workshops for schools, community groups and organisations. Aboriginal performing artists referral agency.

As well as offering the above classes to Aboriginal children and young people, services offered include:

- Opening ceremony

- Welcome to country

- Music and dance (Traditional boys dance group, Kurruru dance ensemble)

- Performance

- Didgeridoo players, comedians, dancers, actors

**Where:** 109 Port Rd, Queenstown, SA 5014

**Cost:** POA

**Contact:** 109 Port Rd Queenstown, SA 5014  
PO Box 1619, Port Adelaide Business Centre, Port Adelaide, SA 5015  
Phone: (08) 8341 1150  
Fax: (08) 8240 3450  
Email: [info@kurruru.org.au](mailto:info@kurruru.org.au)



## Living Kurna Cultural Centre (Warriparinga)



### What's offered:

The Living Kurna Cultural Centre offers a variety of cultural workshops, tours and events:

- Art and weaving workshops
- Group tours of the Warriparinga area with Kurna cultural guides
- Educational programs for schools tailored to suit your group's requirements
- Art gallery with art and crafts on sale
- Kurna heritage display
- Venue hire (Fairford House)

Workshops can be tailored to suit your group's requirements. There is also an art gallery, Kurna heritage display, meeting room/board room.

- When:** Monday to Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm  
**Where:** Warriparinga Way (Off Sturt Road), Bedford Park SA 5042  
**Cost:** POA  
**Contact:** Warriparinga Way (Off Sturt Road), Bedford Park SA 5042  
Phone: (08) 8357 5900  
Email: [lkcc@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:lkcc@marion.sa.gov.au)  
Website: [www.marion.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=513](http://www.marion.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=513)

## Marra Dreaming

### What's offered:

Marra Dreaming fosters healing and cultural awareness by running arts and crafts programs for Aboriginal people and the wider community. Offers a range of classes for personal education and enjoyment:

- Traditional basket weaving
- Contemporary Aboriginal art
- Pottery (sculpture and wheel throwing)
- Ceramics and glass painting
- Silk painting
- Learners' permit course

Classes usually run once a week for half or full days depending on the numbers. A minimum of five participants is required to run a class. Prices vary depending on the number of students, the art form and the length of the class.

- Where:** 22 Commercial Road, Salisbury, SA 5108  
Monday - Thursday 9:00am- 3:30pm (excluding school and public holidays unless by prior appointment)
- Cost:** POA
- Contact:** 22 Commercial Road, PO Box 103, Salisbury, SA 5108  
Phone: (08) 8285 2311  
Fax: (08) 8285 6219  
Email: [indigenouarts@marradreaming.com.au](mailto:indigenouarts@marradreaming.com.au)  
Website: [www.marradreaming.com.au](http://www.marradreaming.com.au)



## Nunkuwarrin Yunti

### What's offered:

Nunkuwarrin Yunti offers a range of health and health related services to Aboriginal children, youth, families and individuals. Sign up to the Newsletter via their newsletter to check out upcoming events.



**Link-Up** provides family tracing, reunion and counselling services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who have been separated under the past policies and practices of the Australian Government. Assistance is also provided to people over the age of 18 years who have been adopted, fostered or raised in institutions.

- When:** Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm  
**Where:** Head Office, 82-190 Wakefield St Adelaide, SA 5000  
**Cost:** No charge  
**Contact:** PO Box 7202 Hutt St Adelaide, SA 5000  
Phone: (08)406 1600  
Fax: (08) 8232 0949  
Email: [nunku@nunku.org.au](mailto:nunku@nunku.org.au)  
Website: [www.nunku.org.au](http://www.nunku.org.au)

## Raukkan Community

### What's offered:

Located on the banks of Lake Alexandrina, the people of Raukkan invite you to learn about their shared history and visit our historic town. You can:

Browse through the rich collection of photographs and artefacts at Raukkan Gallery and museum

Learn about Raukkan local, David Unaipon, Aboriginal inventor of the mechanical sheep shears and commemorated on the Australian \$50 note

Sit amongst the pews inside the beautiful and iconic Raukkan church

Relax, meet the locals and enjoy the Coorong's best coffee at the Raukkan General Store.



- When:** TBD  
**Where:** Raukkan Community is situated on the south-eastern shore of Lake Alexandrina in the locality of Narrung, 80 kilometres southeast of Adelaide.  
**Cost:** POA  
**Contact:** For more information on Cultural Tours and information:  
Clyde Rigney Senior  
Phone: 0439 736 866  
Email: [clyder@internode.on.net](mailto:clyder@internode.on.net)

# SA Museum

## What's offered:

The South Australian Museum holds the largest and most comprehensive collection of Australian Aboriginal material in the world.

The collection currently consists of approximately 30,000 items which are considered within the public domain.

They come from many different Aboriginal communities, language groups and individuals across Australia.

The SA Museum provides:

- Ongoing cultural displays/events

- Information

- Cultural Officers

- Periodic special Aboriginal displays/events. Visit the website to find out about current and upcoming events

## Where:

SA Museum  
North Terrace  
Adelaide SA 5000

## Cost:

Free entry to Museum. Special exhibitions/events may incur a charge

## Contact:

Phone: (08) 8207 7575  
Email: [programs@samuseum.sa.gov.au](mailto:programs@samuseum.sa.gov.au)  
Website: [www.samuseum.sa.gov.au](http://www.samuseum.sa.gov.au)



## Tal-Kin-Jeri Dance Group

### What's offered:

Tal-Kin-Jeri Dance Group was founded in 1997 by Major Sumner and Loretta Sumner to showcase Aboriginal dance, stories, music, art, language and culture. Tal-Kin-Jeri provides:

Education and training to promote a better understanding of Aboriginal culture and in particular Ngarrindjeri culture

Performances

Workshops

Ceremonies (eg smoking ceremonies, welcome to country)

**Where:** Tal-Kin-Jeri Dancers perform regularly at festivals, cultural events, school functions and community celebrations.

**Cost:** POA

**Contact:** 208 Lady Gowrie Drive  
Largs Bay SA 5016  
Ph: 0412 217 692  
Email: [admin@tal-kin-jeri.org](mailto:admin@tal-kin-jeri.org)  
Website: [www.tal-kin-jeri.org/contact](http://www.tal-kin-jeri.org/contact)



## Tandanya

### What's offered:

The National Aboriginal Cultural Institute provides:

Venue/Theatre

Gallery

Cultural performances

Arts Cafe

Gallery shop

Tandanya hosts a number of community events throughout the year.



**Where:** 253 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000

**Cost:** Free general entry. Special exhibitions, programs and cultural performances POA

**Contact:** Phone: (08) 8224 3200  
Fax: (08) 8224 3250  
Email: [tandanya@tandanya.com.au](mailto:tandanya@tandanya.com.au)  
Website: [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

# Tauondi College

## What's offered:

Tauondi Aboriginal College delivers a wide range of nationally accredited qualifications and non accredited adult community education programs:

- Business Administration
- Information Technology
- Hospitality
- Horticulture
- Construction
- Aged Care
- Community Services
- Home and Community Care
- Tourism
- Education & Skills Development
- Skill Set and Short Programs
- Tauondi Student Service



## Tauondi Cultural Services

Tauondi offers a variety of cultural services to wider community members through respected Kaurna man Jack Buckskin:

- Cultural workshops
- Kaurna language workshop
- Didgeridoo workshop
- Boomerang workshop
- Tool and weapon workshop
- Basket weaving workshop

Please visit the website or contact Tauondi for costs of workshops. Tauondi also coordinates and arranges cultural performances for meetings, conferences, events:

- Welcome to country
- Didgeridoo performance
- Dance performance
- Cleansing
- Cleansing of guests and participants by smoke with a song/ chant, performed to clean off bad spirits and also represents new life
- Smoking ceremony

**Where:** At Tauondi College (courses/workshops) or as requested (cultural services)

**Cost:** Visit the website for cost details

**Contact:** 1 Lipson Street  
Port Adelaide SA 5015  
Phone: (08) 8240 0300  
Email: [studentservices@tauondi.sa.edu.au](mailto:studentservices@tauondi.sa.edu.au)  
or [jbuckskin@tauondi.sa.edu.au](mailto:jbuckskin@tauondi.sa.edu.au) for cultural services  
Website: [www.tauondi.sa.edu.au](http://www.tauondi.sa.edu.au)



## Something Extra

Nathan May	Singer/Guitarist	0431 606 852
Michael O'Brien Mako Business Management Pty Ltd	Kaurna Welcome to Country & Education	0408 099 724
Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association	Narungga Resources	Michael Wanganeen 0419 867 343
Robert Taylor	Singer Storyteller Didjeridoo player	
Twang Bangers	Band	John (Ringo) Rigney 0455 021 249
Joshua Warrior	MC Stand up comedian	0431 606 852



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