

Recognising Kurna



▲ Karl Telfer, Mayor Alexander, Gavin Malone & Judith Robertson at the Kurna Launch.

The City of Charles Sturt is very proud of its Kurna culture and tradition and has made a commitment to support and enhance the ongoing story of the Kurna community both past and present. One way we are doing this is to include the Kurna story on our website, written by Karl Winda Telfer (cultural custodian) and Gavin Malone (cultural geographer).

As Karl and Gavin tell us, there is a big story to tell about Kurna Meyunna, the Kurna People, and now our website provides another place to tell these stories.

Kurna Meyunna have been the custodians of this Country where the City of Charles Sturt is since the first sunrise. It was the best summer camping place with the coast, rivers, wetlands, hunting grounds and foraging places. Here the ancestors were born, lived and died. Our

ancestors still lay in the ground here. And Kurna are still here today, there is a cultural continuum for Aboriginal peoples. The settlers, the many incoming cultures, have now become part of this place and the ongoing story. We share place and story now.

The Kurna naming indicates the intertwined relationship between place, ecology and culture. There is a distinctive cultural relationship between Kurna Meyunna and the varying ecological systems they inhabited and utilised. Karl and Gavin, have undertaken cultural mapping of Kurna land and have identified places which will be recognised and marked with artwork representing the Kurna culture.

To see more, understand better and appreciate the living and past stories, please visit www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au