

FOREWORD

Brownhill Creek Recreation Park has long been cherished by South Australian's and as one of our States oldest park's, it is rich with cultural heritage.

Located in the foothills of the Mount Lofty Ranges and on the doorstep of the urban environment, Brownhill Creek offers a valuable recreation resource for many local residents and visitors, providing opportunities for bushwalking, picnicking and camping.

The park is renowned for its extensive cultural heritage and visitors can enjoy exploring the many relics of the park, including the 'Monarch of the Glen', an estimated 300 year old River Red Gum, significant to the Kurna Aboriginal people and used as a make shift home by many colonial settlers.

The park is also famous for the State Heritage Registered manure pits, built in 1891 to prevent pollution of the creek when the valley was used for market gardening.

Management intends to balance recreation and tourism with biodiversity conservation and the preservation and restoration of cultural heritage sites. The management objectives for Brownhill Creek Recreation Park have not been prepared in isolation, but rather in consultation with other agencies and community groups.

The plan of management for Brownhill Creek Recreation Park is now formally adopted under the provisions of section 38 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972*.



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