



# Marni naa pudni Kurna yarta-ana – Wirraparinga

## Welcome to Kurna country – Wirraparinga

You are standing in front of a Kurna Karra Kuu (Kurna River Red Gum Shelter Tree) on the bank of Willawilla (Brownhill Creek). *Willawilla Karra Kuu* is estimated to be over 450 years old and a community project has been undertaken here to improve the tree's growing environment, respect living Kurna cultural heritage and provide a focal point for community and Kurna engagement.

Willawilla flows from Wirraparinga (Forest River Place) to the Patawalonga at Glenelg. Small Kurna family groups gathered together at seasonal camping places along the creek. Wirraparinga was a Kudlila (winter) campsite, consisting of grassy woodland and sheltered valleys.



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To learn more about the Kurna Karra Kuu scan this QR code.

## Kurna Seasons

During the Kudlila season Kurna miyurna (people) moved to the foothills for food and shelter and returned to the Adelaide Plains and coast during the Wirltuti and Warltati months. The purpose of seasonal travel was to collect the gum resin of the golden wattle for use in the manufacture of their tools, and to collect bark from stringy bark trees for Wardli (shelters). Possums and wallabies were also hunted to provide skins for sleeping rugs and cloaks for winter protection.

### Kurna seasonal map

#### Warltati

Summer during the months of January, February and March.

#### Indicator:

Warlta - meaning hot, heat and warmth.

#### Parnati

Autumn during the months of April, May and June.

#### Indicator:

Parna - meaning a star near the moon on the lower left side. Partinhi (sparkle).

#### Kudlila

Winter during the months of July, August and September.

#### Indicator:

Kudlinthi - meaning to wash. Winter is when the earth is washed.

#### Wirltuti

Spring during the months of October, November and December.

#### Indicator:

The Southern Cross in Kurna culture is referred to as "Wirltu" (eagle's foot or eagle).



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