

# Welcome to the Home of Marti - Bandicoots

## Wirraparinga - Brownhill Creek Recreation Park



Our bandicoots shelter in blackberry and native raspberry.  
Photo: Martin Stokes

### Why are bandicoots so special?

Of South Australia's eight bandicoot species, only Southern Brown Bandicoots remain. But they are endangered.



A resident female with three joeys in her pouch.  
Photo: Peter Dillon

We are fortunate to have this breeding population along Brownhill Creek (Willawilla) - the closest colony to Adelaide. This safe haven could shelter bandicoots from a catastrophic fire in the Adelaide Hills.



As animal lovers we can care for our pets AND our endangered wildlife.

Thank you for keeping your dog on a lead to make this a safe haven for bandicoots.

### How can you help protect the bandicoots?

Join us in restoring Brownhill Creek. The Friends of Brownhill Creek Recreation Park have been conservation volunteers since 1985 and you are warmly invited to join our monthly working bees - visit [friendsofparks.com](http://friendsofparks.com)



SCAN ME

Report your bandicoot sightings by scanning the QR Code to share your photos with Nature Conservation Society SA or use iNaturalist.

### Why are bandicoots important?

Nature's gardeners, Southern Brown Bandicoots dig and turn over the soil through the Park seeking fungi and insects for a feast. Known as ecosystem engineers, they help to keep our bushland healthy by aerating the soil, moving seeds, and encouraging fungi to grow.

For more information please visit  
[parks.sa.gov.au](http://parks.sa.gov.au)

