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# New Booklet Celebrates 14 Kaurna Interpretive Sites Along Karrawirra Pari / River Torrens on the Adelaide100®

**Adelaide, South Australia** — Walking SA, in collaboration with Preventive Health SA, is proud to launch a new interpretive booklet celebrating 14 culturally significant Kaurna sites along **Karrawirra Pari** (River Torrens) as part of the **Adelaide100®** trail — a loop walking trail based on the old Adelaide HUNDRED map. Almost 120km showcasing the city's natural, cultural, and historical treasures.

This richly illustrated and culturally sensitive resource was authored by historian Denise Schumann, Schumann and Aunty Lynette Crocker. It offers walkers an immersive experience into the living culture of the Kaurna people — the Traditional Custodians of the Adelaide Plains.

The 14 interpretive sites span from Walkerville, north east of the Adelaide CBD to the coastline, revealing stories of **country, language, ecology, and Kaurna history**. Each site includes Kaurna names, cultural interpretations, and reflections on the history and continuing connections to land and water.

**Denise Schumann OAM**, Cultural Heritage & Historical Consultant 2025 states that:

"Preserving historical sites is not merely a matter of personal preference, nor is it a choice between development and economic gain; it is an ethical responsibility.

We must safeguard our cultural heritage resources, ensuring that they remain accessible and meaningful for future generations. This makes us a more compassionate and socially responsible society.

Consider, for example, the deliberate erasure of Aboriginal history in South Australia against a backdrop of European colonisation in the 19th and 20th centuries – it continues today. How many South Australians understand that the North Adelaide Golf Course is a landscape of profound significance for the Kaurna people, evoking fearful memories?

Ironic, isn't it… that this contested site is where two young Aboriginal men, Warritya and Wanguty, were publicly executed in May 1839 by British colonial authorities. Their lives were extinguished on the golfing greens just below Strangways Terrace.

The rationale for preserving historical sites extends beyond mere nostalgia – a society that loses its heritage loses its heart and soul".

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“This project is about more than walking — it’s about listening, learning, and understanding Kaurna country in a respectful and meaningful way,” said **Rod Quintrell**, Executive Director of Walking SA. “The Adelaide100® continues to evolve as a journey through both landscape and culture.”

The booklet supports self-guided walks and educational programs, with QR codes at key points linking walkers to further insights online. It also complements ongoing efforts to embed truth-telling and First Nations knowledge into the public realm and urban trail networks.

The booklet will be available for free digital download from the **Walking SA website** and distributed in hard copy via visitor centres, libraries, and schools.

**Official Launch**
The booklet and website is launched as part of NAIDOC week.  We thank all involved in the project to date and look forward to releasing further editions ofFirst Nations interpretative sites on the Adelaide100 and throughout south Australia.

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