



# ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE PORT ADELAIDE

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

*Puki Puki tampi'dlu, nartangka wapi'dlu, marnintyaria tarrkarri tai'dlu*

Welcome. Let us recognise the past, act in the present and build a better future.

### About the Aboriginal Cultural Centre

We are working with community to develop a plan for an Aboriginal Cultural Centre in PAE. The Centre will be unique, catering for Aboriginal people seeking to share, learn and practice culture and creating a welcoming place for non-Aboriginal visitors to learn about Aboriginal culture and the rich history of the region.

The idea of an Aboriginal Cultural Centre has been discussed over the last 20+ years. Council's Aboriginal Advisory Panel has been instrumental in driving this project. Following discussions between Council and the Aboriginal Advisory Panel, Council has approved a study to determine whether the project is feasible. This will include a concept plan (to outline what the centre could look and feel like) and business case (to show that the project is valuable) which will be presented to Council in early 2022.

We recognise the importance of appropriately considering and reflecting Aboriginal Culture within the design and development of this project. We also recognise that to ensure this happens the project needs to be developed with the Aboriginal community.

### Our Project Vision

*A place for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to learn, experience and be immersed in Aboriginal culture.*

*A culturally safe place to gather. A place to practice, share, celebrate and record culture past, present and emerging.*

*A place to connect to Country and culture.*

During 2021 we have worked closely with Project Custodians (local Aboriginal representatives) to develop a clear set of Cultural Guiding Principles that we will follow towards the project's vision of:

#### **Culturally Safe**

A locally authentic, culturally safe place.

#### **Cultural Practice**

To bring back / repatriate cultural ways.

#### **Connection to Country**

A place to return to Country, foster deep understanding and respect for Country and each other.

#### **Cultural Immersion**

A place to be immersed in local culture.

#### **Cultural Learning**

A place of learning through listening, observation, exploring and doing.

#### **A Place of Healing**

Reminded that healing is a shared process.

# What will the Centre Provide for the Community?

The Aboriginal Cultural Centre is envisaged as a community place providing a range of activities and opportunities for both First Nations and non-First Nations people. It will be an authentic place to be immersed in local culture.

The Centre will have indoor and outdoor activity and performance spaces, public amenities, office and meeting rooms, extensive landscaping, artwork and entry statements, areas with access to the water and car parking.

The site proposed for the Aboriginal Cultural Centre is Western Region Reserve, on the corner of Old Port Road and Bower Road. The site has direct access to the Port River, meaning that interaction with the natural environment will become an integral part of any visit.

The project is expected to provide significant and lasting economic and social benefits for our City.

The estimated construction cost for the project is \$20 million.



## Share Your Comments and Find Out More

The Council is committed to undertaking an authentic and collaborative approach to the project to ensure good outcomes for both Council, the Aboriginal community, and the broader community.

Nunga Week 2021 provides a timely opportunity to share the project more broadly with the community, seek some early feedback, and continue to build momentum. We would love to hear from you!

Visit [haveyoursay.cityofpae.sa.gov.au](https://haveyoursay.cityofpae.sa.gov.au) to share your reflections and comments on the project, and subscribe for future updates. We look forward to working together.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the Aboriginal Cultural Centre or to book to attend an upcoming information session

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