

### Terms of Reference (29 March 2021)

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#### **Background**

In August 2019, the South Australian Government made a short-term, two-year grant commitment to the South Australian Museum to contribute to a pilot repatriation project. The Adelaide Cemeteries Authority has offered dedication of two hectares of land at the Smithfield Memorial Park for reburial of Kaurna ancestral remains. A Community Reference Group will oversee and provide cultural advice on four stages of activity for the Kaurna Smithfield Memorial Park project. The Reference Group includes nominees of the Ngarrindjeri and River Murray Mallee Aboriginal corporations who will share repatriation practice and experiences across communities.

The project began in September 2019 with a community led scoping exercise to develop the memorial park design. Landscape architects facilitated community workshops and produced professional documentation suitable for a government tender process. Stages two and three (permits/approvals and establishment works) have been managed by the South Australian Museum. Reburial will be guided by the Reference Group. Between September 2019 and February 2021, the Group was co-chaired by the South Australian Museum and Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation. From 29 March 2021, the Group will be co-chaired by the Director Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and a Kaurna nominee.

#### **Terms of Reference**

**Working with a focus on Aboriginal ancestral remains provenanced to Kaurna lands and held by the South Australian Museum, DPC-Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and the University of Adelaide:**

- 1. Identify the scale and scope of Kaurna ancestral remains to be reburied at designated land in the Smithfield Memorial Park.**
- 2. Encourage Kaurna and other Aboriginal communities' involvement in a community led design process.**
- 3. Identify the cultural protocols associated with the reburial of ancestral remains at Smithfield Memorial Park that are consistent with traditional owners' expectations.**
- 4. Identify the expert stakeholders that need to be brought together to contribute to the project.**
- 5. Provide advice on the preparation of ancestral remains for transportation and reburial.**
- 6. Identify any other key elements of a respectful reburial process for the Smithfield Memorial Park.**
- 7. Advocate and promote the project amongst community and professional networks, motivating others to share in this experience.**

#### **Membership**

Mr Jeffrey Newchurch	Chairperson, Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (Co-Chairperson)
Ms Kirstie Parker	Director, DPC-Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (Co-chairperson)*
Ms Rosalind Coleman	Deputy Chairperson, Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation
Ms Tania Taylor	Secretary, Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation
Ms Madge Wanganeen	Director, Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation
Ms Heather Agius	Kaurna Repatriation Trust
Ms Merle Simpson	Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation member
TBC	Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Youth Leader Representative
Ms Julie Cook	Community nominee, River Murray Mallee Aboriginal Corporation
Mr Moogy Sumner	Community nominee, Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation

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Mr Robert Pitt	Chief Executive Officer, Adelaide Cemeteries
Professor John Carty	Head of Humanities, South Australian Museum
Ms Anna Russo	Aboriginal Heritage and Repatriation Manager, SA Museum
Mr Ali Abdullah-Highfold	Family History Officer, South Australian Museum
Mr Toby Forde	Manager Aboriginal Heritage, DPC-Aboriginal Affairs and
Mr Jason Irving	Reconciliation Manager Parks and Strategy, Dept of Envrmt and Water
Ms Kate Rice	Project Coordinator South Australian Museum (Notes)

*\* from September - December 2021, Kirstie Parker took leave from DPC-AAR and Nerida Saunders, Executive Director DPC-AAR, acted as co-chairperson of the Reference Group.*

The SA Museum Aboriginal Partnership Committee will nominate a member who may elect to participate in discussions and activity from time to time.\*\*

*\*\* APC member Ms Lorraine Merrick attended on behalf of the APC.*

### **Chairperson**

Meetings will be co-chaired by the Director DPC-AAR and Chairperson KYAC. In the absence of the Kurna Chairperson at any particular meeting, an Acting Co-Chairperson shall be appointed from the Kurna members present.

### **Meetings**

The Group will meet monthly until the end of June 2021 to provide advice and cultural guidance on the development of the Kurna Smithfield Memorial Park Project.

### **Reporting**

The Kurna co-chair will regularly report progress to the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Board of Directors.

The Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation co-chair will regularly report progress to the Executive Director, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

The SAM Head of Humanities will regularly report progress to the SAM Director. The Director will inform the SAM Aboriginal Partnership Committee before reporting updates to the Museum Board.

### **Timeline**

The work of the Group should be completed by 31 December 2021.

### **Sitting Fees**

Aboriginal community representatives nominated by the relevant Aboriginal representative body (i.e. Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation, Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation, River Murray Mallee Aboriginal Corporation), will receive \$250.00 per meeting attended for up to four meetings to end of June 2021.