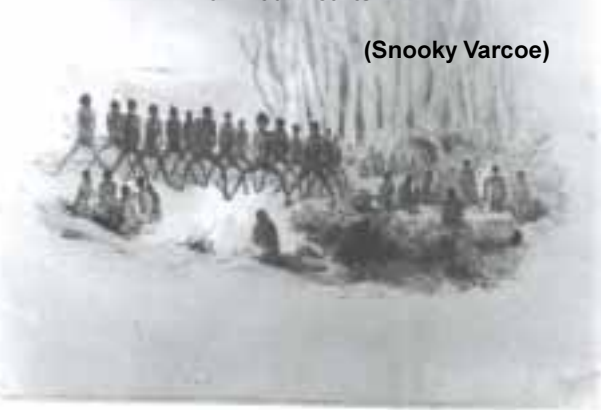




Gadla Kurna meyunako bukkiunanko padletti; Ngadlu burro tangkangga medarnendi.

“The campfires of the Kurna people have long since gone out, but we still feel their warmth within our hearts.”

(Snooky Varcoe)



Warrabarna Kurna!

‘Let Kurna be Spoken!’

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KAURNA

(HUMS - 4005)

Language

&

Culture

A University course for level 2, 3 & 4 or **Community Access**

Guest lectures by Kurna Elders and members of the Kurna community

Excursion(s) to important Kurna sites

The course assumes no prior knowledge





*Ivaritji, or
Amelia Savage.*

Kaurna is the original language of the Adelaide Plains. It was probably last spoken on a daily basis in the 1860s. Ivaritji, who died in 1929, is often acknowledged as the 'last speaker' of the Kaurna language.

The Kaurna language has lain dormant in the archives and publications produced by missionaries, government officials and other observers. However, the language is now being reclaimed on the basis of these historical materials. Members of the Kaurna community are relearning the language and using it for a range of purposes. As Cherie Watkins says:

"Some people have described Kaurna language as a 'dead' language. But Kaurna people don't believe this. We believe that our language is a living language and that it has only been sleeping, and that the time to wake it up is now and this is what we're doing."



Features of the course

Kaurna Language and Culture gives a fascinating insight into the ways in which Kaurna sources are being used to forge a new Kaurna identity and develop an associated language which is being used to address contemporary needs in the new millenium. This course will allow you to:

- Learn some Kaurna language.
- Develop understandings of the structure of the Kaurna language.
- Understand the context (or ecology) in which the Kaurna language existed in the 1830s and 1840s at the time of colonisation.
- Appreciate the circumstances under which the Kaurna language is being revived.

The Kaurna language is the key to understanding:

- aspects of local Nunga and Kaurna culture
- our environment (fauna, flora, bush foods, topography)
- local place names (eg Onkaparinga, Cowandilla, Patawalonga)
- Australian Indigenous Languages and sociolinguistics

Class times

Lectures: Fridays 12pm

Tutorial: Fridays 2pm

March 3 - April 11 and April 28 - 13 June

Location: Rm 22 - Level 4

Barbara Hanrahan bldg,
City West Campus, UniSA



The increased use of Kaurna in recent times began with the application of Kaurna names to Aboriginal organisations and educational insitutions such as:

Warriappendi Alternative School
(named by Leila Rankine in 1980)
Tandanya Aboriginal Cultural Institute
(named in 1989)

Many Aboriginal organisations in Adelaide now bear Kaurna names and a number of original place names have been reclaimed such as:

Tarndanyangga (Victoria Square)
Karrawirra Parri (River Torrens)
Piltawodli (The old 'Native Location' part of the North Adelaide golf course)

Kaurna speeches of welcome are now commonplace at large and small public events around Adelaide, especially those connected with Aboriginal affairs, in acknowledgement that Adelaide is in Kaurna country.

Kaurna is now taught at all levels of education - primary, secondary and tertiary. In July 1997 the Linguistics unit 'Kaurna Language and Language Ecology' was launched at the University of Adelaide and is now being run as 'Kaurna Language and Culture' here at the University of South Australia.

Kaurna is not taught simply as an historical relic. Rather, it is being transformed and modernised for contemporary purposes.

**Nattadlu Kaurna warra, meyunna, yerta tampadlu.
Warra Kaur nabirra tirkando!**

"Now lets recognise the Kaurna language, people and land.
Study Kaurna language and Culture."