

# **Kaurna ‘connection to Country’ Field River tours prove popular**

The first of two Walk & Talk Tours sharing the Kaurna people’s connection to Country along the Field River in the southern suburbs of Adelaide has been hailed a huge success with the event completely booked out.

The November 5 tour along the Lower Field River featured Traditional Owner Quahli Newchurch, a proud Kaurna, Narungga, and Kokatha woman, who shared some of her story and her deep knowledge of plants and their traditional uses.

Quahli also brought pieces of art and tools made by her family that show some of the ways natural materials are used; to make bowls, baskets, nets, and ceremonial pieces.

Participants had the opportunity to ask questions and learn from Quahli who acknowledged the passion and efforts of volunteers, in this case the Friends of Lower Field River, to regenerate biodiversity along the river landscape.

A second Kaurna Walk & Talk Tour is planned along the Upper Field River in early December and the event is already fully booked.

The free tours are being facilitated by Trees for Life with support from the City of Marion and grant funding from Green Adelaide. The tours are hosted by the Friends of the Lower Field River and Friends of Upper Field River.

Due to the popularity of the tours, organisers are hoping to create additional events in other parts of Marion in 2023.



*Quahli Newchurch, a proud Kurna, Narungga, and Kokatha woman, brought pieces of art and tools made by her family to the Kurna Walk & Talk Tour along Lower Field River this month (photo Deb Morriss)*



*Quahli Newchurch, a proud Kurna, Narungga, and Kokatha woman, shared some of her story and her deep knowledge of plants and their traditional uses during a Kurna Walk & Talk Tour along Lower Field River (photo Tricia Curtis)*

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