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# **Kaurna business to manage iconic cultural venue**

Marion Council has this week handed over the management of its iconic Aboriginal education venue to a Kaurna owned business.

The Council has appointed Southern Cultural Immersion to operate the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre on its behalf.

The three-year arrangement will also see the company manage the adjacent heritage-listed Coach House and Fairford House.

Located on the 3.5-hectare Warriparinga reserve, the centre opened in 2001.

Mayor Kris Hanna said a business that is part of the Kaurna community would provide a unique experience for visitors.

“We have placed the venue in the hands of a Kaurna business with specialist skills we hope will benefit the community,” Mayor Hanna said.

“Southern Cultural Immersion has experience of running cultural tours, training, traditional ceremonies and art projects.

“This is an exciting opportunity to bring residents, schools and community groups closer to Kaurna culture.”

Council consulted with the Kaurna community before finalising the decision at its meeting of 22 June this year.

Southern Cultural Immersion are an Adelaide-based company owned and run by Kaurna man Corey Turner.

“Southern Cultural Immersion is excited to be taking on operations of the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre at Warriparinga,” Mr Turner, general manager, said.

“We are proud that the site’s operations are in the hands of a Kaurna owned and managed business.

“The Living Kaurna Cultural Centre will remain open to visitors and will offer a fresh take on the art gallery and retail space set in the sprawling and culturally significant grounds.

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“We want the centre to be a major location for First Nations celebrations in South Australia, including music performances and markets. Cultural training, community engagement, art and cultural workshops and cultural tours will also be on offer.

“We will strive to promote and nurture reconciliation and cultural respect towards First Nations people within Australia.”

Southern Cultural Immersion will be required to provide a quarterly report to Council.

Marion Council will continue to maintain the Living Kurna Cultural Centre building, the Coach House and Fairford House and the grounds of Warriparinga. It will also manage the wetlands.

The Living Kurna Cultural Centre is located at Warriparinga Wetlands, Warriparinga Drive, (off Sturt Road), Bedford Park.

The centre’s phone number remains the same - 8357 5900.

The email address is now [enquiry@southernculturalimmersion.com.au](mailto:enquiry@southernculturalimmersion.com.au)

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