



AUNTY LYNETTE

Kaurna Traditional Owner





STRONG ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WOMEN'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Ninna Marni,
Ngai Nari Lynette Crocker
Ngangkai Burka,

Good evening, my name is Lynette Crocker and I am a Senior Kurna Woman.



The Traditional Owner Group of Adelaide and the Adelaide Plains, The Kurna Meyunna, acknowledges and respects all the Kurna Yerta Mattanya (traditional owners).

We ask all people living on our lands to acknowledge and respect the deep feeling, attachment and relationship to country (Yerta) we have as Kurna peoples.

We pay respect to the cultural authority of other Aboriginal people from all other areas of South Australia and everywhere in Australia. We acknowledge our spiritual connection to Elders, past, present and future.



You have begun the process of being welcomed onto Kurna Land through the smoking ceremony given by Uncle Moogy and I am here tonight to complete that process.



You are on the land of the Red Kangaroo dreaming and I welcome you to Kurna Land to the Strong Women. Strong Business.
A conference for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women who are in business or looking to start a business.

The word Conference comes from the Kurna language, we were the first peoples to hold conferences. The word PAN PAP AN PALYA is Conference in Kurna.



Tonight I will share with you a leaf from the land of the Kurna people – Karra Wirra – (Karra meaning Red Gum Tree and Wirra meaning Forest).

Taking this leaf means that you are welcome to everything from the tops of the trees to the roots of the earth on our ancestral country. It also means that you and we become linked symbolically and spiritually. By this action you join with us to honour our ancestors who have nurtured our land for tens of thousands of years.



Before you leave this evening, please take a leaf with you as a symbol of our coming together tonight in the spirit of our ancestors to keep in your mind and spirit as a bookmark for your business ventures now and in the future as a reminder of who you are, where you are coming from and what we can achieve we come together.



It is our desire to have you acknowledge and respect our customs and traditions in the way that Jonathan Hill (the Aboriginal poet) expressed, he wrote:

“Today we stand in footsteps millennia old.

May we acknowledge the traditional owners whose cultures and customs have nurtured and continue to nurture, this land, since men and women awoke from the great dream.

We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land and whose irrepressible spirituality flows through all creation.”



Look to the lessons of your ancestors wherever you are from and use the tools that have been passed down to you through generations.

These tools will help you to create, build and sustain your business and your lives.

Ngaitalya (NA TARL YA)

Thank you



Nukkota – see you later