

Community Landcare in The Gums, Tranmere, South Australia

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The Gums Landcare Group is a Landcare Group focussed on conservation and management of The Gums Reserve, Tranmere, South Australia.

The Gums Landcare Group was formed in 2016 and has undertaken on-ground works in the reserve including:

Revegetation to increase biodiversity

Removal of olive trees from the riparian zone of Third Creek

Community awareness programs

Partnerships with local schools and community groups

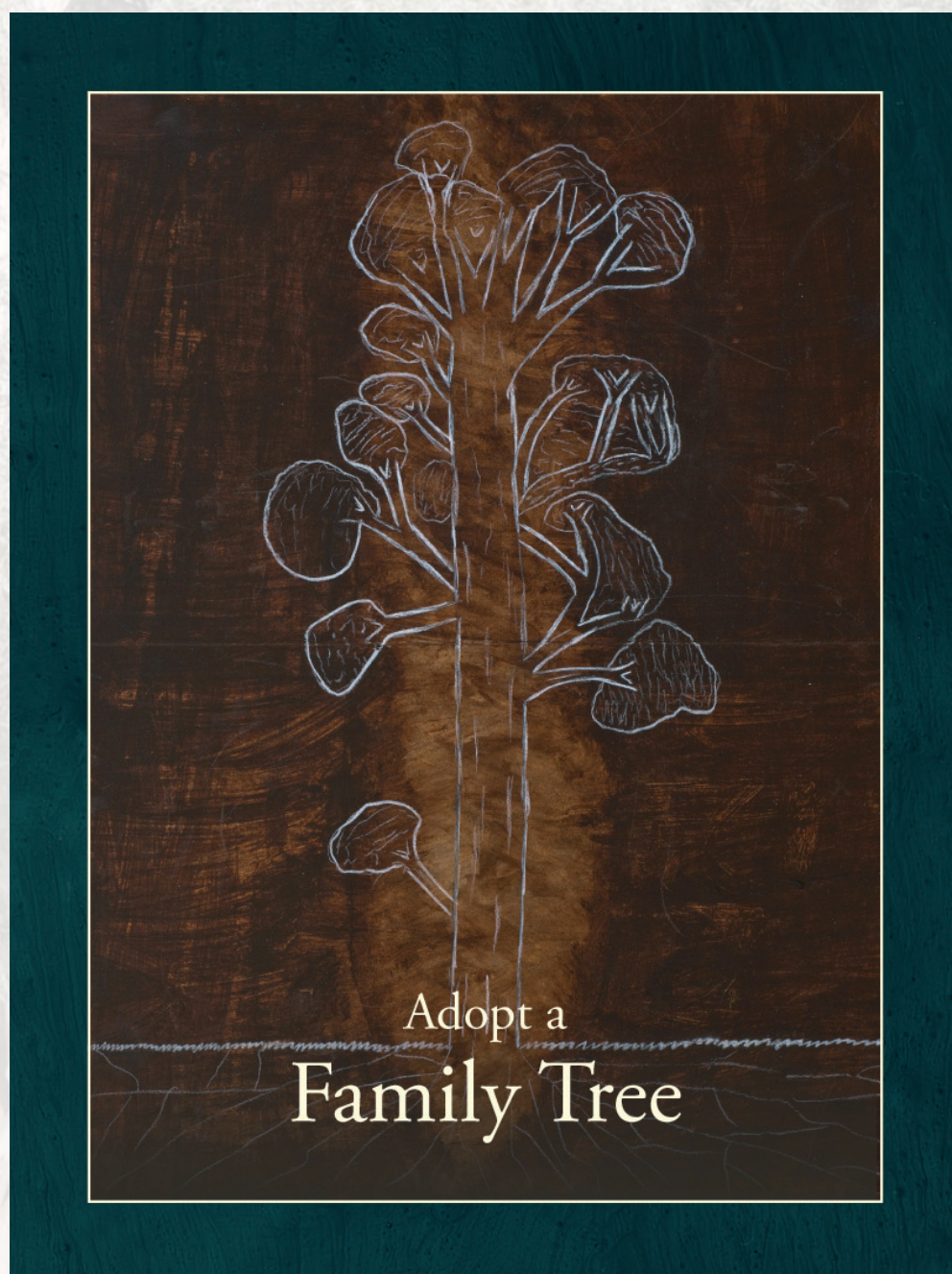
The Gums Landcare Group is supported by **Campbelltown City Council**, **Green Adelaide Landscape Board** and the **Australian Government** through the **Member for Sturt**.

With 40 financial members and 4 Patrons: **Aboriginal:** Ivan 'Tiwu' Copley, Kurna/Peramangk elder; **Woody weed control:** Peter Clark, Casuarina Land Management; **Riparian Management:** Geoff Fisher, retired, formerly WaterTech; and **Art:** Lyn Robins – local artist; the group has built extensive networks in the region and has facilitated the **Campbelltown Landcare & Environment Action Network (CLEAN)** and the **'Community Landcare Nursery in Campbelltown SA'**.

An example of a partnership project is the *'Adopt a Family Tree'* cultural awareness project, developed with our **Kurna/Peramangk Aboriginal Patron Ivan 'Tiwu' Copley**, and the students and staff of **St Josephs Tranmere Primary School**. Students were asked to self-nominate and adopt a tree in The Gums Reserve. Students responded to the conversation with Ivan 'Tiwu' Copley, members of The Gums Landcare Group, artist **Laura Wills** and their teacher **Sharon Gulleyfrith**, to express themselves in art and prose.

The outcome was 17 students portraying their tree, vocalising the adoption through prose and then this was published in a booklet and exhibition in the **Campbelltown ArtHouse**.

Projects like these engage with our community and enable young and old to participate at their own pace and capacity, whilst encouraging the next generation to participate in the conservation and management of our local environment.



'Star' by Stella Mediati: 'People walked by everyday and I was so sad, until I met Stella. Stella adopted me and has cared for me like no other.'

