

MEDIA RELEASE

First Nations business networking session a first for Signal Point Experience Centre

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Media event – 9.30 am – 10 am, Wednesday 15 May 2024

What: Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony with Ngarrindjeri and Narangga artist Cedric Varcoe, photograph with First Nations business networking and information session keynote speaker Kevin Kropinyeri and First Nations attendees

Where: Signal Point Experience Centre, 5 Laurie Lane, Goolwa.

A business networking and information session for First Nations enterprises across the region on Wednesday 15 May will be the first event hosted at the revamped and reopened Signal Point Experience Centre in Goolwa.

This partnership event with The Circle First Nations Entrepreneur Hub, Alexandrina Council, Adelaide Hills Council, and the District Council of Mount Barker, with support from Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism and the State and Federal Governments, will be held in the workshop space within the Signal Point Experience Centre.

The event also be an opportunity for First Nations representatives to connect with the Yuntulun Ku:li-war exhibition, an interpretive storytelling space showcasing Indigenous and colonial heritage and information about the ecologically sensitive environment of the River Murray, Lower Lakes and Coorong.

“Supporting First Nations enterprise is an important part of our Economic Development Strategy and support for local business and industry,” said Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes.

“This event is a first at our newly renovated Signal Point Experience Centre and we’re incredibly proud that it engages with our First Nations businesses, providing an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of key local industries, find out what is available to assist business, and share collective experiences.

“Yuntulun Ku:li-war translates as ‘Coming together on the headland’ in the Ngarrindjeri language and this business event is truly a meeting at the waters of First Nations enterprises at our new look Goolwa Wharf Precinct.”

Ngarrindjeri and Narangga artist Cedric Varcoe will be conducting the Welcome to Country.

Well-known First Nations comedian and Ngarrindjeri man Kevin Kropinyeri is the keynote speaker and Master of Ceremonies.



“We’ll have fun, but this is all about the serious side of making a success in business from doing the things you love,” Mr Kropinyeri said.

“This event is a day where we can celebrate and support the cultural, creative and economic strengths of First Nations businesses across the Alexandrina, Mount Barker and Adelaide Hills regions.

“We’re going to have a guest panel of successful local First Nations businesses, across retail, administration support, civil and tourism sectors, talking about what has helped their business journey and some of the challenges faced.

“We’ll be talking about what is out there to support start-ups and existing businesses, pathways to work with local communities and the business sector, commercialising artwork and even the use of language in business.

“This event is being hosted on Ngarrindjeri Country and as member of the Ngarrindjeri nation I am excited to be involved this event and to see the new Yuntulun Ku:li-war exhibition.”

Yuntulun Ku:li-war is the jewel in the crown of the revamped Signal Point Experience Centre, a project that has been funded by Alexandrina Council and the Australian Government.

It was created in collaboration with community, including the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation, Ngarrindjeri and Narangga artist Cedric Varcoe, Ngarrindjeri artist and language consultant Kyla McHughes, the Department of Environment and Water, community representatives Frank Tuckwell and Roly Bartlett, Exhibition Studios, Urban Mind Studios and Procure PM.

The \$18.1 million Goolwa Wharf Precinct Project has been made possible thanks to \$3.75 million in funding from the Australian Government and an additional \$1.25 million from the Government of South Australia.

Yuntulun Ku:li-war was funded through a \$980,000 Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Grant from Round 3 of the funding program.

The Centre is part of the renewal and upgrade of the Signal Point building which marks Stage 1 of the ambitious Goolwa Wharf Precinct Project.

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