



Kadlitiyarlu tampintha yalaka ngadlu Kurna yartangka inparrintha.

The Town of Gawler acknowledges this is the traditional land of the Kurna people.

The Kurna word for story is **pirrku** and means: story, news or message.



The Pirrku Garden project has received funding from the Department of Education's Local Government Early Childhood Community Innovation Grant administered by the Local Government Association of South Australia.

Nature spaces

Keep us cooler in summer and provide shelter from wind. They give us somewhere to play, provide fresh air for us to breathe, and contribute to our wellbeing.

Healthy nature spaces have a diverse understorey layer that protects and enriches the soil, and provides food and shelter for a variety of insects and animals.

The plants in this garden have been selected to increase biodiversity and are all local to this region.

Plant diversity means

- grasses
- ground covers
- shrubs
- herbaceous plants
- and trees



Counting in Kurna

While you are in the Pirrku Garden we encourage you to learn how to count in the **Kurna** language and discover different plant types.

Kuma	≡	1
Purlaityi	≡≡	2
Marnkutyi	≡≡≡	3
Yarapura	≡≡≡≡	4
Mila	≡≡≡≡≡	5

Grasses

- have multiple stems with many seeds
- have large root systems that help prevent erosion
- produce more oxygen than the same area of trees
- produce food for animals, birds, insects, and humans



Can you find **mila** grass clumps?

Groundcovers

- are plants that usually grow horizontally and don't have a trunk
- may also be climbing plants
- are good for weed control
- keep the soil moister
- provide food and shelter for bees, lizards and other small creatures



Can you find **yarapurla** ground covers or vines?

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Shrubs

- have a trunk and many smaller branches
- often have prolific and recognizable flowers
- provide food and shelter for a variety of wildlife including possums, birds, lizards and insects
- some have food or medicinal uses for people, such as wattle seed or tea tree oil



Can you find **marnkutyi** bushes?

Herbs

- properly called herbaceous plants, they are small and don't have woody branches
- flowers provide food for butterflies and other insects
- play an important role in soil nutrition
- are a food source for all animal types including people



Can you find **purlaityi** small herbaceous plants?

Trees

- are large plants with a trunk and woody branches
- provide shade and can lower the temperature by as much as 20 degrees in summer
- provide shelter for many animals
- provide oxygen and capture carbon pollution



Can you see **kuma** big tree?

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Can you see
kuma
big tree?

I am an
Inland Red Box
eucalyptus *intertexta*

I am
18
metres tall

I produce the same amount of shade as
64
beach umbrellas

I clean the air by removing
2730
grams of carbon dioxide each year

Trees have many benefits

I am an

Inland Red Box
eucalyptus intertexta

I am

18

metres tall

I produce enough oxygen
for

people each year

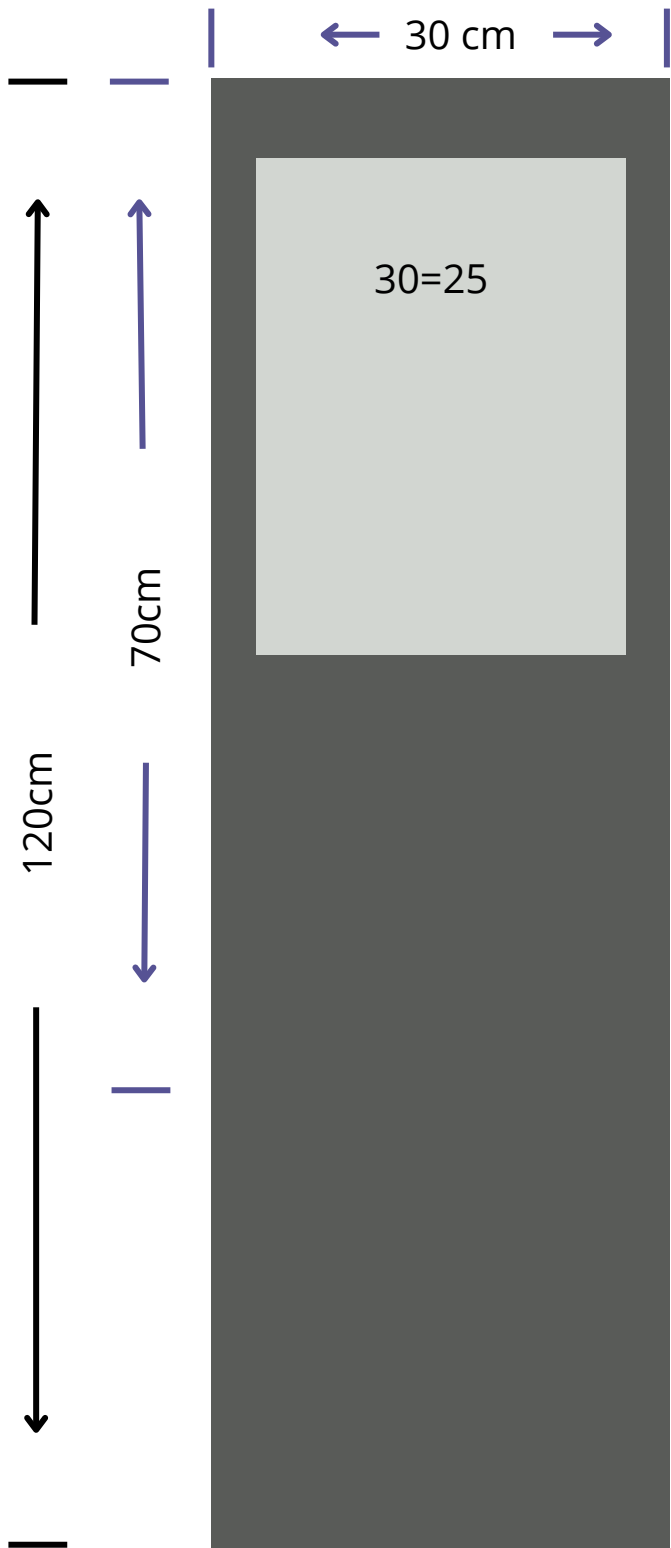
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Sign 1 has an A4 sized sign on each side

Sign 2 has 3 x 20cms signs on each side

