



Meldanda

Explore the variety of conservation
& outdoor education initiatives

NATURE BY DAY, DARK SKY BY NIGHT



Working together to preserve our local flora and fauna

Please enjoy Meldanda, and be inspired to think about the ways you could protect the wildlife and flora in your own back yard.

- 1. Carpark** - Big enough for coach/bus parking and drive through
- 2. Meldanda Community Bushgardens** - Established in 2006, this five-acre garden showcases local indigenous plant communities. The gardens are also home to current and future sculpture displays.
- 3. Butterfly Garden** - Located on the banks of the Marne River, the Butterfly Garden provides habitat, food and host plants for local butterfly species. Created with support from Butterfly Conservation SA Inc., the garden is adorned with mosaic butterflies designed by Cambrai Primary School students.
- 4. Bat Island** - Bat Island contains habitat boxes installed on six River Red Gum trees. Long-term monitoring has identified ten bat species using the site.
- 5. Recreation Hall** - The Recreation Hall includes a large furnished shed with kitchen facilities, tables, chairs, projector screen and a whiteboard suitable for meetings and workshops. Solar power provides limited 240V power. Adjacent facilities include a gas BBQ, camping area, fire pit and toilets. These facilities are available for hire.
- 6. Large Campground** - Situated beside the Marne River, this area accommodates large groups requiring space for tents, caravans, trailers and motorhomes.

- 7. Small Campground** - A smaller camping area suitable for individuals, families and small groups.
- 8. Fire Retardant Display Garden** - Established in 2015, this garden demonstrates plant species that can help reduce bushfire risk around homes and properties. A supporting information pamphlet is available on our website.
- 9. Frog Pond** - An evolving habitat project, the Frog Pond is transitioning from a permanent waterbody to a damp bog environment that supports frogs, butterflies and other wildlife.
- 10. Mermaid Lake and bird hide** - Originally excavated as a sheep watering dam, Mermaid Lake is fed by the Marne River when conditions allow. The site now features a semi-permanent waterbody, jetty and bird hide, providing opportunities for birdwatching and Waterwatch activities.
- 11. Frisbee Disc Golf** - Designed by SA Disc Golf and supported through a donation from Scouts SA, this beginner-friendly course features nine tees and nine baskets.
- 12. Bushtucker Garden** - This garden showcases native food and useful plant species and forms part of the Bushtucker Trail. It is also home to the Aboriginal-inspired Coolamon Sculpture and associated bush food plantings.

- 13. Spiny Daisy Protection Area** - This area protects the critically endangered Spiny Daisy (*Acanthocladium dockeri*) and provides a future source of plant material to support conservation efforts in the wild.
- 14. Native Seed Production Area** - Established in 2015 through the Marginal to Mainstream: Rejuvenating Productive Pastures in the Murraylands project, this area provides a valuable source of native seed for restoration and revegetation projects.
- 15. Broombush Plantation** - Established broombush plantings and developing areas provide material for projects across Meldanda, including construction of the bird hide.
- 16. Astronomy Paddock** - A dedicated open area supporting astronomy education, night sky observation and Dark Sky experiences.
- 17. Meander at Meldanda Wellbeing Trail** - This student-designed wellbeing trail encourages visitors to connect with nature through their senses while exploring the landscapes of Meldanda.



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5 Campground fire pit



12 Bush Tucker Garden



3 Butterfly Garden



8 Fire Retardant Garden



9 Frog Pond



4 Bat Island