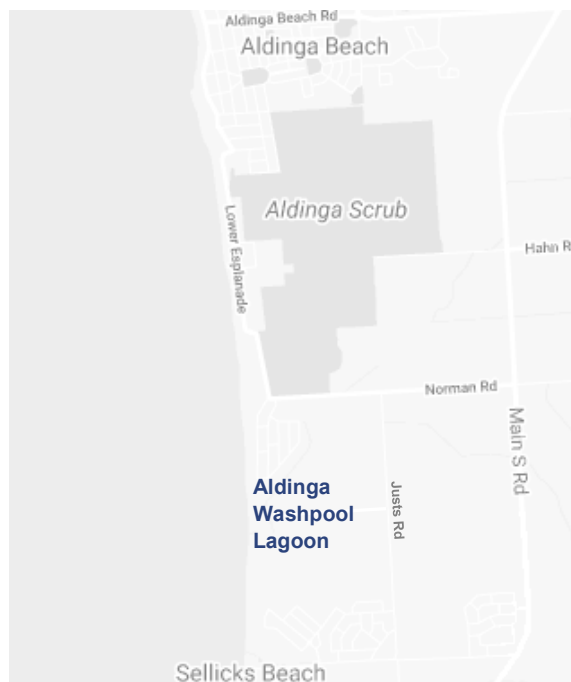


LOCATION MAP



COMMUNITY VISION FOR THE WASHPOOL

Aldinga Washpool is intimately linked to the Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park to the north and with the beach and sea of Aldinga Bay, including the protected Aldinga Reef. Local groups have long maintained that this comprises a unique set of precious habitats known as The Greater Aldinga Conservation Zone. This zone should be recognized and managed as one integrated area.

On an even wider scale, local groups envisage a Range to Reef environment which incorporates the catchments of the Silver Sands, Willunga Creek and Sellicks Creeks, extending from the Willunga Hillsface to the coast at Aldinga Bay.



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To see a comprehensive collection of historic and current documents relating to the Aldinga Washpool and an outstanding gallery of beautiful photographs taken at the site, visit the Washpool website at www.aldingawashpool.net

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Aldinga Washpool Lagoon



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ALDINGA WASHPOOL LAGOON

Aldinga Washpool lagoon is a seasonal wetland on the southern margins of the Adelaide Plain. It is classified as a Wetland of National Significance under Commonwealth legislation. Lying between the Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park and Sellicks Beach, it is one of the last remaining examples of a natural coastal lagoon along the Adelaide coastline.

As a seasonal wetland, the Washpool dries out every summer, leaving a covering of red-tinged samphire. Once the winter rains arrive, the lagoon gradually fills with water draining off the Willunga/Sellicks Hillsface. It builds to a sheet of shallow water that lasts until November or December each year.

With the inflow of fresh water, the wetland ecosystem springs into life and the dormant invertebrates and frogs reproduce in large numbers. The revitalized lagoon attracts waterfowl and wading birds that feed on the vegetation, insects, shrimps and frogs.

THE WASHPOOL – WAKUNTHILLA / POSSUM PLACE

Prior to European settlement, Aldinga Washpool was an important place for curing and drying possum skins. It is a significant place for ceremony, including exchanges with people from beyond Kaurna lands. It is especially important for Tjirbruke Dreaming, being one of the places that the ancestor Tjirbruke stopped and wept in grief on his journey from Tandanya / Adelaide Plains towards Parewarangk / Cape Jervis.



Cape Barren goose



Blue-tongue lizard



Golden-headed Cisticola



Samphire



Damselfly



Pacific gull



Sea club-rush