



Originally an Aboriginal tribe known as the Juru, which was one of many tribes of the Birri-gubba people, inhabited this region. They survived well on the abundance of marine and terrestrial resources.

Plantation Park is spiritually significant to the Aboriginals as the women used to give birth to babies on the banks of the creek. Plantation Park was also a major meeting place for outlying tribes for initiation ceremonies. Due to this spiritual significance, Aboriginal remains found at Wunjunga were relocated to a burial site in Plantation Park, where a monument was erected in June 1987 and the large snake, Gubulla Munda located opposite the Gudjuda Deck Cafe.

The path is called Juru Walk to recognize the spiritual connection of Aboriginals that live in the region. As you walk along the track, keep your eyes peeled for different types of wildlife. The most common animals found here in Plantation Park are the Agile Wallabies which you may catch a glimpse of them feeding or resting in the long grass and Black Cockatoos which are often seen breaking the branches off trees and dropping them onto the ground to feed. As you walk closer to the water you might hear a small splash and if you look carefully you may see a turtle coming up to breathe or a water lizard skimming across the surface.

Along the path beware of Green Ants! They are not poisonous, but can sting if provoked. For the more adventurous at heart Green Ants can be eaten and have a slightly bitter taste. Other animals such as snakes, spiders, possums, native mice are present in Plantation Park and can be seen occasionally.

# JURU WALK

## AT PLANTATION PARK

