

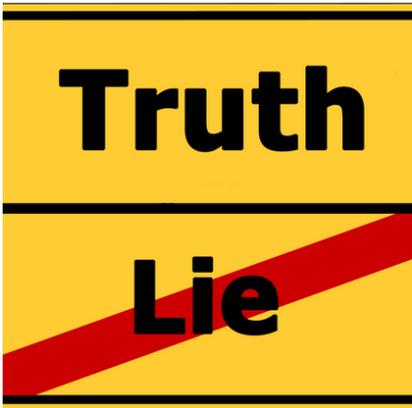
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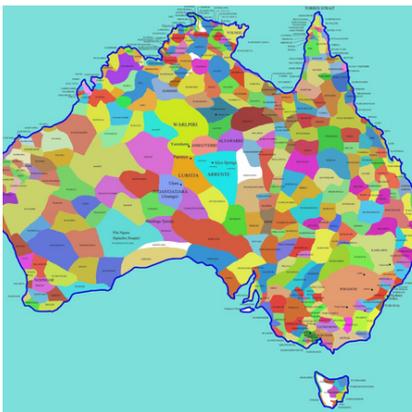
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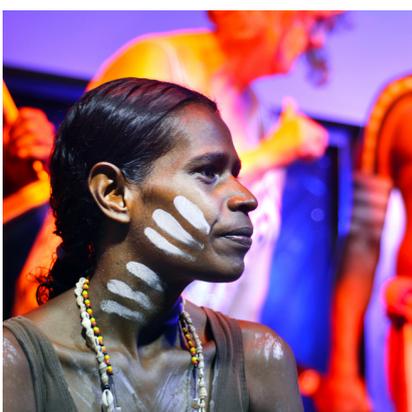
An **Acknowledgement of Country** is a way to show respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



**Acknowledgement** means to accept something is true.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were the first people to live in Australia.



We call them First Australians.

# Acknowledgement of Country



Australia is a country.

# C

**Country** with a capital C has a different meaning.



**Country** is a word used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to explain their connection to:

- Land
- River
- Seas

# Acknowledgement of Country



An **Acknowledgement of Country** means to accept that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are owners of the land, rivers and seas where we live.



It is like saying 'thank you for having me' when you visit a friend's house.

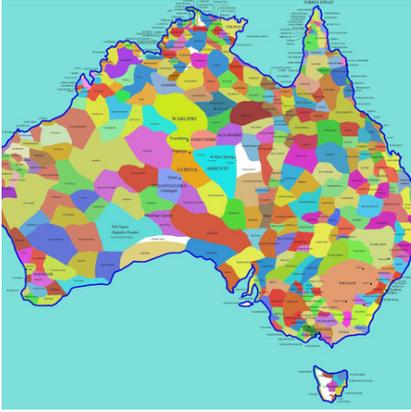


You can say an Acknowledgement of Country even if you are not an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.



Your Acknowledgement of Country is personal to you.

It is a way to show you care.



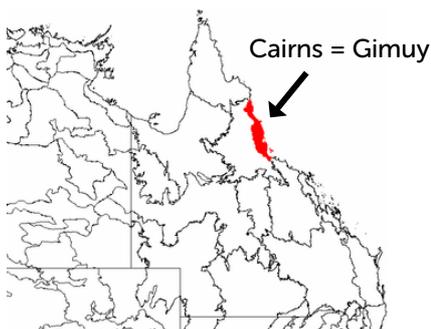
To do your own Acknowledgement of Country you first need to know who the **Traditional Owners** are of the land you are on.



**Traditional Owners** are a group of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people who call the land home where you will say your Acknowledgement of Country.



For example if you live in Cairns you will acknowledge the Yirrganydji people.



You also need to know the traditional place name of your area.

Gimuy is the traditional place name for Cairns.



You can find out who the Traditional Owners are and the traditional place name in your area on the internet.



You can search on the internet for:

- Who are the Traditional Owners on the land you are on?



- What is the traditional place name of the land you are on?



When you know the Traditional Owners and the traditional place name you can say your Acknowledgement of Country.



Here is an example of an Acknowledgement of Country.

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Here is the land, here is the sky.



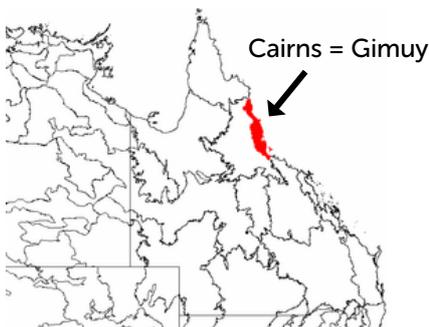
Here are my friends and here am I.



We thank the Yirrganydji people for the land on which we play and learn.



Hands up, hands down



We are on Gimuy ground.



It is okay if you do not understand.



You can speak to your Support Workers or  
Employment Coach if you need help.