

# How to craft a heartfelt Acknowledgement of Country

Creating an Acknowledgement of Country allows you to pay respect to the Traditional caretakers of the land and their connection to Country. This guide is designed to support you in writing your own Acknowledgement of Country, making it a meaningful and personal expression of respect.

## Key questions to guide your Acknowledgement

Reflect on the following questions to help you write your Acknowledgement from the heart.

### ● Who are the traditional caretakers of this land?

Research and name the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are the Traditional caretakers of the local area.

### ● What's really important about this Country to you?

Think about what makes the land, seas or waterways significant to you personally.

### ● What's something special about where you're from?

Reflect on unique aspects of your local area, including nature, culture, or community practices.

### ● What do you love to do on Country?

Share personal experiences or activities you enjoy that connect you to the land, seas or waterways.

### ● Who has taught you about this part of Country?

Acknowledge individuals who have helped you understand the importance and history of the land, seas and waterways such as family members, friends, and community members or leaders.

### ● What words can you use that are respectful and meaningful to you?

Choose your words carefully, ensuring they convey respect and significance.



# Putting it all together

Use this worksheet to help you reflect and write your own Acknowledgement of Country. Answer the questions thoughtfully and use your responses to create a meaningful statement. If you need guidance, you can refer to the example below.

I acknowledge the Traditional caretakers of the land where *[we are, we work, we play]*, the *[name of Traditional caretakers]*. I recognise their enduring connection to the land, seas and waterways which have always been places of community and culture.

This *[land, sea or waterway]* is special to me because its *[mention significant aspects that are important to you]*. I cherish the time I spend *[what do you enjoy doing on this land, what do you learn and experience here?]*.

My appreciation for Country has been enriched by the teachings of *[individuals or groups, e.g., "local elders" or "community leaders"]*, who have shared their knowledge and stories with me.

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**What do you love to do on Country?**

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