

How to Use this Information Sheet



When you see the word “**we**” it means WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention Association Inc.



You can get help to read this information.

You can ask a worker or someone you trust.

Not bold

We have written some words in **bold blue** writing.

Bold blue

We will explain what these words mean.

Acknowledgement of Country



An Acknowledgement of Country is a statement.

It shows respect to First Nations people.

Who are First Nations people in Australia?

1. Aboriginal people



Aboriginal people have lived on the Australian mainland and Tasmania for more than 65 thousand years.



This is the Aboriginal Flag.

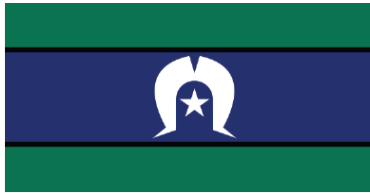
2. Torres Strait Islander people



Torres Strait Islander people have also lived on the Torres Strait islands for more than 65 thousand years.



The Torres Strait Islands is a group of islands near the top of Queensland.



This is the Torres Strait Islander Flag.



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

This is why Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people are First Nations people.



Today Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in all parts of Australia and across the world.

When do we do Acknowledgment of Country?

We do an Acknowledgement of Country when there is a group of people. For example, at –



- Events



- Trainings



- Meetings



- Groups

Why do we do an Acknowledgment of Country?



We need to acknowledge the **custodians** of the **country** we are on.



Country is the land we are on.



Custodians are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people who are connected to the **country**.



They are the protectors of this land.



There are many different **custodian** groups.

We do an Acknowledgement of Country to acknowledge –



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's connection to the land



- Their responsibility to protect the land



We also do an Acknowledgement of Country to show respect to the **Elders**.

Elders are respected people in all communities.

Who does an Acknowledgement of Country?



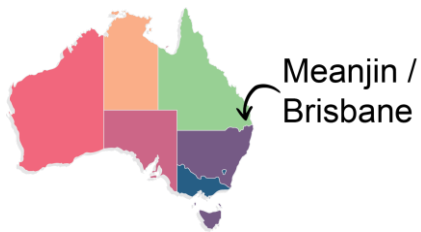
Anyone can do an Acknowledgement of Country.

WWILD's Acknowledgement of Country



WWILD is on **Turrbul** and **Jagera** country.

To say these names you would say **Tur – a – bull** and **Jag – ger – rah**.



The Aboriginal word for Brisbane is **Meanjin**.

To say this name you would say **Mee – an – gin**.

**Here is an Acknowledgement of
Country you could do at WWILD –**



“We want to acknowledge the **Turrbul**
and **Jagera** people of **Meanjin**.



They are the **Custodians** of the land we
are on today.



We pay our respects to their **Elders**,
past and present.

We pay our respects to those becoming
Elders.

We pay our respect to those First Nation
people here today.



We would like to acknowledge the First Nations people with disability.

We learn so much from them.



We would like to acknowledge all the First Nations people who are a part of WWILD.

They help make our community great.”

We can practice saying this together.