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RECOGNISING OUR TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The only region with two distinct Indigenous cultures (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander), Tropical North Queensland offers a dazzling array of opportunities to dive headfirst into a cultural immersion. Learn about the rainforest during a bush tucker walk, take a traditional fishing lesson or be “Welcomed to Country” in an ancient ritual.



WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Protocols for welcoming visitors to Country have been a part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures for thousands of years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups had clear boundaries separating their Country from that of other groups. Crossing into another group's Country required a request for permission to enter. When permission was granted the hosting group would welcome the visitors, offering them safe passage and protection of their spiritual being during the journey. While visitors were provided with a safe passage, they also had to respect the protocols and rules of the land-owner group while on their Country.

Today, much has changed, and these protocols have been adapted to contemporary circumstances. However, the essential elements of welcoming visitors and offering safe passage remain in place. A Welcome to Country occurs at the beginning of a formal event and can take many forms including singing, dancing, smoking ceremonies or a speech in traditional language or English. A Welcome to Country is delivered by Traditional Owners, or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been given permission from Traditional Owners, to welcome visitors to their Country.

Contacts for Traditional Owners in Cairns & Great Barrier Reef are provided on the following pages.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An Acknowledgement of Country is an opportunity for anyone to show respect for Traditional Owners and the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country. It can be given by both non-Indigenous people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There are no set protocols or wording for an Acknowledgement of Country, though often a statement may take the following forms:

General: I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present.

Specific: I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the (people) of the (nation) and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

Similar to a Welcome to Country, an Acknowledgement of Country is generally offered at the beginning of a meeting, speech or formal occasion.

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YIDINJI

CAIRNS & TRINITY INLET

Yidinji (pronounced Yidinjee) are the Traditional Owners of the land including Cairns, south to the Russell River and west to parts of the Atherton Tablelands.

Includes: Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji (south of Cairns and surrounds)
Mandingalbay Yidinji (east of Cairns, across the Trinity Inlet to Yarrabah)

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YIRRGANYDJI

CAIRNS – PALM COVE

Yirrgandji (pronounced Irikandji) are the Traditional Owners of the narrow coastal strip of land from Cairns North to the Mowbray River just before Port Douglas. They are known as the Saltwater people.

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TJAPUKAI/DJABUGAY

BARRON GORGE – KURANDA

The Djabugay people (also known as the Djabunganydji) are the original inhabitants of mountains, gorges, lands and waters of a richly forested part of the Great Dividing Range, including the Barron Gorge and surrounding areas towards Mareeba, Kuranda and Port Douglas.

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KUKU YALANJI

PORT DOUGLAS - MOSSMAN - DAINTREE

The Kuku Yalanji, also known as the Gugu-Yalanji or Kokojelandji, are Indigenous Australian people originating from the rainforest regions of Tropical North Queensland. Their traditional country extends from south of Mossman to Cooktown in the north, and Palmer River in the west.

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