

Welcome to Country

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A Welcome to Country

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Reconciliation Australia defines a Welcome to Country as an important ceremony performed by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people to welcome visitors to their traditional land. It can take many forms, depending on the particular culture of the traditional owners and can include singing, dancing, smoking ceremonies or a speech in traditional language or English.

What is a Welcome to Country?

Flo Watson

Wulgurukaba, Gunggandji and
Western Yalanji Elder

Welcome to Country should be done by traditional owners of that certain area. Of course, if a traditional owner is not there, then that is when we do an Acknowledgement of Country.

Welcome to Country is about welcoming you to that Country, explaining about where you have come from, why you are there, what is the name of your different nation and just basically welcoming you to that Country.

Who should deliver a Welcome to Country?

Flo Watson

Wulgurukaba, Gunggandji and
Western Yalanji Elder

Traditional owners.

I'm a traditional owner of Gunggandji people of Yarrabah, Wulgurukaba people of Townsville and Kuku Yalanji people, so I can do Welcome to Country there.

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Only traditional owners from that Country should deliver a Welcome to Country

When should there be a Welcome to Country?

Flo Watson

Huge events.

Wulgurukaba, Gunggandji and
Western Yalanji Elder

Ann Aspinall

Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi Elder

Special, yes, our special events. Yes.

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A Welcome to Country should be delivered at special and
important events or at events where the local community
gathers.