

# Language centres and community organisations

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages — Resource guide



Several Indigenous Language Centres and community organisations in Queensland support the revival and maintenance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. Activities may include language research, exhibitions and community training as well as the recording and/or documentation of Indigenous languages in Queensland. Other groups, such as Aboriginal Land Councils, cultural organisations and Elders' groups, may also be undertaking activities involving languages.

Schools are encouraged to seek out language centres and other community groups in their locality and region with whom to explore partnerships that can support the revival and teaching and learning of languages in their communities.

The geographic areas covered by language centres are generally based on the former ATSIC (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission) regions, as this is the basis for funding assistance from the Commonwealth Government. Further details on the ATSIC Regions Map may be found at: [www.humanrights.gov.au/publications/social-justice-report-2005-1#regional](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/publications/social-justice-report-2005-1#regional) (If the map is not visible, click on Regional Map, or scroll down).

## Some key language centres and organisations

### Central Queensland Language Centre (Bundaberg)

This centre supports language activities in Central Queensland, from Rockhampton to Maryborough and west to Longreach and the Northern Territory border. It takes in the former ATSIC region of Central Queensland.

**Address:** Central Queensland Language Centre, Gidjarjil Aboriginal Development Corporation Ltd, 53 Walker Street, Bundaberg Q 4670  
PO Box 2773, Bundaberg Q 4670

**Phone:** (07) 4130 7700

### Girringun Guwai Language Centre (Cardwell)

This centre is attached the Girringun Aboriginal Corporation. It supports regional languages in Far North Queensland and works in conjunction with the North Queensland Regional Aboriginal Corporation Language Centre (NQRALC).

**Address:** PO Box 303, Cardwell Q 4849

**Phone:** (07) 4066 8300 **Email:** [Girrin1@qldnet.com.au](mailto:Girrin1@qldnet.com.au)

### Korrawinga Aboriginal Corporation (Hervey Bay)

This community organisation supports Aboriginal language and cultural revival in the Wide Bay area.

**Address:** 352 The Esplanade, Scarness Q 4655  
PO Box 230, Pialba Q 4655

**Phone:** (07) 4124 4814

**Email:** korra@bigpond.net.au

### Nalingu Aboriginal Corporation (Mitchell)

Nalingu is a community-based organisation that supports language and cultural revival in the Mitchell region of South-West Queensland.

**Address:** 32 Cambridge Street, Mitchell Q 4465

**Phone:** (07) 4623 1423

**Email:** nalingu5@bigpond.com

### North Queensland Aboriginal Regional Aboriginal Corporation Language Centre (Cairns)

A partnership between Cairns and Townsville language workers, this centre supports language activities in North Queensland from Sarina to Cairns and west to Mt Isa. It takes in the former ATSIC regions of Cairns & District, Townsville and Gulf and West.

**Address:** Serbian Cultural Centre Building, 73 Greenslopes Street, Edge Hill, Cairns Q 4870  
PO Box 266 North Cairns Q 4870

**Phone:** (07) 4053 4698 or (07) 4053 6018 **Fax:** (07) 4032 3017

**Email:** nqraclc@bigpond.com

### Yugambah Museum Language and Heritage Research Centre (Beenleigh)

Yugambah Museum serves as a language and research centre for Southern Queensland. Its library of more than 3000 books, journals, maps, audio and video tapes is a reserve collection, made available to visitors at the museum. It takes in the former ATSIC regions of Goolburri and South-East Queensland.

**Address:** Cnr Martens Street and Plantation Road, Beenleigh Q 4207

**Phone:** (07) 3807 6155

**Fax:** (07) 3807 6144

**Email:** info@yugambah.com

**Website:** www.yugambah.com

## Directories of language centres and organisations

Further details on community organisations and other groups working with languages can be found at the following websites.

Aboriginal Languages of Australia Virtual Library: [www.dnathan.com/VL/austLang.htm](http://www.dnathan.com/VL/austLang.htm)

Federation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages and Culture: [www.fatsilc.org.au/](http://www.fatsilc.org.au/)

Our Languages website: [www.ourlanguages.net.au/language-centres.html](http://www.ourlanguages.net.au/language-centres.html)

## More information

Please email [langtrial@qsa.qld.edu.au](mailto:langtrial@qsa.qld.edu.au), phone (07) 3864 0310 or visit the QSA website [www.qsa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au) and search for “Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages”.