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Intellectual Disability



Acknowledgment of Country Guide



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Thank you to Rhys Paddick from Acknowledge This for drawing the images.
Rhys is an Aboriginal Aussie from Noongar country.



About Acknowledgement of Country

At the start of meetings we say an Acknowledgement of Country.

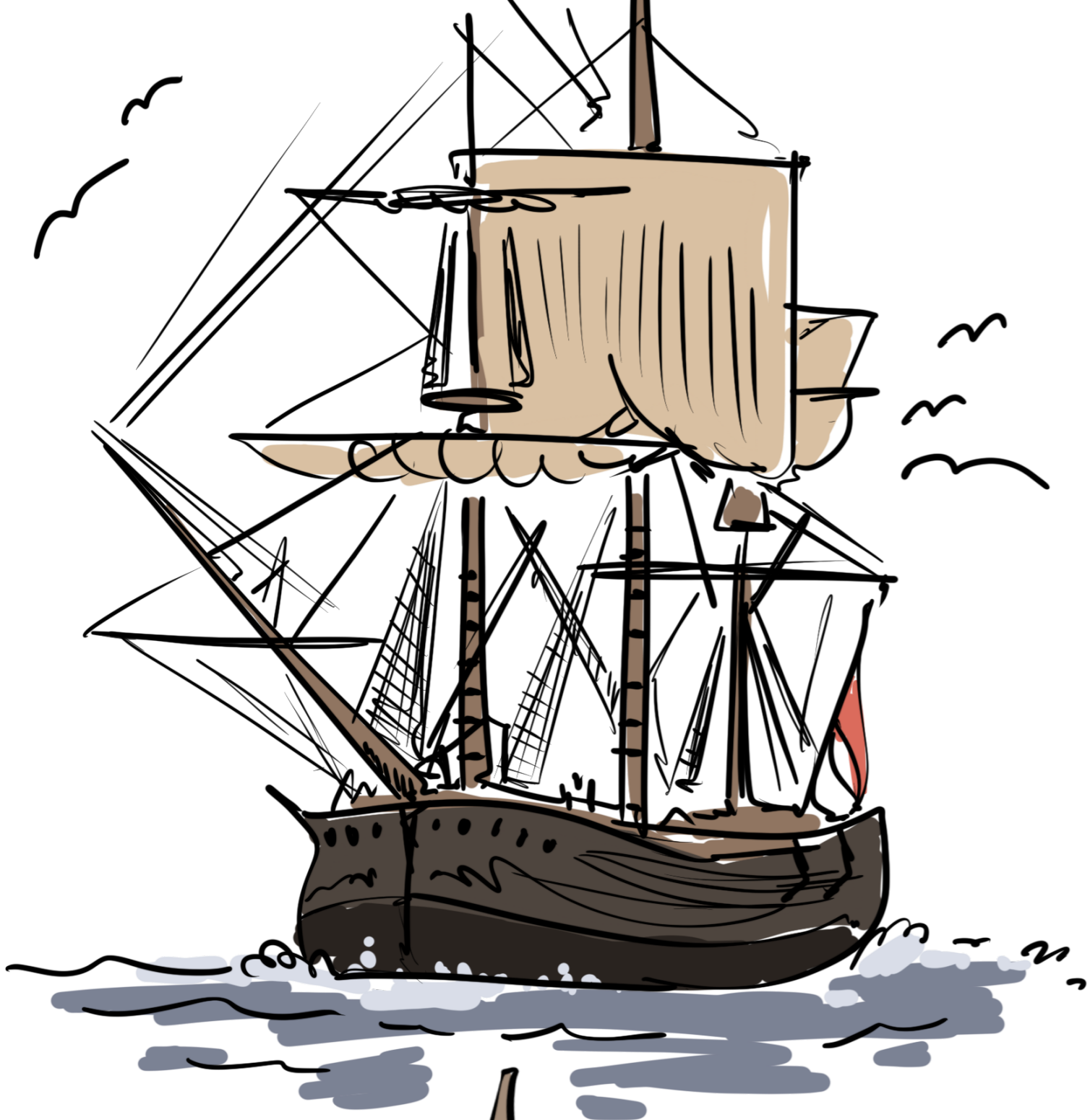
An **Acknowledgement of Country** means that we show our respect for all **First Nations** people.

In this paper we say **First Nations** people.

This means Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

You do not need to be a First Nations person to say an Acknowledgement of Country.





Why we say an Acknowledgement of Country

First Nations people were here in Australia first.

Later people came from other countries.

They said Australia was theirs.

They did not treat First Nations people in a good way.



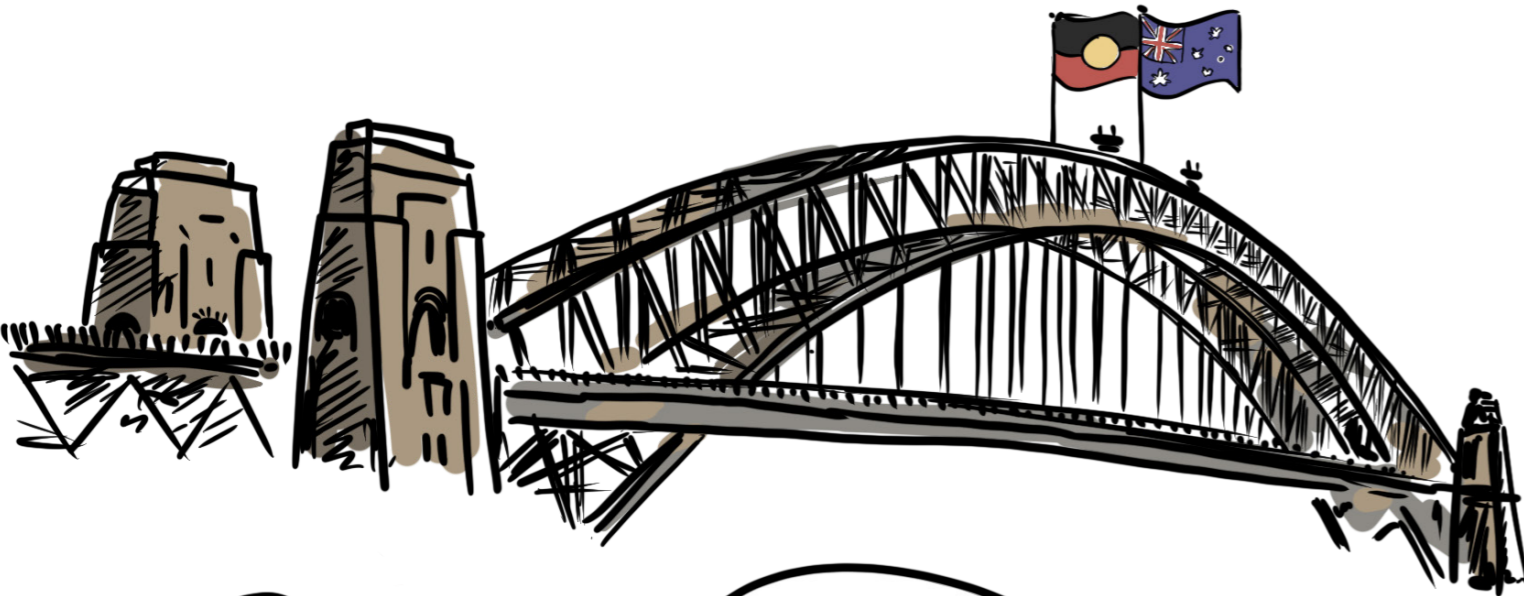
They changed the First Nations names of many places.

We did not remember these names for a long time.

In Acknowledgment of Country we say the First Nations name of the land we meet on.

This is to respect the First Nations people who

- Were here in the past
- Are still here today.





A way to say an Acknowledgment of Country

We know we are on First Nations land.

We respect the First Nations people from this land.

On this land we

- Live
- Work
- Play
- Swim
- Dream





First Nations people have lived on this land for many years.

Now we live on this land together.

We respect all First Nations people and Elders.

We can learn a lot from all their stories.

We can all learn from each other in our meeting today.

You do not have to use these words.

You can use your own words if you want to.



About this guide



Council for Intellectual Disability made this guide in 2024.



We made it together with people with intellectual disability and First Nations people.



We want to thank First Peoples Disability Network and South Australia Council on Intellectual Disability who helped write the words.



Thank you to Rhys Paddick from Acknowledge This for drawing the images.



CID works on Gadigal and Wiradjuri lands and many more lands in NSW.



We show our respect to all First Nations people.



We can learn many things all together.



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