



# Australia Awards

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander place names

### Overview

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the First Peoples of Australia and the world's oldest continuous culture. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are two distinct cultural groups, and within these groups there are more than 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations.

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander place names

Using Traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander place names recognises and celebrates First Nations cultures, histories, and connections to Country. It is also an important part of truth-telling and acknowledging the long-lasting connections Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to their lands and waters.

It is important to remember that First Nations languages have traditionally been oral-based languages, and so when written down can have varied or disputed spellings. It is always recommended to follow the spellings that local Traditional Owners, Elders or community members use. The following list of names for Australia's major cities is intended as a guide only, acknowledging that there may be other spellings or names used:

City name	Traditional name/s
Adelaide	Tarntanya / Tarntanya Wama
Brisbane	Meeanjin / Meanjin
Canberra	Kamberri
Darwin	Gulumoerrgin / Gulumerrdgen. Also referred to as Larrakia
Hobart	Nipaluna
Melbourne	Naarm / Narm
Perth	Boorloo
Sydney	Warrane

