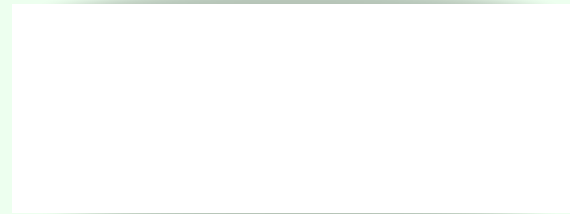




# WRITE YOUR OWN Acknowledgement

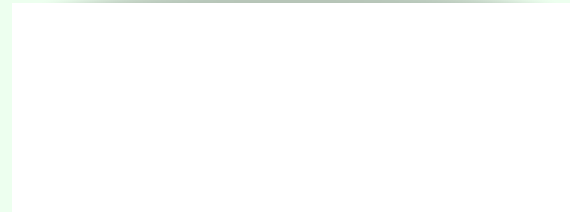
## STEP ONE

Learn about the traditional indigenous people's of the place where you are, and how they would like you to address them. Create an opening statement beginning with, "I would like to acknowledge..."



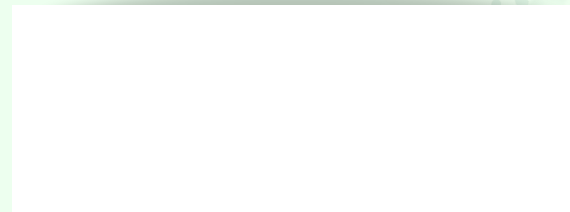
## STEP TWO

Pay respect to the ancestors who have cared for the rivers, mountains, seas and skies of the particular place, naming the places with traditional names if possible beginning with, "I pay respect to..."



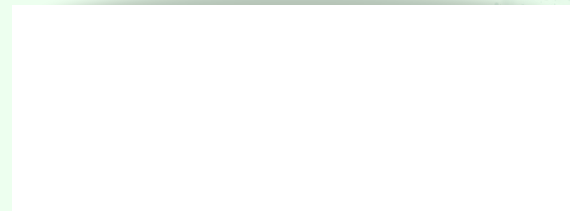
## STEP THREE

Pay respect to the Elders of the indigenous community as they are the knowledge holders and in particular thank anyone who has passed on wisdom to you, "In particular I pay respect to..."



## STEP FOUR

Acknowledge the pains and losses felt by the indigenous people's and their resilience and strength, and thank them for their caretaking of the country you are privileged to walk on today.



**TIP: Keep it simple and remain open to learning.**

