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2008 SUMMIT

Today's Choice for Tomorrow: Lead,
follow or get out of the way!

Friday 19th September 2008

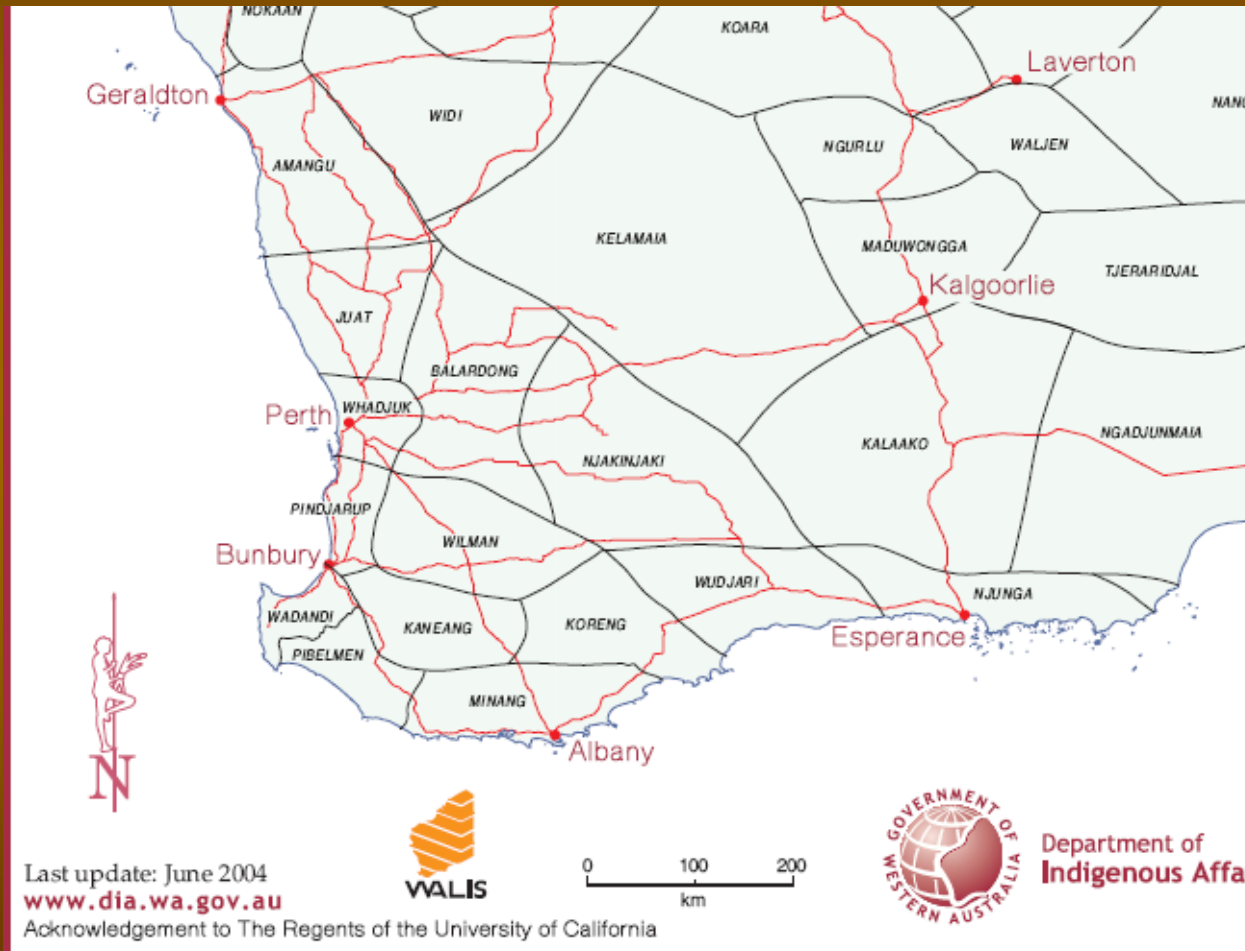


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- Welcome to Country
- Kim Collard - Nyoongar Cultural Ambassador



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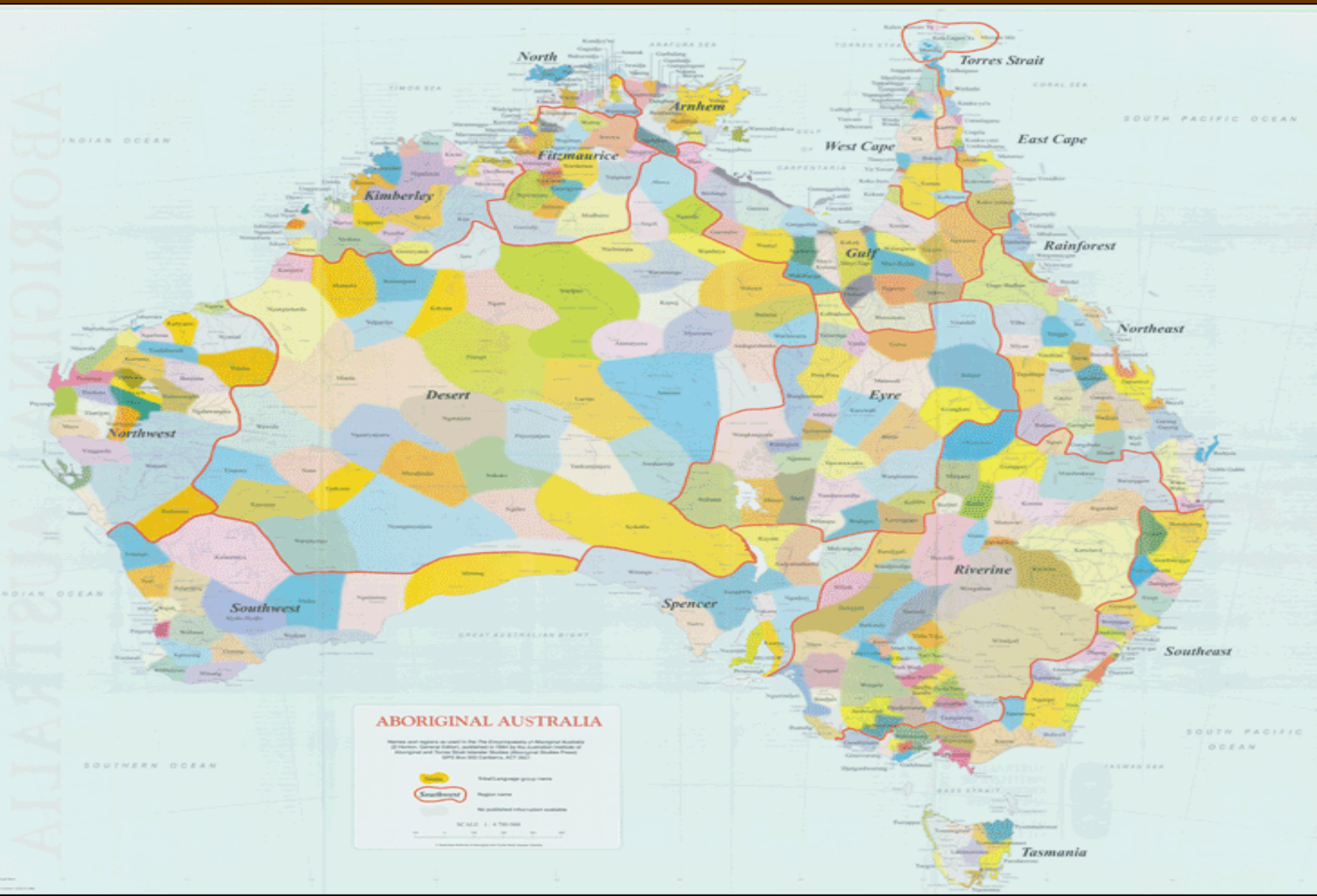


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What are and why do we have 'Welcome to Country' ceremonies?

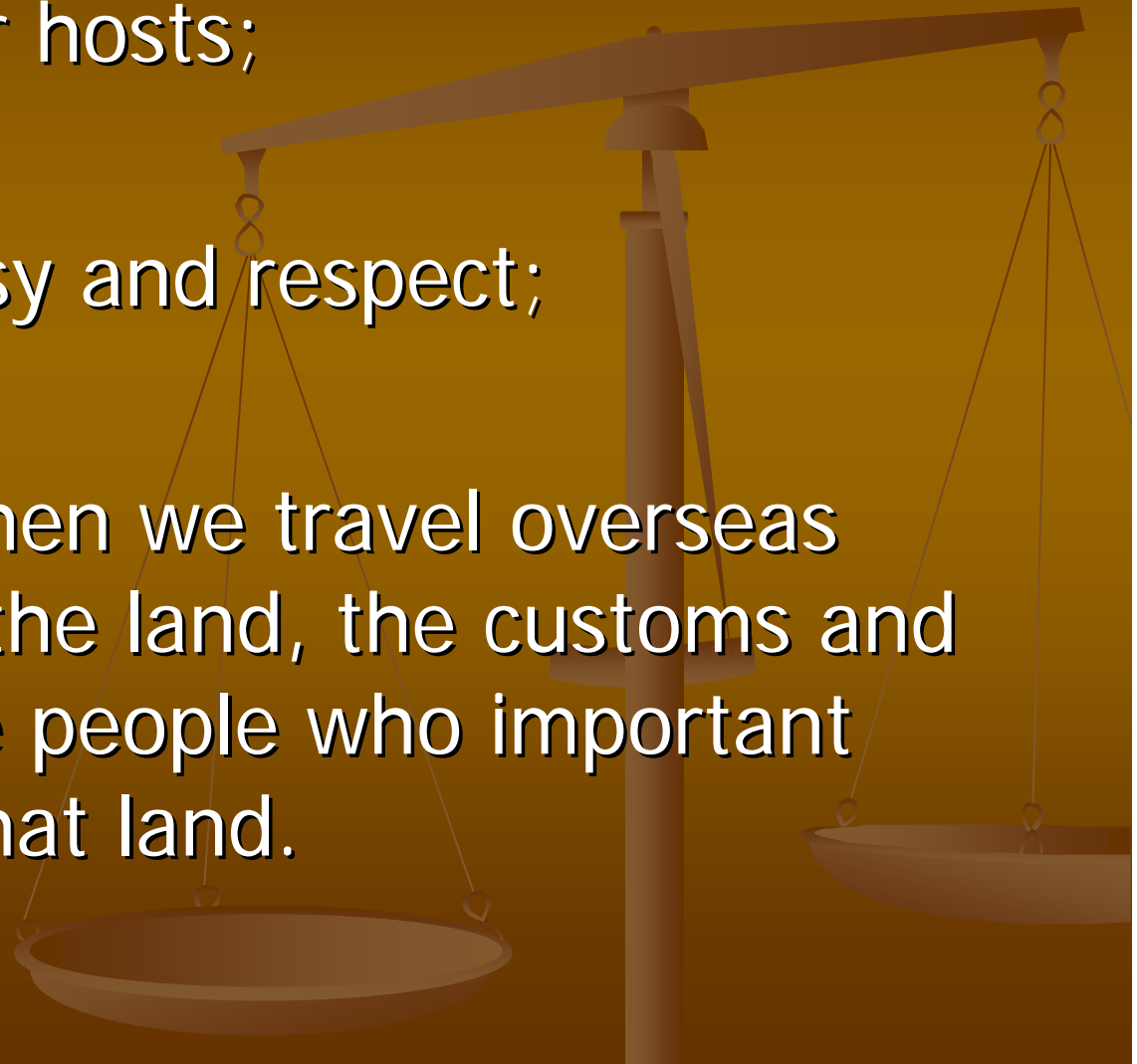
- What are they? – Welcoming people to country is a traditional practice of special significance. They are ceremonies which are performed by the traditional custodians of a particular area / land / country welcoming visitors to their land;
- As the traditional custodians of this area, the Nyoongar people of the south west it is our responsibility to welcome you to the land of our ancestors, to care for you and to nurture while you on our land;
- As someone being on the receiving end of this welcome, this is an opportunity for you to acknowledge and reflect on the particular community whose ancestral land you stand upon;

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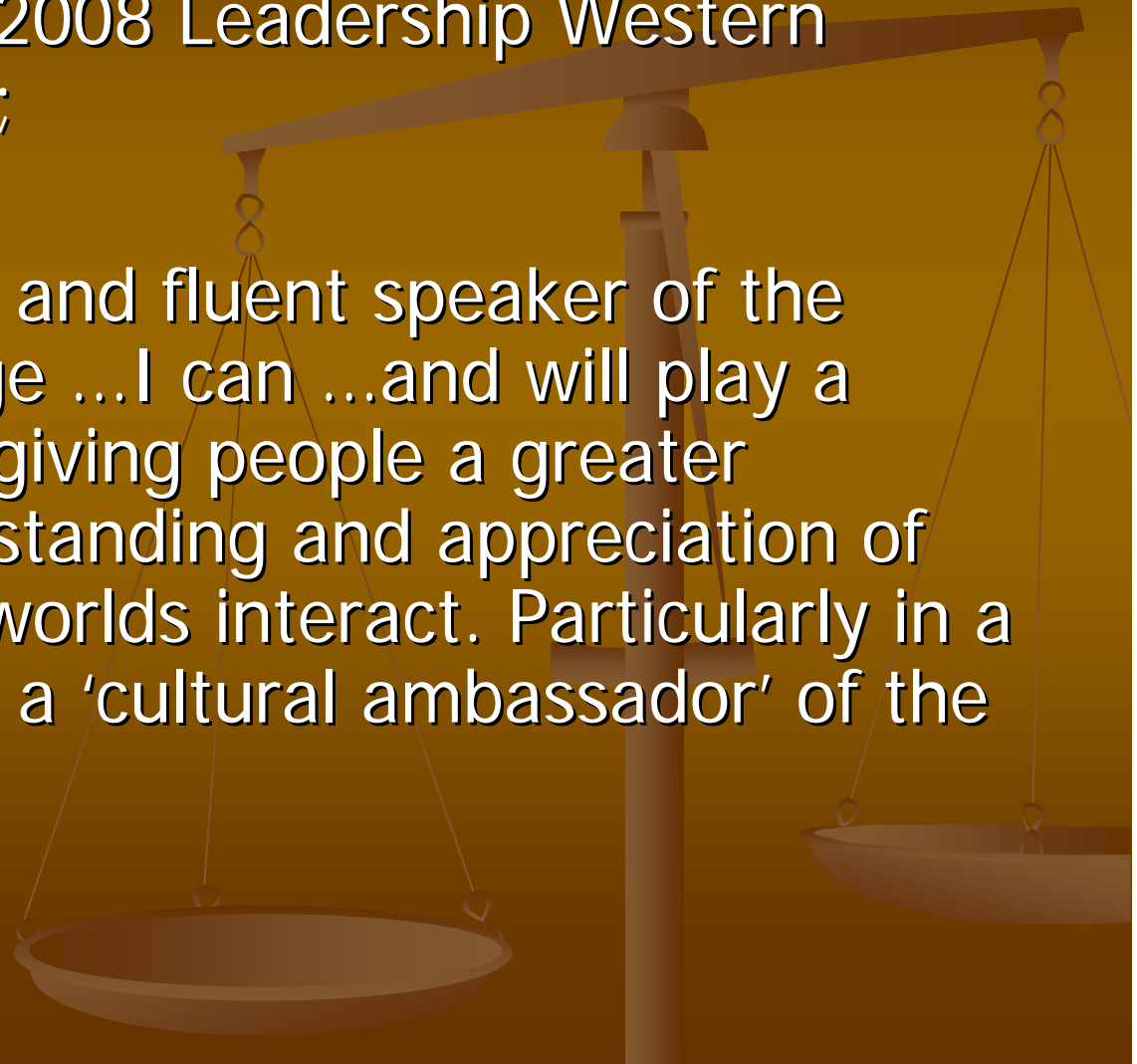
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- Respecting your hosts;
- Act with courtesy and respect;
- The same as when we travel overseas should respect the land, the customs and traditions of the people who important connection to that land.



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- Participant of the 2008 Leadership Western Australia Program;
- As a future leader and fluent speaker of the Nyoongar language ...I can ...and will play a significant role in giving people a greater awareness, understanding and appreciation of where those two worlds interact. Particularly in a role, as I see it as a 'cultural ambassador' of the Nyoongar People.



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- We the Nyoongar community wish Summit organisers and all the participants well in your deliberations;
 - It is also our responsibility to ensure that we have a safe return to your homelands, families and loved one's.
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