

Place Meaning, Attachment and Identity in Indigenous Inala, Queensland

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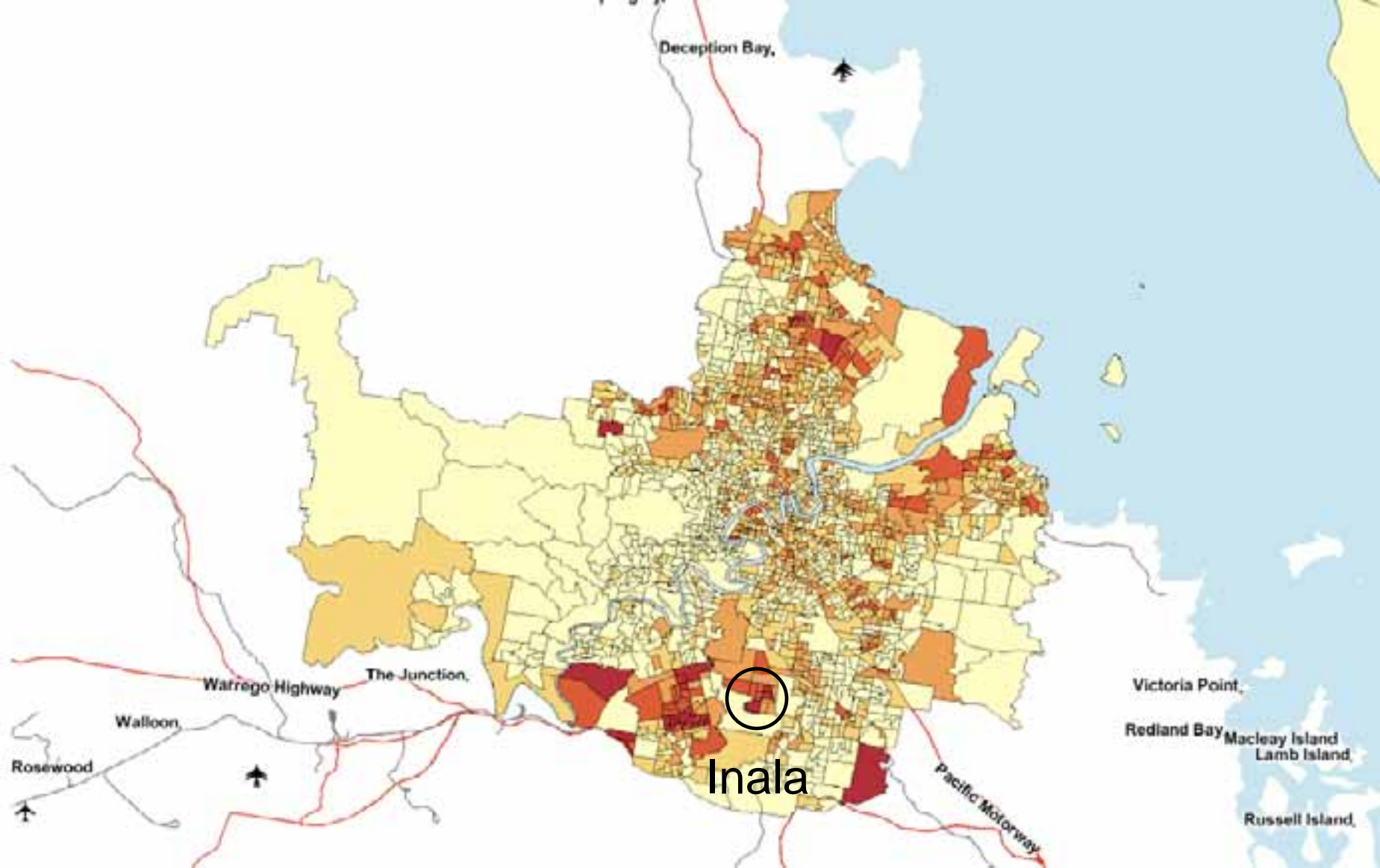
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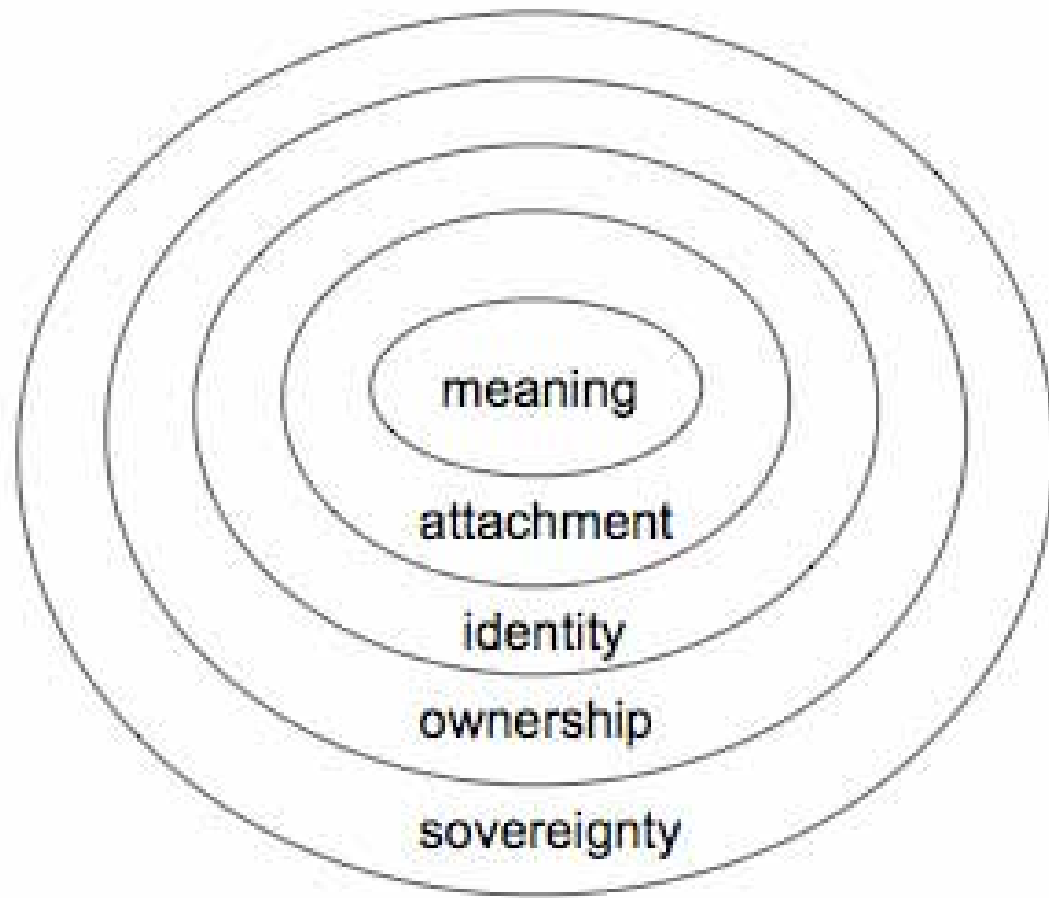
I would like to acknowledge and pay my respects to the
Traditional Owners of Canberra on whose land we meet
today.

Introduction

- Why place?
- Why Inala?



2006 census map locating Indigenous populations in greater Brisbane (ABS 2006)



Model of place dimensions by author

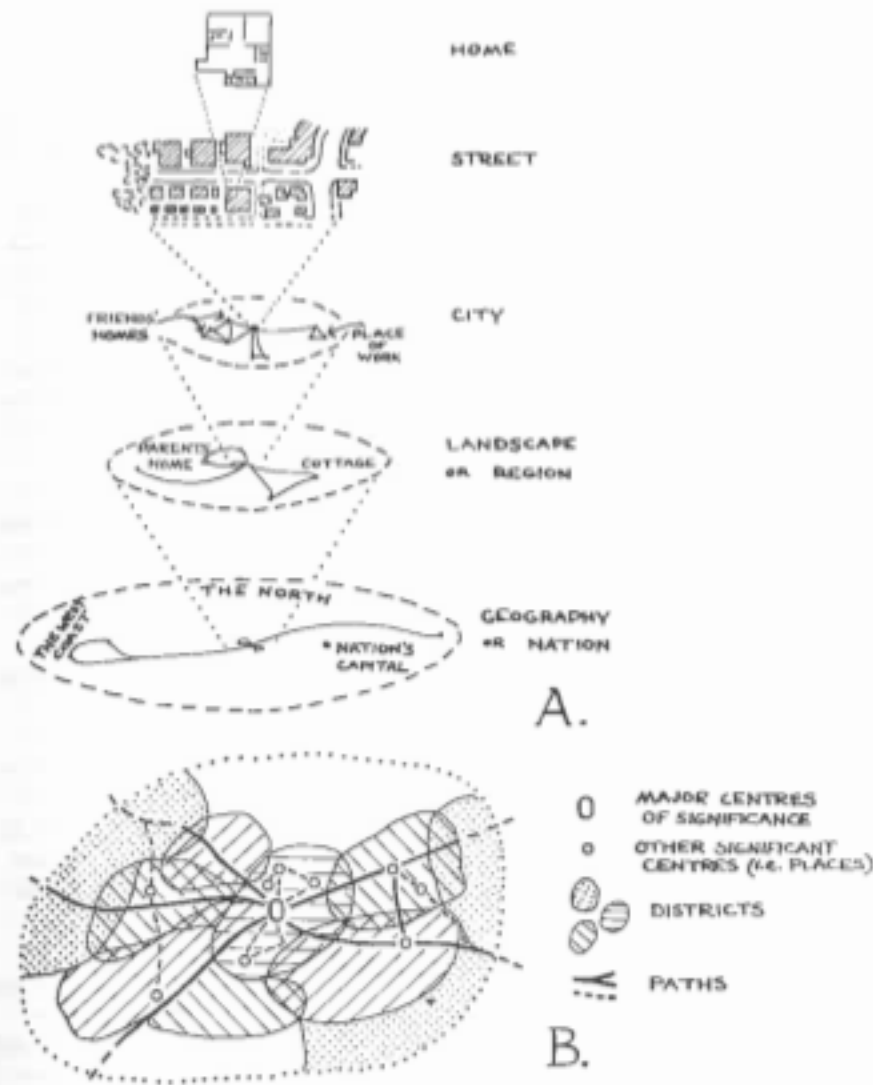


Figure 2.4. Vertical and horizontal structures of existential space.
 (A) Levels of the vertical structure, especially as they apply to urban spaces (based on an analysis by Norberg-Schulz, 1971).
 (B) Components of the horizontal structure of existential space.

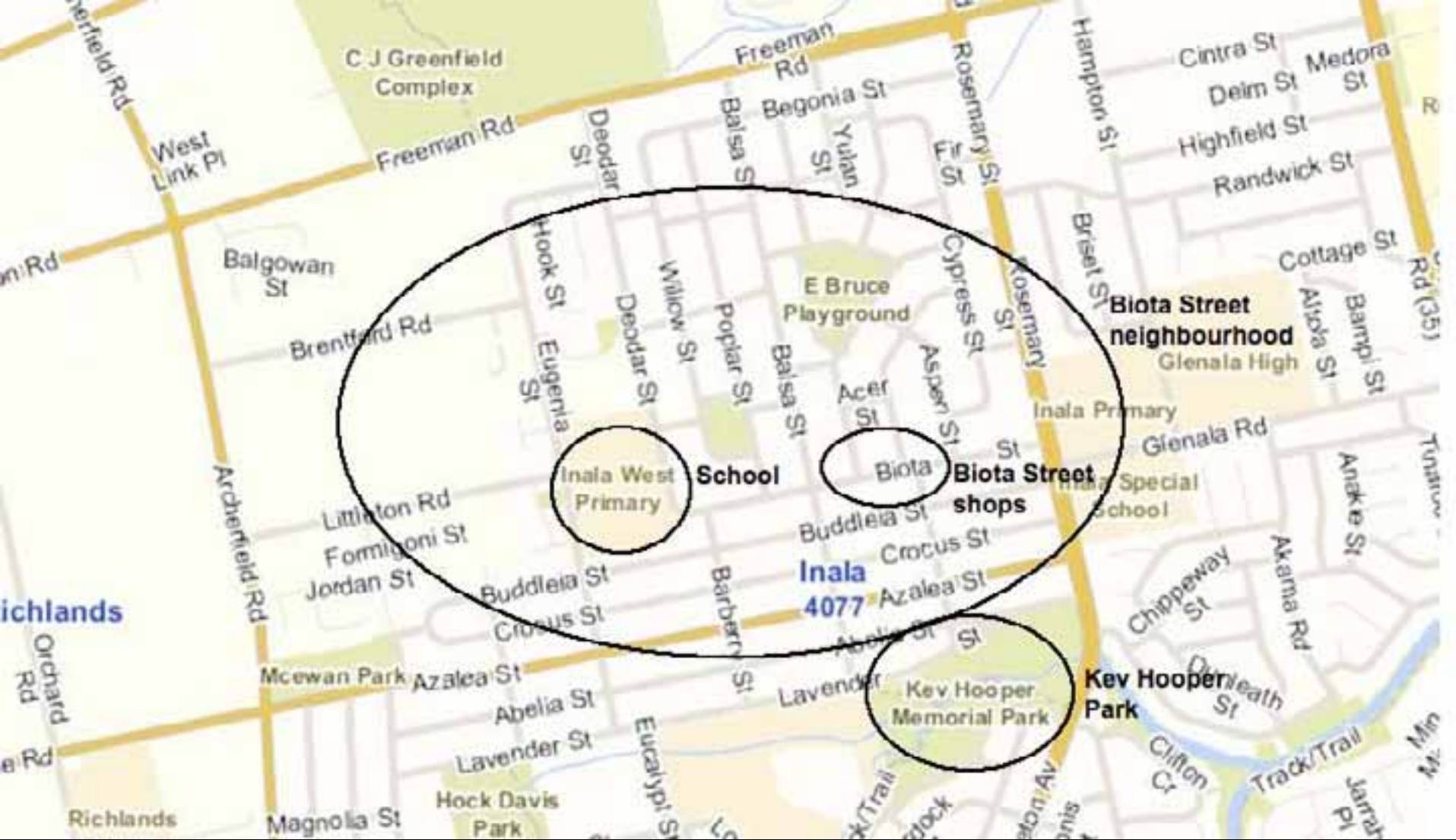
Scales of place by Relph (1976)

Scales of attachment to place

- Lewica (2009) has argued that the more appropriate scale of attachment is in fact the home and the city, rather than the suburb or the neighbourhood.
- My research shows strong attachment and place identity at the scale of suburb and neighbourhood.

Case study example

- Three examples in paper:
 - Wandarrah preschool
 - Kev Hooper □Park
 - Biota Street shops and surrounding neighbourhood
- Different scales
 - suburb, neighbourhood, location and place network
- Different relationships
 - Meaning, attachment and identity
- Biota Street neighbourhood has most complex system and includes place identity relationships.



Biota Street neighbourhood, bordering Kev Hooper Park, and containing a number of social gathering points including shops, a school, church and playground with community hall.



1956 Inala, carved out of eucalypt forest, the central area became Kev Hooper Park and top left forest area became the Delfin suburb of Forest Lake



Left: Housing in
Biota Street 1948
Below: Housing in
Biota Street area 1958





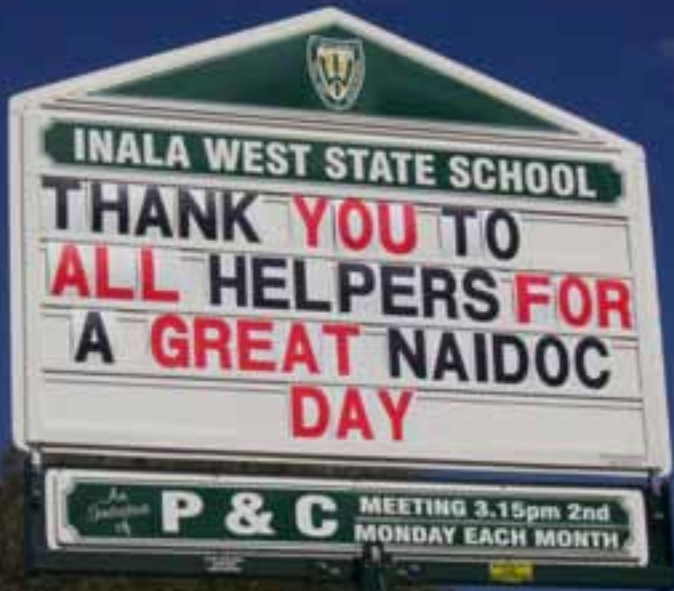
Biota Street shops soon after completion in 1956

Biota Street Shops in 2009





Biota Street church is never graffitied and remains a place of importance to many people who attended Sunday School there.



Community engagement and identification with schools in the Biota Street area is strong



A fire at Biota Street Shops in April 2009 drew large crowds late in the night.



Graffiti at Biota Street shops, showing territorial disputes between 'OIB', 'Inala Girls', 'SSB' and other groups.

Thank you

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