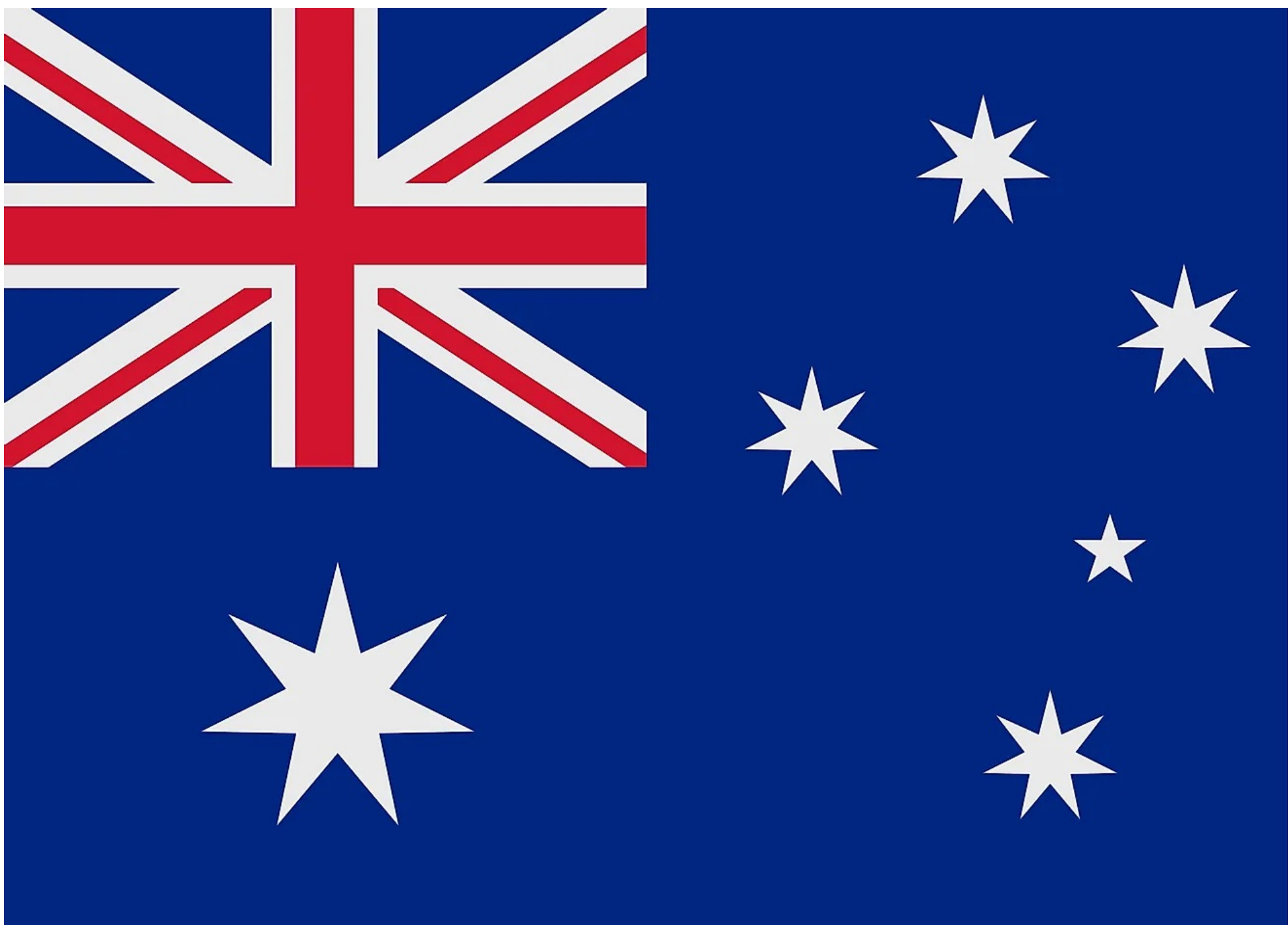
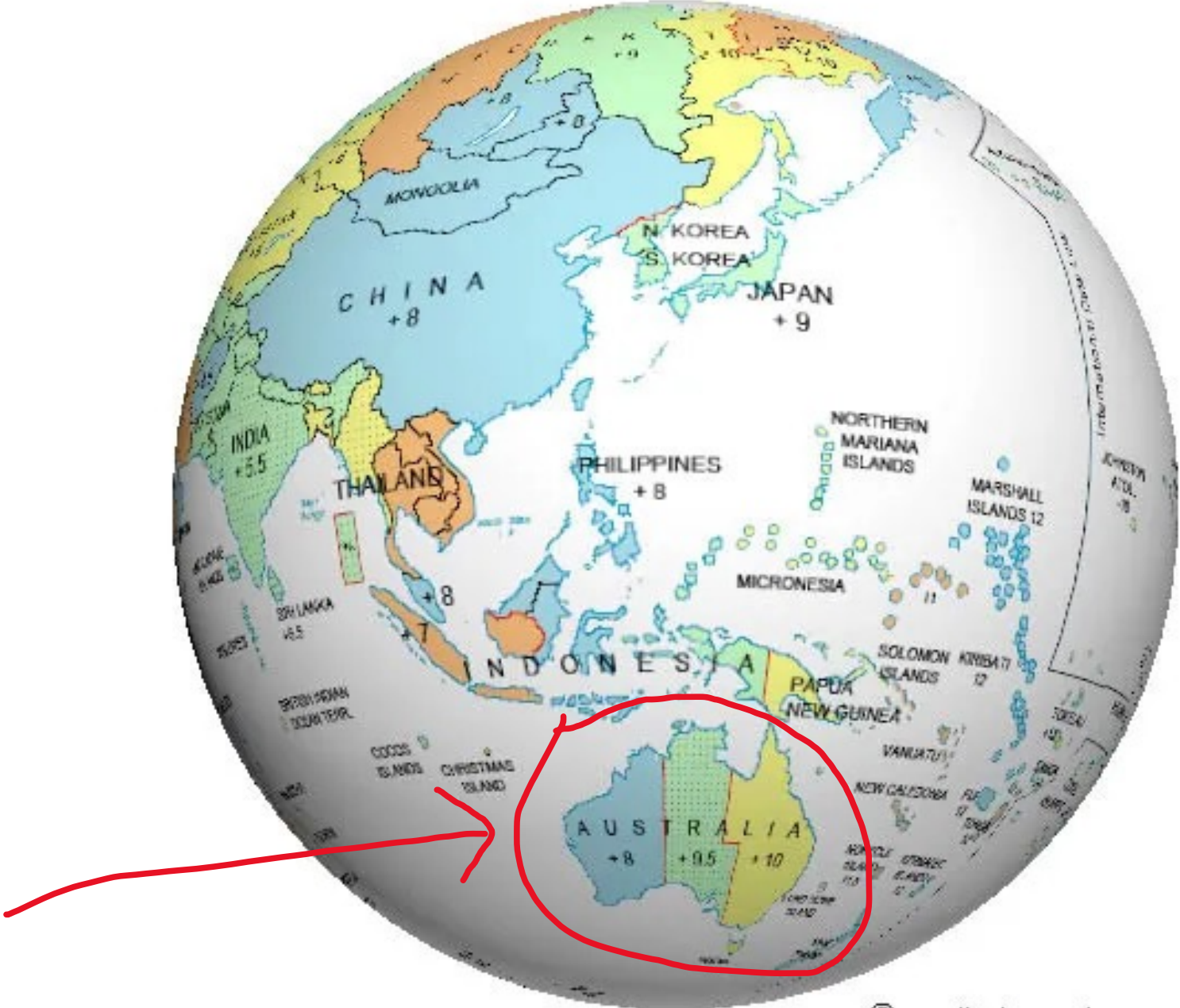


Australia



Where in
the world
is
Australia?



Sydney Opera House



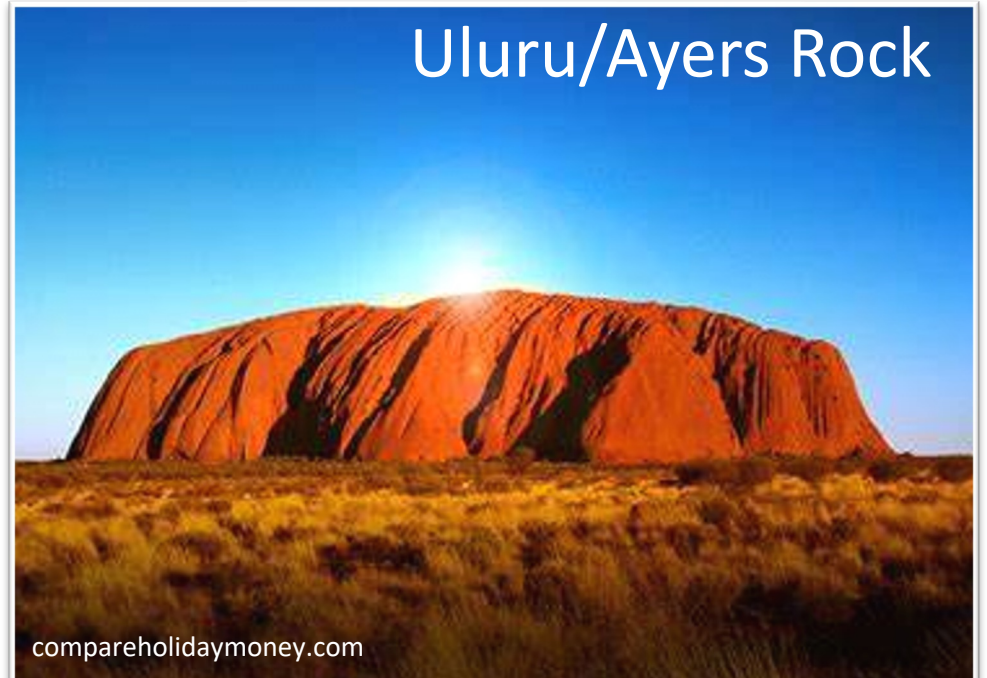
Melbourne



Victoria



Uluru/Ayers Rock





- ❖ The Church of the Nazarene began work in Australia in 1945.
- ❖ It is primarily a Western culture that is derived from Britain but also influenced by the unique geography of Australia as well as the cultural input of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and other Australian people. After the Second World War, 6.5 million migrants from 200 different nations brought immense new diversity.
- ❖ Over time, the diverse food, lifestyle, and cultural practices of immigrants have been absorbed into mainstream Australian culture.
- ❖ It has a population of approximately 25.4 million people.
- ❖ The official language is English.
- ❖ The church work has been organized into two districts with local congregations reflecting the multicultural heritage of the Australian people.



Australia



1,266 Members



**31 Fully Organized Churches and
6 Not Yet Fully Organized churches across 2 districts**



**10 District Licensed
and
49 Ordained Ministers**



Local Nazarene church in Australia lives compassion to connect to its community

The Bundaberg Church of the Nazarene (BCON) is a growing mission-minded church that describes itself as “a community living the love of Christ.” In a city of 70,000 people in Queensland, Australia, this local church is responding effectively to the needs of its community.

Pastor Kevin Rowland, lead pastor of BCON, together with his wife, Petrina, explains the mission to the congregation as follows, “Our local missions are all overarched by being led to the idea, connection to the community in Jesus’ name for the benefit of sharing the gospel and not adding another service that already exists in our area. Being effective is reaching out to your community and making a difference. Everything we do in this building is ministry — every room, every office, the auditorium, and the dining area are all about our ministry to this community, and this has been recognized by our church members and others who frequent the building but do not worship with us.”

School Essentials has been a long-term partnership between the church and Bundaberg West State School since April 2018.

School essentials include items such as school supplies, shoes, socks, swimsuits, and school uniforms as needed.

The church has made so much impact in the community, that recently the church has been asked to lead the “Breakfast Club” every Tuesday of each week.

Street Outreach Service (SOS) Running since June of 2021.

The Clothes Basket.

Pastor Rowland went on to say that “the generosity of the church here, with time, energy and finances, has led us to be well connected to many areas in our community. We enjoy a good reputation and fantastic interaction among the general population, many businesses, and services in Bundaberg, as well as with local, state, and federal levels of government.”



PRAYER

- Pray for the local churches as they continue to reach out to their surrounding communities to share the gospel.
- Pray that new pastors and leaders will continue to be called to serve the church.
- Pray for God's blessing on the leadership, professors, and students attending Nazarene Theological College - Brisbane as clergy are being trained and developed.



PRAISE

- We praise God for the opportunity that the church has, to live out compassion amongst communities.
- We praise God for the diversity and multiple cultures represented in churches.
- We praise God for His continual faithfulness to the work in Australia.

G'day, Mate!

