



POLICY

Community Relations – Acknowledgement of Country

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Community Strategic Plan goal	Goal 1 A supported Community Goal 2 Promote wellbeing and a connected, healthy and happy Community CS4 Facilitate partnerships which create and support a safe, inclusive and caring Community CS9 Value our heritage and cultural diversity, celebrating together and fostering creativity



Policy Statement

At ceremonial events organised by Council within the Shire, Council will formally acknowledge the traditional owners, custodians and their descendants.

Objective

To set a protocol for the formal recognition of the traditional owners, custodians and their descendants.

Scope

This policy applies to Councillors, staff, contractors and volunteers of Council.

Definitions

All terms used in this policy have the standard dictionary definition.

Policy Details

At any Council ceremonial event or ordinary Council meeting the Chair, Master of Ceremonies or invited delegate will commence the event with a brief formal acknowledgement as shown below:

I would like to show respect and acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land and of elders, past, present and those to come, on which this meeting takes place.

Responsibilities

Councillors

Councillors will, when performing the role of Chair, Master of Ceremonies or Council delegate at Council ceremonial events, commence the event with a formal acknowledgement of country.

All Staff

All staff involved in the planning and organisation of Council events will ensure that official events begin with a formal acknowledgement of country.



References and Related Legislation

- DLG – Engaging with Aboriginal Communities – A Resource Kit for Local Government in NSW 2007
- Department of Education local protocol

Version History

Version No.	Date	Reason for Review
1	June 2017	Policy INT-17194/17 replaces that of the same title dated 28/5/2013 (INT-4319/13)
2	November 2020	Policy Review