



Welcome to Country / Acknowledge of Country

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| Responsible Officer | Chief Executive Officer |
| Relevant Delegations | Manager Corporate Services |
| Legislation and References | Local Government Act 1999. |

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Acknowledgement protocols at Council Meetings and official events can help promote a greater appreciation of Aboriginal culture in the wider community, show respect for Aboriginal People living in the Council area and could lead to better community relationships to assist the reconciliation process.

An Acknowledgement Statement is a way the wider community can acknowledge the culture and ongoing relationship of traditional peoples to land within the Council area. It is a symbolic gesture as part of the ongoing reconciliation process.

Welcome to Country

A Welcome to Country involves traditional Aboriginal People (usually traditional Elders within the local area) welcoming people to their land. This usually occurs at the opening of significant State-wide events or conferences involving visitors from interstate or other countries.

Acknowledgement Statement

The following Statement of Acknowledgement will be used at all Ordinary, Special Council meetings, meetings of electors and official Council hosted events.

“We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today.”

Council Meeting Protocol

The Acknowledgement Statement will be read out after the Opening Welcome and Prayer, at all Ordinary, and Special Council meetings.

Meeting of Electors

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The Acknowledgement Statement will be read out at the commencement of any council convened meeting of electors in accordance with Section 93 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Official Council Events

The Acknowledgement Statement will be read out at the commencement of any formally or officially hosted Council event

Review & Availability

This policy will be reviewed every four years, or as required.

The public may inspect a copy of this policy without charge at the Council offices during office hours and may obtain a copy for a fee fixed by Council

The policy is also available on Council's website www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au

References

Local Government Act 1999

Document History

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