

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

ABORIGINAL RECOGNITION AND PROTOCOL POLICY

June 2021

RESPONSIBILITY	Corporate Services		
DATE ADOPTED	June 2021	MINUTE	
REVISED	June 2021	REVIEW	June 2023
ECM No	1352075		
ASSOCIATED POLICIES	Strathfield Council Code of Meeting Practice		
ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION	<i>Flags Act 1953</i>		
ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS			

Introduction

1.0 Purpose

This Policy recognises Australia's Indigenous people by observance of the protocols and acknowledgements contained in this policy.

1.1 Coverage

This Policy applies to Staff and Councillors and formal meetings, civic events, facilities and Council's website.

Policy Statement

2.0 Public meeting and event acknowledgment

At the commencement of all Council Meetings, public meetings and events, the following meeting acknowledgment is read:

"Before we start the proceedings let us respectfully acknowledge the Wangal people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand and pay our respects to their elders past and present and emerging".

2.1 Aboriginal Flag

The Aboriginal flag will be flown alongside the Australian National Flag on all occasions when Strathfield Council is open for business.

The Aboriginal flag should be flown or displayed with the black at the top and the red at the bottom.

2.2 Council's website

That Council's website includes a section of the Aboriginal history of Strathfield Local Government Area and links to relevant organisations and government agencies.

Document History

Date	Details	Council Meeting Date
1 February 2011	Amendment –change of acknowledgement	06/11
September 2017	Administrative Review	GM Approval
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June 2021	Policy Review	CEO/Mayor