



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

Council acknowledges that the Traditional Owners of the land within the Sorell Municipality are the Mimirina people and that it is appropriate that for significant Council functions and events Council pays respect to the Traditional Owners.

OBJECTIVE

The objective is to ensure that the Traditional Owners of the land in the Sorell Municipality are acknowledged at Council events and functions through the conducting of an Acknowledgement of Country.

SCOPE

The Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Policy applies to:

- The Mayor and Elected representatives of Sorell Council;
- Employees of Council; and
- All significant Council sponsored functions and events within the Sorell Municipality.

DEFINITIONS

Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country recognises that Sorell has a strong and proud Tasmanian Aboriginal history. It pays respect to the Traditional Owners.

Significant Function or Event

A Council conducted or sponsored function or event that:

- i) has a focus on, or significance for, Tasmanian Aboriginal people; or
- ii) of regional significance; or
- iii) a state conference conducted within Sorell.

PROCEDURE

Acknowledgment of Country

For a significant Council sponsored function or event, the Master of Ceremonies shall undertake an Acknowledgement of Country as first part of the proceedings.

The following wording or similar is recommended when undertaking an Acknowledgement of Country within the Sorell Municipality.

“I would like to pay respect to the traditional and original owners of this land the Mumirimina people, to pay respect to those that have passed before us and to acknowledge today’s Tasmanian Aboriginal community who are custodians of this land.”

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Council Meeting Procedures Policy 1.5

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