

# Aboriginal Recognition and Protocol Policy

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<b>TITLE</b>	Aboriginal Recognition and Protocol Policy		
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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Title and commencement

This policy is titled *Strathfield Council Aboriginal Recognition and Protocol Policy*. This policy was adopted by Council on 7 November 2006. It replaces the previous policy titled *Aboriginal Protocols for Public Meetings and Events* that was adopted by Council on 5 June 2001.

### 1.2 Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of the policy is to recognise Australia's Indigenous people by observance of the protocols and acknowledgements contained in this policy.

## 2. Policy Statement

### 2.1 Public meeting and event acknowledgment

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

"Before we start the proceedings let us acknowledge that we are meeting at a place on which the members and elders of the local indigenous community have been custodians for many centuries."

### 2.2 Aboriginal Flag

On the following occasions, Strathfield Council will fly the Aboriginal Flag outside the Strathfield Chambers:

- Australia Day/Day of Mourning Survival – 26 January
- National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week – held in July

- National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day – 4 August

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

### **2.3 Council's website**

That Strathfield Council includes a section on Council's website which includes Aboriginal history of Strathfield Municipality and links to relevant organisations and government agencies.