

# Aboriginal Recognition and Protocol Policy

As at September 2020



# ABORIGINAL RECOGNITION AND PROTOCOL POLICY

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| <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>      | Corporate Services   |               |      |
| <b>DATE ADOPTED</b>        | 7 November 2006  | <b>MINUTE</b> |      |
| <b>REVISED</b>             | September 2020   | <b>REVIEW</b> | 2021 |
| <b>ECM No</b>              | 1352075  |               |      |
| <b>ASSOCIATED POLICIES</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Code of Meeting Practice</li></ul> |               |      |

## 1.0 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. The following amendments have been made:

| Date            | Type                                  | Minute       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 February 2011 | Amendment – change of acknowledgement | 06/11        |
| September 2017  | Administrative                        | GM approval  |
| September 2020  | Review                                | CEO approval |

### 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.

## 2.0 Policy Statement

### 2.1 Public meeting and event acknowledgment

At the commencement of 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”.

## **2.2 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.

## **2.3 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.