

## Staff wording for acknowledgement (long version)

I acknowledge the \* \_\_\_\_\_ people, the Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander\*\* Owners of the land where we gather today and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging. I recognise their connection to Country and their role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years. May their strength and wisdom be with us today.

\* *If known add the Traditional Owners' clan/language name*

\*\* Use 'Aboriginal' or 'Torres Strait Islander' as appropriate





Staff are encouraged to acknowledge Traditional Owners of a 'Country' at the beginning of meetings and forums.

For major formal functions where official guests and dignitaries are in attendance, a 'Welcome to Country' is recommended with an Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander person from that Country (usually Elders or a person of significance) welcoming people to their land.

## Staff wording for acknowledgement (short version)

I acknowledge the

\* \_\_\_\_\_ people,  
the Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander\*\* Owners of the land  
on which this event is taking place.

\* *If known add the Traditional Owners' clan/language name*

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