

## Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Policy

<b>POLICY STATEMENT</b>	<p>1.1 Council acknowledges that the traditional owners of the land within Kingborough are the Muwinina people (western side of Derwent River and Channel) and the Nununi people (Bruny Island) and that it is appropriate that for Council meetings, functions and events Council pays respect to the Traditional Owners.</p>
<b>DEFINITIONS</b>	<p>2.1 <u>Welcome to Country</u> A Welcome to Country ceremony is performed by Aboriginal Traditional Owners for people visiting their country.</p> <p>2.2 <u>Acknowledgement of Country</u> An Acknowledgement of Country recognises that Kingborough has a strong and proud Tasmanian Aboriginal history. It pays respect to the Traditional Owners.</p> <p>2.3 <u>Significant function or event</u> A Council conducted or sponsored function or event that has a focus on, or significance for, Tasmanian Aboriginal people, a Council conducted or sponsored function or event of regional significance, a Council conducted or sponsored State conference conducted within Kingborough.</p>
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<p>3.1 The objective is to ensure that the Traditional Owners of the land in Kingborough are acknowledged at Council meetings, events and functions through the conducting of an Acknowledgement of Country.</p> <p>3.2 For significant functions or events within Kingborough it is appropriate that a Welcome to Country be undertaken where possible.</p>
<b>SCOPE</b>	<p>4.1 The Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Policy applies to all Council meetings, Council sponsored functions and events within Kingborough.</p>
<b>PROCEDURE (POLICY DETAIL)</b>	<p>5.1 <u>Welcome to Country</u> For the conducting of a significant function or event, advice shall be sought from the State Government’s Office of Aboriginal Affairs to obtain the relevant protocols and advice as to the appropriate Elder who may conduct the Welcome to Country. Council shall meet the cost of conducting a Welcome to Country.</p> <p>5.2 <u>Acknowledgement of Country</u> For Council meetings, prior to the commencement of meetings, the Chairperson shall undertake an Acknowledgement of Country. For Council sponsored functions and events, the Master of Ceremonies shall undertake an Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners as first part of the proceedings. The following wording or similar is recommended when undertaking an Acknowledgement of Country within Kingborough (excluding Bruny Island): <b><i>I would like to pay respect to the traditional and original owners of this land the Muwinina (mu wee nee nah) 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.</i></b></p>



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	<p>The following wording shall be used when undertaken an Acknowledgement of Country on Bruny Island:</p> <p><b><i>I would like to pay respect to the traditional and original owners of this land the Nununi (nu nu nee) 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.</i></b></p>
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<p>6.1 Kingborough Councillors</p> <p>6.2 Kingborough Council Staff</p> <p>6.3 Members of the public</p>
<b>RELATED DOCUMENTS</b>	<p>7.1 Council Meeting Procedures Policy 1.5</p>