

Prepare an Acknowledgment of Country Statement

A Welcome to Country is normally performed by an Elder of the local Aboriginal language group. An Acknowledgment of Country can be performed in the absence of an Aboriginal representative. While there is no prescriptive Acknowledgment of Country protocol appropriate for all communities, contexts or geographical locations, here are some easy-to-understand guidelines.

Suggested formats

Acknowledgement of Country (performed by a non-Aboriginal person).

Example 1

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land, of Elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place.

Example 2

I would like to acknowledge the (insert name here) people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the (insert name here) Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present.

It is acceptable to read this from notes though it is preferable to say them without prompts.

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Website

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

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Welcome to and Acknowledgment of Country

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Welcome-to-and-Acknowledgement-of-Country.pdf>