

Staff are strongly encouraged to acknowledge Traditional Custodians of Country at the beginning of functions, meetings and forums.

You may use the shorter version if you are not the first person to acknowledge Country or in a more informal setting or thanking a Traditional Owner for welcoming people to Country.

For major formal functions where official guests and dignitaries are in attendance, a 'Welcome to Country' by an Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander Elder or authorised representative is strongly recommended.

Wording for Acknowledgment (short version)

I (too,) acknowledge the (* people as) Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet today and pay my respect to their Ancestors and their descendants.

– Please pause briefly as a mark of respect –

(people as) If known add the Traditional Custodians' language group/nation/clan*