
POLICY TITLE: ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

FOLDER NUMBER: F2007/00307

POLICY OWNER / DIVISION: Community and Environment

POLICY OWNER / BRANCH: Library and Community Services

FUNCTION: Community Services

RELEVANT LEGISLATION: Flags Act

POLICY ADOPTION/AMENDMENT DATE: ~~12 September 2018~~ 12 October 2022 **REPORT NUMBER:** EH16/18CE3/22

REVIEW YEAR: ~~2020~~ 2024

AMENDMENT HISTORY: 13 February 2002 (Report CC2/02)
9 March 2005 (Report CC5/05)
11 April 2007 (Report CC11/07)
8 April 2009 (Report CC12/09)
20 April 2011 (Report CC10/11)
15 May 2013 (Report EH5/13)
9 September 2015 (Report EH8/15)
12 September 2018 (Report EH16/18)

RELATED POLICIES:

POLICY PURPOSE / OBJECTIVES:

1. To acknowledge the traditional owners of the Shire.
2. To recognise the Shire's Aboriginal heritage.
3. To celebrate the presence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in the community.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Council will, at the commencement of each formal Meeting and Citizenship Ceremony, acknowledge the traditional owners of land within the Hornsby Shire by the following statement by the Chairperson – "We acknowledge we are on the traditional lands of the Darug and Guringai Peoples. We pay our respects to elders past and present".
 2. Hornsby Shire Council will display the Aboriginal Flag in conjunction with the Australian Flag at relevant locations around the Shire.
 3. The determination of the relevant locations referred to in 2. above will be considered by Council from time to time.
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4. When displaying the Aboriginal Flag:
 - a) The Australian Flag is to be flown on the far left of a person facing the flags;
 - b) The Australian Flag and the Aboriginal Flag cannot be flown from the same flagpole; and
 - c) The Aboriginal Flag should be the same size as the Australian Flag being flown beside it.
5. When displaying the Aboriginal Flag with other flags in a line of flagpoles, the Australian Flag will be displayed on the far left of a person facing the flags, followed by the Aboriginal Flag and other flags in their order of precedence.
6. Council purchasers of Aboriginal Flags will ensure that the Flag has been manufactured by Carroll and Richardson Flags, who hold the exclusive licence for the manufacture and marketing of Aboriginal flags, banners and bunting.