



# NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

## POLICY MANUAL

### WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

**Originated Date:** 18 February 2019 (min. ref. 036/19)

**Amended Date/s:**

**Applicable Legislation:**

**Objective**

- 1) To acknowledge the cultural importance of Aboriginal people and importance to Northern Midlands heritage and identity.
- 2) To provide direction and support to Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and officers of the Northern Midlands Council for Welcome to Country and Acknowledgment of Country protocols.

**Administration:** Governance

**Review Cycle/Date:** Next review 2023.

#### DEFINITIONS

##### *Welcome to Country*

*A Welcome to Country is given by Aboriginal people, welcoming visitors to their Land. Only Tasmanian Aboriginal people can give a Welcome to Country in Tasmania. It is highly disrespectful for anyone else to do so.*

##### *Acknowledgement of Country*

*An Acknowledgement of Country is respect and recognition of Tasmanian Aboriginal peoples' survival and continual connection with the land spanning more than 60,000 years. An Acknowledgement of Country pays respect to the Aboriginal community, both past and present.*

#### APPLICATION

A Welcome to Country or Acknowledgement of Country is to be given in accordance with guidelines issued by the Office of Aboriginal Affairs for all Council public events, available via this link

[http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/oa/further\\_information/acknowledgements\\_and\\_welcome\\_to\\_country](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/oa/further_information/acknowledgements_and_welcome_to_country)