

Acknowledgement to Country Fact Sheet

Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Taungurung Lands and Waters Council (TLaWC) in 2021.

As a result, any of the following Acknowledgement to Country options are encouraged when conducting proceedings on Taungurung Country.

Option one

I'd like to start today by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we are all meeting and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and also to any Aboriginal people who may be online/here with us today.

Today, we are meeting on the lands of the Taungurung peoples of the Eastern Kulin nation, whose sovereignty here has never been ceded.

Option two

I acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of this nation.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands we have gathered on today and I pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present.

Option three

I'd like to start today by acknowledging the Sovereign Owners and Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we are all meeting - The Taungurung Peoples of the East Kulin Nation - and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and to any Aboriginal people who may be online/here with us today

Option four

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the places we live, work and play.

We recognise and respect the enduring relationship they have with their lands and waters, and we pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

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Option five

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we strive, the peoples of the rivers and the hills of the Strathbogie Shire region who walked these lands for generations.

We pay our respects to the elders of the past, and the speakers of the first words, who lived in harmony with this country.

We acknowledge the elders of the present, who seek to regain their culture, and to teach the elders of the future their law, their history and their language.

We pay our respects to them and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

We honour their spirit – and the memory, culture, art and science of the world's oldest living culture through 60,000 years.