

RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER

Policy No: 1.1.22

Reference: Community Relations - Policy

POLICY:	WELCOME TO COUNTRY
FUNCTION:	Governance
OBJECTIVE:	To provide respect for the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land in Richmond Valley
DIRECTORATE:	CORPORATE SERVICES

POLICY

In order to pay respect to the Aboriginal community at large and the traditional owners of the land, Richmond Valley Council Staff and Councillors should recognise the traditional owners of the land at important formal functions.

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Working Party should guide the way in which respect should be shown (protocol). This guidance may vary from time to time.

Each time a variation of the Welcome to Country Protocol is recommended by the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Working Party, a report should be provided to Council advising of the new Welcome to Country Protocol.

Updated versions of the Welcome to Country Protocol will be distributed to Councillors and Council Staff.

Council will also seek guidance from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Working Party in regard to appropriate wording by Council (of recognition of Aboriginal lands) for use at the commencement of Council Meetings, etc.

VARIATION

Council reserves the right to review, vary and/or revoke this policy from time to time.