

POLICY:	TOWARDS RECONCILIATION- TRADITIONAL INHABITANTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT
DATE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL:	21 NOVEMBER 2000
DIRECTORATE:	PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT:	ARTS, EVENTS AND TOURISM
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MANAGER ARTS, EVENTS AND TOURISM

That Council adopt a policy of recognising the traditional owners of the land by including a statement such as:

"As I come here to open/as we begin this meeting (etc)...I am proud to acknowledge the people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of this land."

This statement would not be prescriptive and could be used at appropriate times at the discretion of the Councillor leading the function. As a suggestion, this could be at Citizen Ceremonies, Ward Council meetings and other appropriate occasions such as opening of reserves or parks.