

4.17 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Policy

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This policy relates to	
	Refer to Beaucare Policy
National Quality Standards Early Childhood Education & Care	6.2, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 7.1.1, 7.2.2

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a standard protocol for the public acknowledgement and demonstration of respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

Policy

Scope

This policy is applicable to all functions and events, and for those occasions where management or staff are representing Beaucare in a public forum, as deemed appropriate.

Principals

It is our belief that all citizens of Australia have a responsibility to promote harmony and reconciliation, to acknowledge past wrongs, to demonstrate respect for our nation's Indigenous peoples and their history, culture and traditions, and to recognise their spiritual ties to land and sea.

Welcome to Country

Wherever possible and affordable, an Aboriginal Elder from the area is to be invited to attend any public forum arranged by Beaucare, to extend a "Welcome to Country" to the attendees, on behalf of the local Aboriginal people. It is not acceptable protocol for anyone other than a tribal Elder to extend such a welcome.

Acknowledgement Statement

Management and staff are to verbally acknowledge the traditional owners of the land at any public Beaucare function or forum through the following acknowledgement statement: "I respectfully acknowledge the (Mununjali, Gunyjuu or Yugambeh) people as Traditional Owners of the Land on which this event is taking place".

The first speaker at the function or forum is to make the acknowledgement statement. All subsequent speakers may also acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land.

Recognition of Diverse Populations

Beaucare recognises that Australia's Indigenous peoples include diverse population groups, each with their own cultures, languages, traditions and tribal affiliations.

Associated Beaucare Policies and Documents

[Appendix A Legislation](#)

[Appendix D Privacy and Communication](#)

[Appendix F QIP and Compliance](#)

Relevant Legislation

National Law

National Regulations

National Quality Standard

Australian Government Department of Education and Training: *Child Care Service Handbook*

<https://www.education.gov.au/child-care-provider-handbook-0>

SNAICC - <http://www.snaicc.org.au/>

Queensland Government - <https://www.qld.gov.au/atsi/cultural-awareness-heritage-arts>