



**Staff are strongly encouraged to acknowledge Traditional Custodians of Country at the beginning of functions, meetings and forums.**

You may use the shorter version if you are not the first person to acknowledge Country or in a more informal setting or thanking a Traditional Owner for welcoming people to Country.

For major formal functions where official guests and dignitaries are in attendance, a 'Welcome to Country' by an Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander Elder or authorised representative is strongly recommended.

## **Wording for Acknowledgment** (short version)

I (too,) acknowledge the (\* people as) Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet today and pay my respect to their Ancestors and their descendants.

*– Please pause briefly as a mark of respect –*

*(\* people as) If known add the Traditional Custodians' language group/nation/clan*