

Grampians Regional Aboriginal Services Plan

Grampians Regional Aboriginal Services Plan Reference Group suggested acknowledgment speech.

Acknowledging Wathaurong Country

I/we acknowledge that we are meeting on country for which the Wathaurong people and their ancestors have been custodians for thousands of years.

On this land Wathaurong people have performed many cultural traditions such as, trading, ceremonial dance, initiation, renewal rituals and religious beliefs.

I/We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wathaurong people and to the Ballarat Aboriginal elders and community, and give thanks for allowing us to meet here today.

I/we trust that you will enjoy your meeting/forum/seminar today at this location.

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Acknowledging Country (other than Wathaurong Country)

I/we acknowledge that we are meeting on Aboriginal land today for which Aboriginal people been the custodians for thousands of years.

On this land Aboriginal people have performed many cultural traditions such as, trading, ceremonial dance, initiation, renewal rituals and religious beliefs.

I/We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional owners, local elders and the community and give thanks for allowing us to meet here today.

I/we trust that you will enjoy your meeting/forum/seminar today at this location.