



AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

1. SCOPE

The *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* requires that councils must ensure that Australian Citizenship ceremonies are conducted in accordance with the *Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (2024)* and the *Australian Citizenship Regulations 2016*.

2. PURPOSE

To meet the requirements of the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (2024) and the *Australian Citizenship Regulation 2016*, Council is also required to have a dress code in place for Australian Citizenship Ceremonies to reflect the significance of the occasion while welcoming new citizens to our community.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council’s Citizenship Ceremonies are to be conducted within the regulations and guidelines as set down in the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, the *Australian Citizenship Regulation 2016* and the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (2024).
2. Council will ensure that the ceremony is conducted in such a way as to reflect the significance of the occasion.
3. Council is required to hold Citizenship ceremony’s on a regular basis as required and as part of celebrations for days of significance including Australia Day 26 January and Citizenship Day on 17 September.
 - a. Councils that conferred citizenship on fewer than 20 people in the previous year are exempt from this requirement.
4. While Council does not have a strict dress code, smart casual attire is recommended, and conferees are welcome to wear their own national/traditional/cultural dress.
 - a. Conferees are asked not to wear;
 - i. Beach wear
 - ii. Offensive shirts
 - iii. Sports training apparel
 - iv. Rubber thongs / bare feet / slippers

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

1. *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*
2. *Australian Citizenship Regulation 2016*
3. Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (2024)

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Nil.

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