

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

1. SCOPE

The new *Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (2019)*, requires that councils must ensure that Australian Citizenship ceremonies are conducted in accordance with the *Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (2019)* and the *Australian Citizenship Regulation 2016*.

2. PURPOSE

To meet the requirements of the *Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (2019)* 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

- 3.1 Council's Australian Citizenship Ceremonies are to be conducted within the regulations and guidelines as set down in the *Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (2019)* and the *Australian Citizenship Regulation 2016*.
- 3.2 Council will ensure that the ceremony is conducted in such a way as to reflect the significance of the occasion.
- 3.3 Council is required to hold a Citizenship ceremony on 26 January and 17 September. Council also conducts other ceremonies throughout the year on a need basis.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Conferees are asked not to wear:
 - (a) Beach wear;
 - (b) Offensive shirts;
 - (c) Sports training apparel; and
 - (d) Rubber thongs / bare feet / slippers.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code
2. *Australian Citizenships Act 2007*

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

None applicable.

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