

## Corporate services news

### Enrol now: Acknowledge This!

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Would you like some tips on how to deliver a more meaningful and heartfelt Acknowledgements of Country? Acknowledge This! is a 2-hour workshop for those looking to deepen their understanding of Indigenous culture and refine how they acknowledge the Country they stand on.

The Acknowledgement of Country is increasingly becoming a part of formal events, meetings and public gatherings, and ensuring it is delivered authentically is increasingly important.

Often read from a script, the Acknowledgement of Country can sometimes be recited with little emotion or ad-libbed without understanding its true meaning. When performed without the right intention, it can seem like a token gesture that diminishes its power and purpose.

### What's in the Acknowledge This! workshop?

The workshop provides the foundations for you to create a genuine and authentic Acknowledgement, focusing on the place, the people and the position you're in.

Workshop facilitators [REDACTED] will deliver a fun and engaging session, ensuring you feel comfortable, have a laugh and leave with more confidence to deliver a meaningful Acknowledgement of Country. Learn more about [REDACTED].

During the session, you will learn:

- A deeper understanding of what an Acknowledgement of Country truly represents.
- How to articulate an Acknowledgement and how to make it personal and authentic to you.
- The significance of each part of an Acknowledgement of Country.
- How to personalise your Acknowledgement to make it relevant to the gathering or event, ensuring you honour the shared history.

We will also discuss the challenges of delivering an Acknowledgement, common questions and fears; and learn a simple structure to start building your own authentic Acknowledgement.

## Why this workshop matters?

Acknowledgement of Country is more than a formality—it is a vital way to recognise the traditional custodians of the land, their enduring connection to it and their continuing cultures. A sincere Acknowledgement can create a bridge between past, present, and future, fostering respect and deeper understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Last year we launched our inaugural [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) (RAP). It guides us as we look to strengthen our relationships with First Nations peoples and create opportunities for cultural understanding and meaningful engagement.

Learn more about Acknowledge This! from the following videos:

- [Welcome to Acknowledge This!](#)
- [Example Acknowledgements of Country](#)

Find out more about this and other ways that you can incorporate and support reconciliation at the ACMA and eSafety at [Our reconciliation journey](#).

## Enrol now

The workshop is open to all ACMA and eSafety staff and will be delivered via MS Teams on:

- **Wednesday 27 November, 2pm - 4pm**

Enrol now via [Learnhub](#).

## Your ideas

There are always lots of opportunities for ACMA and eSafety staff to get involved in our RAP and diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Contact [HR Assist](#) if you would like to join the RAP Working Group, be involved in upcoming awareness days, or have ideas for fostering a more inclusive workplace – we'd love to hear from you!

**You can also read more on our new [Diversity and Inclusion Strategy](#).**

**You can also find out more about how the Australian Public Service is looking to boost First Nations Employment at leadership level with the [SES100 initiative](#) as part of APS Reform.**