

REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER

	AUSTRALIA CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES POLICY & PROCEDURE	Department	Governance
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1. PURPOSE

To meet the requirements of the Australian Citizenship Code which states that every local Council should have a Dress Code for its citizenship ceremonies.

To make a formal statement that Council encourages attendees to wear traditional, cultural and/or national dress.

2. SCOPE

This Dress Code applies to all attendees and conferees of a citizenship ceremony conducted by the Regional Council of Goyder.

3. DEFINITIONS

“Citizenship Ceremony” is the final legal step in the acquisition of Australian citizenship. For most people this means making the pledge of commitment at an Australian citizenship ceremony. At the citizenship ceremony, conferees pledge that they share Australia’s democratic beliefs and respect the rights and liberties of the people of Australia.

“Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (the “Code”)” follows the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* and sets out the legal and/or other requirements for conducting citizenship ceremonies as well as the roles and responsibilities for those involved in citizenship ceremonies. The Code provides guidance to organisations to help plan and conduct citizenship ceremonies.

4. PROCEDURE

In order to reflect the significance of becoming an Australian citizen, at a Regional Council of Goyder citizenship ceremony conferees should wear formal, business or smart casual attire.

Conferees are welcome to wear traditional, national or cultural dress.

If the ceremony is held outdoors, conferees may want to take a hat and some sunscreen.

5. RECORDS

All records should be treated in accordance with Local Government GDS40.

6. REVIEW

This document shall be reviewed by Council at least four (4) yearly or on significant change to legislation or aspects included in this policy that could affect the health and safety of workers.

7. REVIEW HISTORY

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