

Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Physics and Astronomy (including the Observatory) at the North Ryde Campus of Macquarie University resides on land of the Darug nation. We are proud to share the histories and cultures of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly those of the Darug community. Ceremonies and protocol are central to that culture, and an Acknowledgement of Country allows us to show our respect for the local Indigenous community and land.

An Acknowledgement of Country can be performed by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, is appropriate where the ceremony or event is a less formal proceeding, and should be performed as the first item on an event program agenda. It is a statement of respect made by visitors to an Indigenous community and recognises the Indigenous community as the traditional custodians of the land where the meeting or event is being held.

Example wording for an Acknowledgement of Country that can be used on the North Ryde Campus follows. Visit mq.edu.au/walanga-muru to learn more.

“ I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Macquarie University land, the Wattamattagal clan of the Darug nation, whose cultures and customs have nurtured and continue to nurture this land, since the Dreamtime. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.”