

FLAG POLICY, PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The intent of this policy is to establish suitable protocol guidelines for the flying of flags on Wentworth Shire Council premises; the Australian flag, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and other flags.

1. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is to ensure that Wentworth Shire Council establishes systems which deal with the establishment of suitable guidelines for the flying of flags on Wentworth Shire Council premises.

2. POLICY COVERAGE

This policy applies to all areas of Council's operations and covers all Council premises where Council displays flags. Unless otherwise stated, this policy is applicable to the flying of the Australian flag, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and other flags on Council's properties.

3. STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Wentworth Shire Council aims to communicate a clear procedure with specific guidelines of when and how flags are to be flown to establish a consistent approach of flying flags in Council's control.

5. POLICY CONTENT

It is the policy of this council that the flying of flags on its premises is consistent with the protocols set by the Australian Federal Government in instances where it has control over the display or management of flags.

The Australian and Aboriginal flags will be raised and flown together as per Australian flag raising protocols as per the Flags Act 1953 (Cth) and Australian National Flag Protocols developed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet each council working day and the following Public Holidays:

- 26 January – Australia Day
- 25 April – Anzac Day

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS & LEGISLATION

Flags Act 1953 (Cth)

Australian National Flag Protocols

7. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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8. DOCUMENT APPROVAL

This document is the latest version of the official policy of the Wentworth Shire Council, as adopted by Council on 16 February 2022. All previous versions of this policy are null and void.

This policy may be amended or revoked by Council at any time.

A PDF copy of the signed document can be accessed from Council's record management system and Reliansys.

Signed: 

3 March 2022

General Manager Wentworth Shire Council

Date