



## BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY PROTOCOL

## PREAMBLE

A **Welcome to Country** can only be given by Tasmanian Aboriginal people. It is disrespectful for anyone else to do so.

An **Acknowledgement of Country** shows respect and recognition of Tasmanian Aboriginal peoples' survival and continual connection with the land spanning more than 40,000 years.

An **Acknowledgement of Country** can be given by anyone and should be the first item on the agenda at an official opening, meeting, or other event.

Clubs have discretion whether to deliver an **Acknowledgement of Country** or not, but if they choose to do so, these standardised words should be used.

## GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A general **Acknowledgement of Country** that could be used at any Bowls Club in Tasmania is:

I acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians, of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge elders – past and present – and Tasmanian people.

## HOBART CLUBS

This **Acknowledgement of Country** is specific to the **Nipaluna/Hobart** area:

I pay respect to the traditional and original owners of this land – the muwinina (mou-wee-nee-nar) people – to pay respect to those that have passed before us and to acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal people who are custodians of this land.

Clubs outside the **Nipaluna/Hobart** area may use the general acknowledgement above or research and use an **Acknowledgement of Country** for the area specific to their Club.

## RESOURCES

<https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/aboriginal-partnerships/acknowledgement-welcome-to-country>