

# Flying and Displaying of Flags and Banners



<b>Legislation / local law requirements</b>	<i>Flags Act 1953</i>
<b>Relevant delegations</b>	Nil.
<b>Related policies, procedures and supporting documentation</b>	"Australian Flags" publication

## PRELIMINARY

### INTRODUCTION

The City is required to fly and/or display flags in accordance with:

- the *Flags Act 1953* (Flags Act);
- any announcements/directives given by the relevant State or Federal Department; and/or
- in accordance with the "Australian Flags" publication produced by the Awards and National Symbols Branch, Department of Prime Minister, and Cabinet.

The "Australian Flags" publication does not cover situations relating to flags that are not proclaimed under the Flags Act.

### PURPOSE

To provide guidance on the display of flags and banners that are not proclaimed under the Flags Act and/or in addition to the protocols specified in the "Australian Flags" publication.

### OBJECTIVE

To:

- provide guidelines to the City when considering applications to fly flags or display banners;
- reaffirm the City's commitment to reconciliation; and
- recognise and support our LGBTIQ+ community.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to the display of flags and banners at City buildings, parks, and reserves.

### DEFINITIONS

Nil.

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## POLICY PROVISIONS

### 1. Applications

Applications for the flying or displaying of flags or banners are to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer on their individual merits, as follows:

- 1.1 consideration will be given to the promotion of a Significant Week or in conjunction with promotion of an significant event/occasion, which is considered to be of interest to the general public;
- 1.2 in the event that Chief Executive Officer gives approval, the applicant shall provide the necessary flag or banner at least 48 hours prior to the event (or at a sooner time if required); and
- 1.3 all costs associated with the flying or displaying of banners shall be borne by the applicant.

### 2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags

- 2.1 The City will fly the Aboriginal Flag outside the Administration and Civic Centre (in addition to it being displayed in the Council Chamber and Administration and Civic Centre – Function Room)
- 2.2 The Torres Strait Islander Flag will be flown outside the Administration and Civic Centre with the Australian National Flag, the Western Australian Flag, and the Australian Aboriginal Flag each year to celebrate Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week.
- 2.3 The Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags will be flown at Axford Park in Mount Hawthorn each year to celebrate Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week.

### 3. The Rainbow Flag

The Rainbow Flag will be flown outside the Administration and Civic Centre with the Australian National Flag, the Western Australian Flag, and the Australian Aboriginal Flag each year throughout Pride month.

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