City of Adelaide protocol and guidelines on ‘Welcome to Country’ and ‘Acknowledgement of Country’

Niina Marni
(A Kaurna word for ‘Hello, how are you?’)

Statement of Acknowledgement
City of Adelaide acknowledges that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

Protocol for use
The statement of Acknowledgement of Country is a formal process to be read out at the commencement of gatherings held within the Adelaide region. It can be undertaken by non-Aboriginal people as well as Aboriginal people from another Country. Its purpose is to publicly recognise Kaurna people as the Traditional Owner and Custodians of the Adelaide Plains.