

Citizenship Ceremony Dress Code



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1. Purpose

This code establishes Mount Alexander Shire Council's position in relation to the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code which states that a Dress Code is to be set by individual councils.

2. Scope

This Dress Code applies to all conferees of a citizenship ceremony conducted by the Mount Alexander Shire Council.

3. Policy

Councils must provide a current copy of their Dress Code to the Department of Home Affairs.

The attire worn by the officials conducting citizenship ceremonies and the recipients of citizenship at the ceremony should be in accordance with this Policy and reflect the significance of the occasion.

Officials conducting the ceremony are to wear their official uniform or business attire.

Attendees receiving citizenship at the ceremony should wear smart casual attire or their own national/traditional/cultural dress.

The following attire is not permitted:

- Beach wear
- Bare feet, unless part of national/traditional/cultural attire
- Slippers
- Sleep wear
- Sports apparel
- Fancy Dress costumes

Items of clothing that contain profanity, nudity, racism, remarks, slogans, offensive images and insignia or anything deemed offensive by another are not worn to any citizenship ceremony or that these items are covered for the duration of the event.

Any person not complying with the Dress Code may not be permitted entry to the event, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis, which will be determined by a Senior Officer of Council present at the event.

4. Further Information

For further information concerning this Code please contact Governance Team on 5471 1700 or email governance@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

5. Definitions of Abbreviations Used

A table of terms and their definitions as they relate to the policy

Term	Definition
Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (the Code)	supports the <i>Australian Citizenship Act 2007</i> and sets out the legal and other requirements for conducting citizenship ceremonies as well as the roles and responsibilities for those involved in citizenship ceremonies. The Code provides guidance to organisations to help plan and conduct citizenship ceremonies.
Citizenship ceremony	is the final legal step in the acquisition of Australian citizenship. This means taking the pledge of commitment at an Australian citizenship ceremony. Conferees pledge their loyalty to Australia and its people, that they share Australia's democratic beliefs, respect the rights and liberties of the people of Australia and that they will uphold and obey the laws of Australia.

6. Human Rights Statement

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It is considered that this policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006).