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New resource released – A Cross-Cultural Guide: Working with Aboriginal People

As part of DFES' commitment to building a greater understanding of Aboriginal culture, history and protocols, the Bushfire Centre of Excellence together with the Human Resources and Safety Directorate have released *A Cross-Cultural Guide: Working with Aboriginal People*.

This guide will help DFES staff and emergency services volunteers further their understanding of Aboriginal culture and assist with respectful engagement when working with Aboriginal people and communities.

The guide provides information about:

- The importance of Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country
- Aboriginal culture and history, and the importance of context
- Engaging and communicating with Aboriginal people
- Planning and conducting a meeting in Aboriginal communities.

It has been developed with support from members of the Reconciliation Action Plan working group, together with key stakeholders throughout WA.

A Cross-Cultural Guide: Working with Aboriginal People can be downloaded as a PDF [here](#) or accessed on the [Intranet](#) (under Useful Links) and [Volunteer Hub](#). Hard copies will be sent to DFES regional offices in the coming weeks.

Additional hard copies are available from the Cockburn Emergency Services Complex and the Bushfire Centre of Excellence.

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