

***‘Your Voice in the Valley’***

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Yass Community Radio Assn. Inc.

Policy No 14

**Policy for Indigenous Programming and Issues**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to confirm that Yass Community Radio Assn. Inc acknowledges the unique status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first Australians and to offer a way to demonstrate and respect their cultures and customs.

**Policy**

1. Yass Community Radio Assn. Inc will seek to involve and encourage Indigenous Australians to become presenters.
2. The Association will encourage these presenters to provide a programme or a segment of a programme with specific emphasis on Indigenous music or culture.
3. The Association will seek advice from members of the local indigenous community so that it has knowledge of how to deal sensitively with ove
4. The Association acknowledges that there are many nations within the Aboriginal community of Australia and each has its cultural differences. At best the Association can only endeavour to have awareness of the local culture and customs.

**Procedures**

An elder of the local Aboriginal community has suggested that the Association can best support the local Aboriginal community by following these principles.

Questions for a respected Elder of the Yass Community

* are there significant aboriginal anniversaries, in this area or in the wider aboriginal community which we should acknowledge during the year
* should we open our days programme with an acknowledgement of the original peoples of this land as a community announcement, perhaps once a week or month
* would it be presumptuous of the station to open with a statement encouraging participation of all cultures in the station instead of a recognition of country.

**Authorisation**

This policy was adopted by the Board of Yass community Radio Association Incorporated, at its meeting held on .

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Secretary President

Yass Community Radio Assn. Inc.