

1.2.13 **Flying of Flags on Council Property**

Background and Issues

This policy recognises the cultural significance of the Australian National Flag, Western Australia State Flag, the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag for the community and sets out the protocols for displaying flags.

Objectives

To set out the protocols associated with the raising of the Australian National Flag and other significant flags.

Area of Application

This policy applies to flags flown at Council buildings, within the Council Chamber and on Shire reserves.

The order of flags is relevant to the number of poles available at the site, and does not insinuate a requirement for additional flag poles.

Policy Measures

Flags will be flown in accordance with the Australian National Flag Protocols.

1. *Shire Buildings and within the Council Chamber*

The Australian National Flag is to be flown/displayed at Shire premises in ordinary working hours on ordinary working days.

Where additional flag poles exist, other flags may be flown/displayed in the following order of priority:

- a. Aboriginal Flag and/or Torres Strait Islander Flags;
- b. Western Australia State Flag; and
- c. Shire of Manjimup Flag.

2. *Special dates*

Notwithstanding point 1 above, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags are to be flown/displayed with the Australian National Flag for the duration of NAIDOC Week and National Reconciliation Week each year.

3. *Flags Flown at Half-Mast*

The Shire may fly flags at half-mast on specific occasions to commemorate a solemn occasion, including:

- a. To coincide with national, state or regionally significant events (generally at the behest of the various levels of government protocol arrangements).
- b. When a current or former Elected Member of the Shire of Manjimup passes away.

When the flags are flown at half-mast acknowledgement of the reason will be made via a post on the Shire's website/Facebook page.

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The Administration of this Policy is by Office of CEO