

# SAFE MINISTRY UPDATE



## National Families Week 11 -17 May - Every Family, Everywhere

Celebrated every year in May recognises the vital role families play in our lives and that of our church community. We encourage parishes to celebrate families and their important role in our community. More information available on the website <https://www.nationalfamiliesweek.org.au/>

### Safe Ministry and upcoming Annual Meetings

A reminder that all those who are nominating for election to parish leadership roles at the Annual Meeting are required to fulfil safe ministry requirements (see below).

Once elected, people have until the Parish Leadership Return is submitted to complete the requirements, either as newly elected office bearers or completion of any outstanding requirements:

#### Wardens

- Safe Ministry Form 2
- Volunteer National Police Clearance
- Safe Ministry Training Level 2
- Working with Children Check

#### Councillors

- Safe Ministry Form 5
- Volunteer National Police Clearance
- Safe Ministry Training Level 1

#### Synod Representatives

- Safe Ministry Form 5
- Volunteer National Police Clearance
- Safe Ministry Training Level 1

Contact the Safe Ministry Team to check your current screenings status.

### Parish Council – Safe Ministry Discussion Point – Tips

***What gaps or risks do we see in our current Safe Ministry practices and what steps can we take to strengthen these areas?***

Were you able to consider this question? You may have come up with some questions or areas where you need more information. **The Safe Ministry Information Booklet** provides an overview of all requirements for parishes and is provided to Parish Council with the Parish Screening Reports.

You are able to reach out to Safe Ministry to discuss any gaps or concerns you may have in relation to Safe Ministry in your parish.

# Introduction to the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations

Every organisation has a responsibility to keep children and young people safe. Child safe organisations create cultures where the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is prioritised and actions are taken to identify risks and protect them from harm.

The National Principles for Child Safe Organisations provide a framework to guide organisations in developing child safe cultures and practices.

More information available at [Child safe organisations \(wa.gov.au\)](https://childsafe.org.au)

**Child Safe Organisations National Principles**

## National Principles for Child Safe Organisations

- 1** Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.
- 2** Children and young people are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
- 3** Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.
- 4** Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.
- 5** People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.
- 6** Processes to respond to complaints and concerns are child focused.
- 7** Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.
- 8** Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.
- 9** Implementation of the national child safe principles is regularly reviewed and improved.
- 10** Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people.

For information and resources, go to <https://childsafe.humanrights.gov.au>

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