

Website Declaration Statement

Yarriambiack Shire Council Child Safe Standards

Yarriambiack Shire Council is committed to being a child-safe organisation, with zero tolerance for child abuse.

We all play an important role in protecting children, especially if we have concerns for a child's safety.

We aim to create a culture of child safety that reduces the opportunity for harm and gives staff a clear process to follow when someone raises concerns about child safety or reports abuse.

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

The Council is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and, as such is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe organisation.

We want children to be safe, happy and empowered.

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Yarriambiack Shire Council is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early and removing and reducing these risks.

Yarriambiack Shire Council has robust human resources and recruitment practices to reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing Councillors, staff and volunteers.

Yarriambiack Shire Council is committed to regularly training and educating our Councillors, staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

We have specific policies and procedures in place that support our Councillors, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

Yarriambiack Shire Council is committed to the Child Safe Standards and has adopted the following Policies:

- Child Safe Policy
- Child Safe Code of Conduct incorporated into Employee Code of Conduct
- Child Safe Code of Conduct (Early Years)
- Child Safe Environment Policy (Early Years)
- Police & Working With Children's Check Guideline