

# Safeguarding Newsletter



**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES  
RESPONSIBILITY**

## Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to our safeguarding newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to embed safe, respectful and supportive environments within our Diocese.

Firstly, we would like to inform you all of our revised Safeguarding Framework Handbook. This document is in its final stages to be released.

The revision of the Safeguarding Framework has taken some time to complete as much thought and consideration was involved in this revision. Our goal was to create a document that whilst informative it was also user friendly.

*A Handbook of Policies, Procedures, Guidelines*

The revised Framework, A Handbook of Policies, Procedures, Guidelines and Resources will be distributed to Parishes in the short future.

We are currently focusing on our Diocese first ACSL Safeguarding Audit, which will take place the week of the 21st of July 2025.

Finally, we are continually working towards updating supports and developing more if you see a need or have an idea for a support that may benefit your parish community, please let our Office know.

Together, our efforts support the Diocese Safeguarding commitment. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

*Safeguarding team*

In this newsletter you can expect:

Awareness Days

Resources

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Office Contacts





## Awareness

Increased awareness leads to a better understanding of an issue or cause, making it more likely for individuals to take action.

Awareness campaigns create a sense of urgency and motivate individuals to participate or support a cause they previously had little knowledge of.



## Domestic or Family Violence

Is a day that we remember the people who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

Domestic and family violence happens when one person in a relationship hurts another or makes them feel unsafe and is a repeated pattern of behaviour.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic or family violence you can call 1800 RESPECT or 1800 737 732

**1800RESPECT**  
NATIONAL DOMESTIC FAMILY AND  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE




**12 - 18 May**  
nfw.org.au

## National Families Week

Is an annual celebration in Australia that takes place from **12-18 May**.

It aims to recognise the vital role families play in society and to celebrate the uniqueness of families across the country.

The theme for 2025 is  
**'Leading a hand to thrive: supporting each other'**

**CELEBRATING FAMILY DIVERSITY & CONNECTIONS**  
National Families Week

- 1 Create time to play, and have fun with your family.
- 2 Use technology in a way to connect with each other.
- 3 Appreciate your family, friends and community – everyone matters!
- 4 Regularly check in with each other "how was your day?"
- 5 Do an exercise or relaxation class as a family group, or play a team sport.
- 6 Celebrate your family's achievements, large and small.
- 7 Have confidence in your abilities and celebrate the positive aspects of family life.
- 8 Ask others for support to navigate the challenges.
- 9 Help and support others whenever you can.
- 10 Build connections and learn from others.

Supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information. **FamiliesAustralia**

## International Day of Families

## May 15 2025

## Awareness



### National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week 2025 celebrates the power of volunteering to bring people together with the theme Connecting Communities.

Volunteering creates lasting relationships that enrich lives and strengthen communities.

Let's acknowledge the spirit of connection and the incredible impact volunteers have in our Diocese in building thriving and inclusive communities.



### National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day is an event held in Australia to remember the Stolen Generations and promote reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

National Reconciliation Week  
Colouring page, contact the  
Safeguarding Office if you would  
like a copy

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging  
Now to  
Next

27 MAY -  
3 JUNE

#NRW2025  
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27 May - 3 June



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EVERY YEAR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (NRW) IS BROUGHT TO LIFE THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS. WITH NRW 2025 FAST APPROACHING (27 MAY - 3 JUNE), START GETTING READY TO SHARE, REFLECT AND ACT ON THE THEME BRIDGING NOW TO NEXT.

**GET NRW READY!**

- POSTERS & FLYERS
- DIGITAL ASSETS
- REGISTER & SEARCH EVENTS
- MULTILINGUAL TRANSLATIONS
- CREATE A WORKPLACE CHOIR
- COMMUNITY INSTALLATION ACTIVITY



reconciliation.org.au  
#NRW2025





## June Awareness Days:

27 May to 3rd June; National  
Reconciliation Week  
15th June; - World Elder Abuse Day



1st June; - Global Day of Parents  
20th June; - World Refugee Day

## Updated Bulletin Notices

**Safeguarding Children and Young People?**

We ask that parents are accompanying and **supervising** their own **children** at all times. Your child's safety is our priority please ensure you can always see them whilst on **Parish grounds**.

**Safeguarding Office:**  
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**Safeguarding Office**

The Safeguarding Office is available to;

listen to your concerns respectfully and to offer support, to provide guidance in embedding Safeguarding Standards.

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## Safeguarding Training Schedule

for all employees, church personnel, volunteers, & parishioners

**RSVP - your interest with Christine**

at the Diocese

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Safeguarding Awareness	Integrity in Our Common Mission	Mandatory Reporting & Reportable Conduct
<b>2/05/2025</b> (Fri) Holy Spirit Parish <b>Byron Bay</b> 10:00- 11:00am	<b>2/05/2025</b> (Fri) Holy Spirit Parish <b>Byron Bay</b> 11:00- 11:30am	<b>2/05/2025</b> (Fri) Holy Spirit Parish <b>Byron Bay</b> 11:30- 12:00am
<b>7/05/2025</b> (Wed) St Augustine's Parish <b>Coffs Harbour</b> 10:00- 11:00am	<b>7/05/2025</b> (Wed) St Augustine's Parish <b>Coffs Harbour</b> 11:00 - 11:30am	<b>7/05/2025</b> (Wed) St Augustine's Parish <b>Coffs Harbour</b> 11:30 - 12:00pm
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Thank you for reading!



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