

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 for June!
We appreciate the positive feedback from last month's revised newsletter. Again, we share with you the latest developments in our mission to embed safe, respectful and supportive environments within our Diocese.

Safeguarding training has been actively participated in around the Diocese by a number of parishioners coming together on these days. We thank each and every one of you for your attendance as we continue to work together to support our parish communities. Training will begin again for parishes in August once the Safeguarding Audit has been completed, in the meantime we have shared with you external training opportunities.

Annual Clergy Safeguarding Training will begin in June and carry through until August.

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

Working with Children Week will be celebrated on the 23rd to 29th of June. Resources can be found at: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check/working-children-week/about-working-children-week-2025>

***REMINDER** - to forward on your parish visiting clergy registers after the 30th of June 2025 to the safeguarding office.

The Safeguarding Framework has been distributed please ask your parish office. 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



Acknowledgment of Country

The Diocese of Lismore acknowledges that it resides on the lands of the Bundjalung, Yaegl, Gumbaynggir, Dunghutti and Birpai Nations.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked and cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who maintain these spiritual connections and traditions with land, sea and sky.

We respectfully acknowledge their Elders past, present and future leaders. We celebrate their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors. The Land we are on now, the land we live, work, breather, eat and sleep, always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.

Awareness

27 May - 3 June

National Reconciliation Week



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 | RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

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

RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA

What is the meaning of Global Day of Parents?

Global Day of Parents is a United Nations observance that is celebrated on June 1 each year to honour parents and their commitment to children worldwide

Honouring parents and recognizing the vital role they play in nurturing and raising children.

This day emphasizes the importance of parental guidance, support, and love in the healthy development and well-being of children. It also serves as an opportunity to celebrate the commitment and sacrifices that parents make for their families.

1st June



Awareness

15th June

World **Elder Abuse** Awareness Day is celebrated each year, globally, providing an opportunity for communities to stand together against the abuse, mistreatment and neglect of older people.

“Respect is not a matter of age on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day or any other day of the year. Join us on 15 June and stand up for the rights of older people.”



WORLD
ELDER ABUSE
AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 15

What we're seeing in NSW*

14,025



calls to the the NSW Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline comprising 4,258 reports

75%

of reports related to older people, mainly older women



51%



of reports involved allegations against adult children, with relatives featuring in 60% of reports about abuse of older people

The most common reported type of alleged abuse of older people was psychological and financial abuse.



*Ageing and Disability Commission data 2022-2023

— JUNE 15 IS WORLD —
ELDER ABUSE
— AWARENESS DAY —



JUNE 15
WORLD ELDER ABUSE
AWARENESS DAY #WEAAD
elderabuseawarenessday.org.au | seniorsrights.org.au



Together, we can **stop** elder abuse.



Scan the QR code to
view the video



Recognising Elder Abuse

There are many signs you can look out for to help you recognise different types of elder abuse.

- » Signs to look out for
- » Common risk factors
- » Factors affecting the older person
- » Social and cultural factors
- » Factors affecting the perpetrator
- » Recognising Elder Abuse webinar

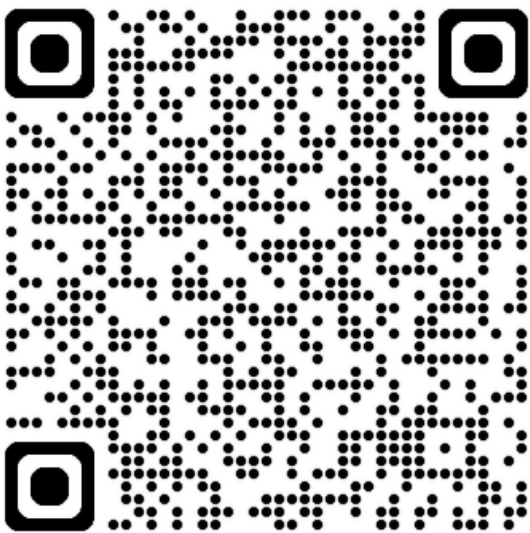
Working with Children Week 2025

Awareness

23 - 29th June

We know that there is more to working with children than just seeing if our workers and volunteers have a WWCC.

Keeping children safe means we prioritise being up to date with the skills and knowledge required to keep children safe



Office of the
Children's Guardian



Working with Children Week

Partners in keeping children safe.

#WWCW2025

23 - 29 June 2025



Let's work together to improve our child-safe knowledge:

- ☐ Connect with the Office of the Children's Guardian for free training and resources.
- ☐ Include training obligations in your organisation's policies, handovers and inductions.
- ☐ Seek out more advanced, specialised training for staff working in high-risk situations.

July Awareness Days:

do
something
kind

It's Kind July!

STAY
KIND
lismore.org

Be
Kind.

Kind July: It feels good to do good. Share and inspire #kindjuly kindness is contagious! Find out more on how you can get involved on the staykind.org website

6th July (1st Sunday): National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

NAIDOC WEEK: 6-13 July 2025

This year's National NAIDOC Week marks **50 years** of the week-long celebrations, and the theme, **The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy**, celebrates achievements of the past and the bright future ahead.



Safeguarding Training Schedule

Annual Clergy Training is approaching
a training schedule and attendance locations
will be advised shortly
Parish training opportunities will recommence
in August 2025.

for all employees, church personnel,
volunteers, & parishioners

RSVP - your interest with
Christine

at the Diocese

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External training opportunities



FREE WEBINAR - **Elder Advocacy**, presented by Briony Underwood (Older Persons Advocacy Network Victoria)
When: Wednesday 18 June, 11.30am - 12.30pm AEST

Integrity in Our Common Mission - Overview and Discussion presented by Very Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG
When: Thursday 26 June, 2.00pm - 3.30pm AEST



REGISTER: scan the QR code or visit www.acsltd.org.au/services/support-materials/training-calendar/



Thank you for reading!



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