

Safeguarding Newsletter



DIOCESE OF LISMORE



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

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

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited, (ACSL) has released their upcoming training opportunities. At the recent presentation **'Safeguarding Directions'**.

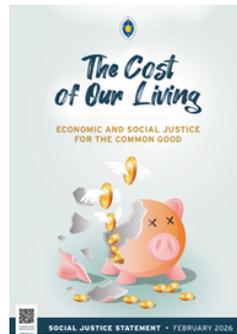
Dr Ursula Stephens CEO of ACSL gave a summary of the Safeguarding Direction that has occurred over the past 10 years, whilst stating; 'Safeguarding is no longer just about child sexual abuse it's about care and protection of vulnerable people in society'.

To watch the recorded session scan here



ACBC Social Justice Statement **'The Cost Of Our Living'** was released on the 9th of February.

Scan the QR Code to view the Statement



The Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Council will meet for their first 2026 meeting in February.

Safeguarding team.



Office of the Children's Guardian

In this newsletter you can expect:

Sector News

Support Services & Awareness

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Sector Latest News



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POPE LEO XIV URGES BISHOPS TO LISTEN TO SURVIVORS, CALLING ABUSE CRISIS A DEEP WOUND IN THE CHURCH



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About EAAA

Elder Abuse Action Australia (EAAA) is the national peak body working to end the abuse and mistreatment of older Australians. EAAA leads education, advocacy and collaboration initiatives that promote safety, respect and inclusion for older people.

Through partnerships with governments, community organisations and industry, EAAA drives systemic change to ensure that every older Australian can live free from abuse and discrimination.

SaferSeniors is part of EAAA's commitment to building an informed, skilled workforce that can recognise the signs of abuse, respond with empathy and professionalism, and help prevent harm before it occurs.



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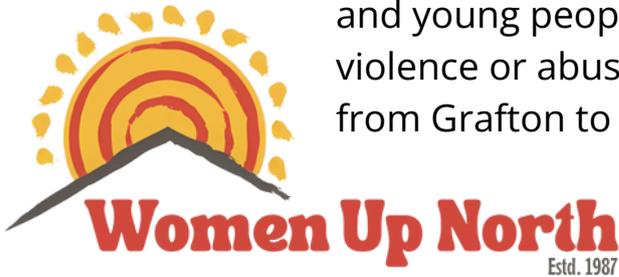
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a fresh start ... leaving violence behind

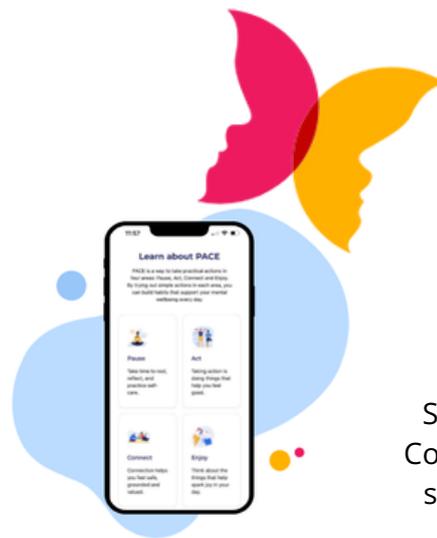
Women Up North is a Northern NSW service for women, children and young people who have experienced domestic or family violence or abuse. We are based in the Northern Rivers, working from Grafton to Tweed Heads.



Introducing PACE: Daily wellbeing

Whether you're dealing with stress, caring for someone else, or just want to maintain your mental wellbeing, our app offers practical, easy-to-use tools for doing better, day to day.

Join thousands of Australians who are taking steps towards better mental health with the PACE: Daily wellbeing app.



Beyond Blue

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Our free PACE: Daily wellbeing app can help you find balance



1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374)



Scan the QR Code to take the QUIZ



Am I safe and respected? quiz

This quiz will help you understand your personal situation by asking for your response to seven statements.

Answer "Agree" or "Disagree" depending on your circumstances and find out how you are going at the end.

Answers are anonymous

[Take the quiz >](#)

Awareness

17th to 23rd March -
Harmony Week



HARMONY WEEK

CELEBRATES HOW ALL
OF OUR DIFFERENCES
MAKE AUSTRALIA A
GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

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Child friendly -
Learn about Harmony Week -
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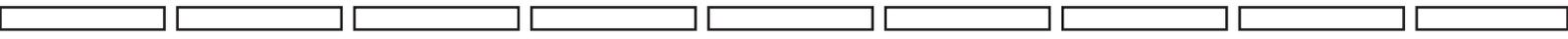
21st March - Harmony Day

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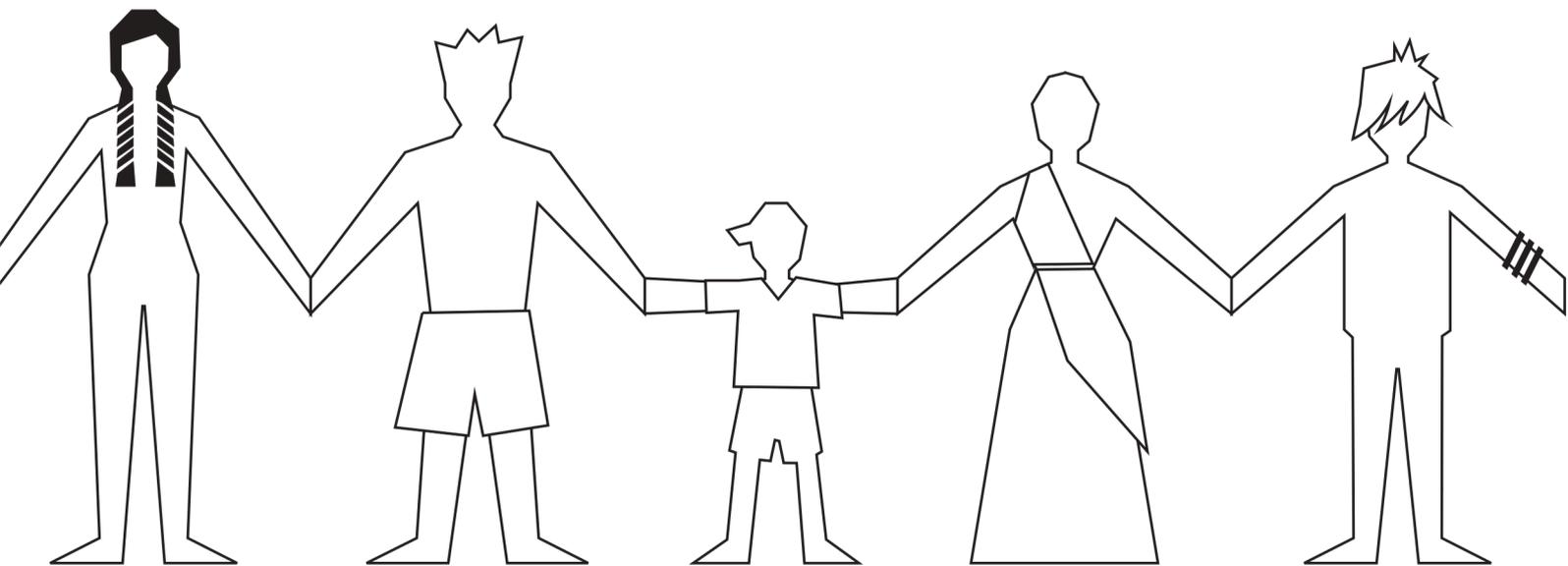
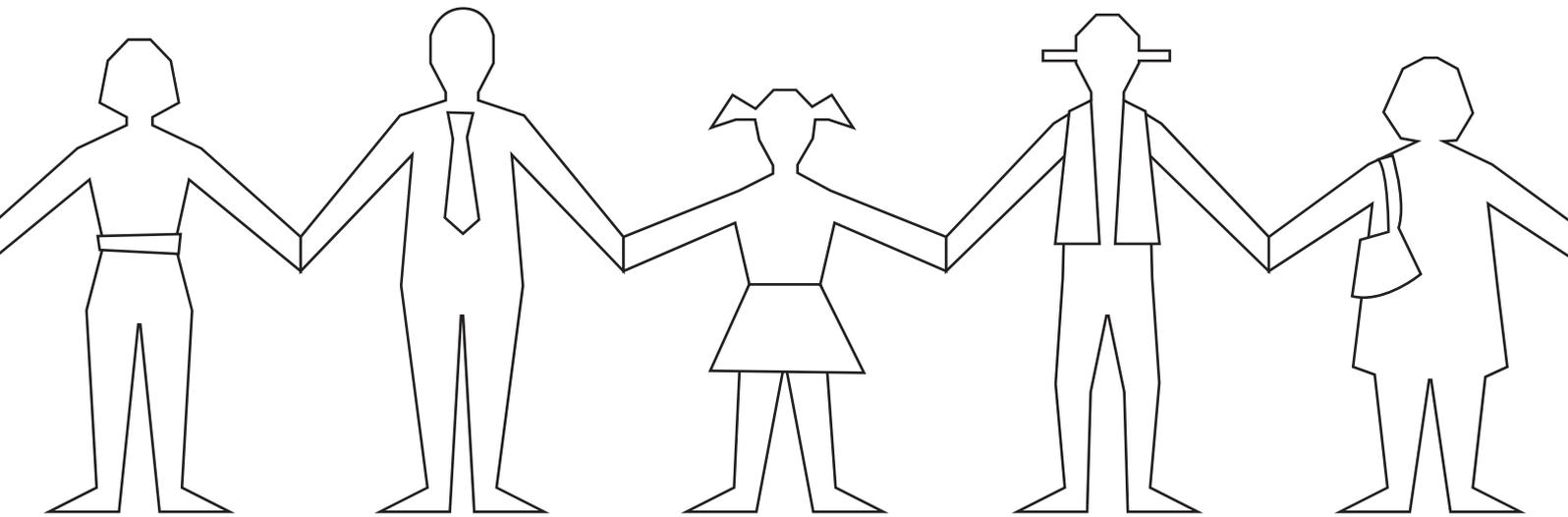


HARMONY WEEK

Colouring in sheet



HARMONY WEEK



Professional Learning Opportunities



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Protect the wellbeing of older people

SaferSeniors provides free online training to prevent the mistreatment of older people in our communities.

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Diocesan Safeguarding Training

Contact the Safeguarding Office to schedule your training sessions for 2026.

Are your employees, church personnel, volunteers, & or parishioners in need of safeguarding training or refresher training (3 yearly)

Safeguarding Awareness

Mandatory Reporting & Reportable Conduct

Integrity in Our Common Mission



Thank you for reading!

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