

## **CHILD SAFE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL PEOPLE USING COUNCIL MANAGED FACILITIES**

This Child Safe Code of Conduct outlines expected standards of behaviour by adults towards children and young people (people under the age of 18).

The Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for abuse or harm to occur.

This Code of Conduct applies to all people hiring and using Council managed facilities.

I understand that by completing the Application to Hire I am accepting my responsibility as organiser of an event for the safety and wellbeing of children who will be attending the event.

### **Child Safe Code of Conduct**

I accept that we are all responsible for promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people by:

- Taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- Treating everyone with respect, including listening to and valuing ideas and opinions
- Welcoming all children and their families and carers
- Being inclusive
- Respecting cultural, religious and political differences and acting in a culturally sensitive way, particularly when interacting with children who are Aboriginal or otherwise culturally or linguistically diverse and those with a disability
- Modelling appropriate adult behaviour
- Listening to children and responding to children and young people appropriately

I accept that we **MUST NOT**:

- Seek to use children in any way to meet the needs of adults
- Ignore or disregard any concerns, suspicions or disclosures of child abuse
- Use prejudice, oppressive behaviour or language with children
- Engage in rough physical games
- Discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability or sexuality
- Initiate unnecessary physical contact with children or do things of a personal nature that children can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes
- Develop 'special' relationships with specific children or show favouritism through the provision of gifts or inappropriate attention
- Exchange personal contact details such as phone number, social networking site or email addresses with children
- Have unauthorised contact with children and young people online or by phone.

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