

Child and Youth Safety and Wellbeing

At Council we care about children and young people's safety and wellbeing and are working towards compliance with the [Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023](#).

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Statement of Commitment

- We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people while enabling participation as valued community members of the community.
- We have zero tolerance to child abuse and harm. Our people are obliged to prioritise the safety of the children they interact with in the performance of their role and to report conduct of concern.
- We recognise the importance of child safety in the provision of quality community services. All children who attend services, programs, events and community spaces (including online environments) that are delivered, owned, contracted or managed by Council, have the right to feel safe, be safe, and be heard.
- We recognise our legal and moral responsibilities in keeping children and young people safe and have robust policies procedures in place to meet this commitment that are aligned with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.
- We want children to thrive, be safe, happy, and empowered, and are dedicated to ensuring their views are listened to and respected, and they are given the opportunities to contribute to how we plan and deliver our services that affect them.
- We are committed to being a Child Safe Organisation.

Support Services

If you are worried about yourself or someone you know, contact the support services provided on the [Office of the Independent Regulator website](#).

If a child or youth is at immediate risk:

- Call 000; or
- Contact [Strong Families, Safe Kids](#) Advice and Referral Line on 1800 000 123

More Information

- Kentish and Latrobe Councils Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
- The [Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework Information Sheet](#)
- The [Child and Youth Safe Standards Information Sheet](#)
- [The Reportable Conduct Scheme Information Sheet](#)
- [The Independent Regulator Information Sheet](#)
- [The Aboriginal Cultural Safety Short Guide](#)