# **STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY**

Our organisation, [*Insert group name*], is committed to child safety.

We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child’s safety, which we follow rigorously.

Our organisation is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

Our organisation is committed to educating our staff, volunteers and members on child abuse risks.

We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for gender diverse children and children with a disability.

Every person involved in [*Insert group name*] has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

**If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.**

**Agreement**

*I confirm that:-*

* *Our project involving incidental contact with children and young people under the age of 18 will be compliant with legislation and regulations relating to child safety including but not limited to the Child Wellbeing Safety Act (2005). In addition I agree to work in compliance with Macedon Ranges Shire Council’s requirements and /or Victorian Child Safe Standards.*
* *All staff, committee/board members who have incidental contact with children have a Working With Children Check (WWCC) in place.  In addition, volunteers identified as requiring a WWCC, will have one in place prior to the commencement of the funded project. Routine systems are also in place to monitor WWCC’s including that your organisation details are registered on individuals’ WWCC.*
* *All staff, committee/board members and volunteers who have incidental contact with children via the funded project understand the Child Safe Standards and their requirements and there are processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.*

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| Contact Person: |  |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |