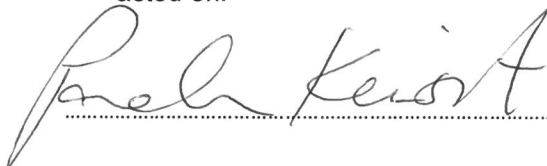




## Upper Lachlan Shire Council's Commitment to Child Safety

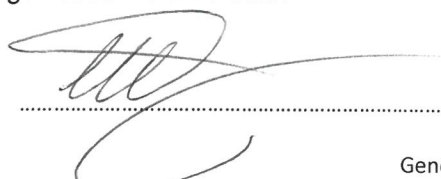
Council are committed to helping the community provide safe environments for children and young people, where their rights, needs and interests are met.

- ♦ We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.
- ♦ We understand the importance of creating and maintaining child safe environments, where children and young people feel included, valued and their voices heard.
- ♦ We regard the rights of children and young people and are dedicated to ensuring their safety and wellbeing is everybody's business.
- ♦ We will foster a culture of child safety and wellbeing in the organisation
- ♦ We will consider the best interests of children and their protection from harm is paramount.
- ♦ Harm and abuse of children and young people is not tolerated and must not happen.
- ♦ Concerns about child safety raised are acted on.

  
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Mayor

We demonstrate our commitment by implementing the Child Safe Standards:

1. Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture
2. Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
3. Families and communities are informed and involved
4. Equity is upheld, and diverse needs are taken into account
5. People working with children are suitable and supported
6. Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child focused
7. Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training
8. Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur
9. Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved
10. Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe.

  
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General Manager

