



**The Protection and
Welfare of Children,
Young People and
Vulnerable Adults on
Church Premises and in
Church Groups**

Burra Baptist Church



Policy on the Protection of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

1. We¹ recognise that, while our work with vulnerable people of all ages is the responsibility of the whole church, we must appoint a Responsible Person who is designated to receive, advise on, and respond to concerns relating to the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults.
2. As a Church, we commit ourselves to providing a safe and happy environment in which:
 - a. children and young people who attend our Church or its groups can grow and develop as individuals; and
 - b. vulnerable adults are appropriately protected from harm.
3. We believe that it is of the utmost importance that those who lead and help in the work with children, young people and vulnerable adults should be persons of the highest integrity in the conduct of their own lives, and whose Christian example can provide a worthy role-model for those in their care.
4. We recognise that people of all ages may be actual or potential victims of neglect and abuse, whether physical, sexual or emotional. In relation to this, we have adopted policies and procedures that we believe to be relevant to the circumstances of our Church, as we work in our local community.
5. We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children, young people or vulnerable adults in our Church, and to ensure that each person appointed undertakes to observe both our Policy on the Protection

¹ Throughout this document, “we” and “our” refers to the members of Burra Baptist Church, gathered as the Church Members’ Meeting, this being the body that makes all decisions regarding the life and work of the Church as laid down in the Constitution of the Church.

of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults, and its associated guidelines on good practice.

6. We are committed to supporting and adequately resourcing those who work with our children, young people and vulnerable adults, providing such training and supervision as we believe to be necessary and appropriate in individual circumstances.
7. All procedures relating to the outworking of this Policy will be detailed in Guidelines on Good Practice in the Protection of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults.