

Safeguarding Newsletter





SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES
RESPONSIBILITY

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

The Diocese recognises and celebrates the important work already underway to keep children and young people safe within our Ministeries.

This year's National Child Protection Week theme, 'Every conversation matters: Shifting Conversation to Action,' reminds us that it is from conversations, that we can move towards making meaningful actions.



There is a Child Safety Activity book that has been developed for 2025.

The Safeguarding Office encourages the distribution of the NAPCAN 2025 Child Activity book within your parish and ministry.

NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

Please contact our office if you require copies to be mailed.



Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Safeguarding team.

In this newsletter you can expect:

Awareness Days

Resources

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Office Contacts



7 - 13 SEPTEMBER

National Child Protection Week Awareness

14th September

Scan the QR Code for resources from Catholic Australia



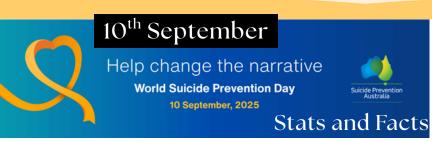
Safeguarding Sunday

At the conclusion of National Child Protection Week, Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH







3249 Australians died by suicide in 2022.



Over 7 million

Australian adults are close to someone who has died by suicide or attempted suicide.



1 in 2 young people are impacted by suicide by the time they turn 25.



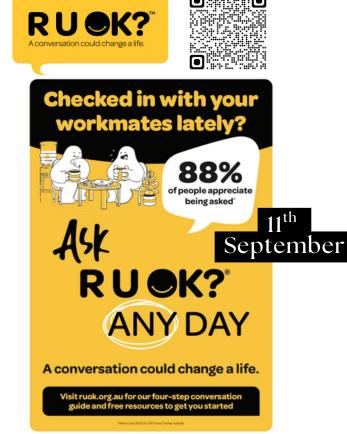
leading cause of death overall.



Males are around 3 times more likely to die by suicide than females.



Indigenous Australians die by suicide at a rate twice higher than the non-Indigenous.







Dementia Action Week

15-21 SEPTEMBER 2025

Nobody can do it alone

Pan Initiative of Dementia Australia®

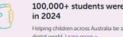


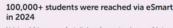
September



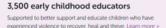
The impact of your support

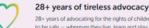






digital world. Learn more >





28+ years of advocating for the rights of children and yo to be safe — wherever they live, learn and play. Learn mo





Friday 12 September

Bravehevrts Day **During National Child Protection Week**

BE BRAVE AND HELP FIGHT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE!



ABOUT BRAVEHEARTS DAY

Bravehearts Day is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for the prevention of child sexual abuse in Australia. Established in 1997, the day was previously known as Bravehearts White Balloon Day, which is credited for breaking the silence around child sexual abuse and creating a cultural shift in how Australians understand and respond to child sexual abuse and survivors of this crime.

Bravehearts Day 2025 is on Friday 12 September, during National Child Protection Week. Be Brave and help prevent child sexual abuse!



Awareness

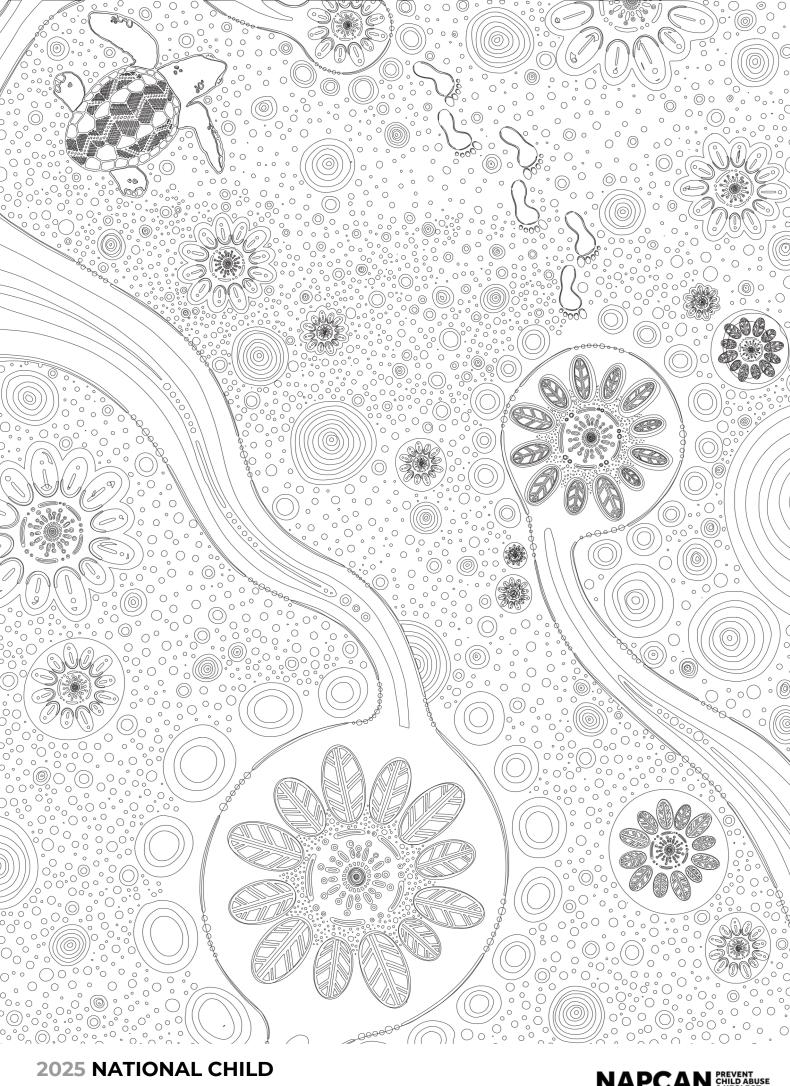
October Awareness Days:

1st October: International Day of Older Persons

2nd October: International Day of Non -Violence

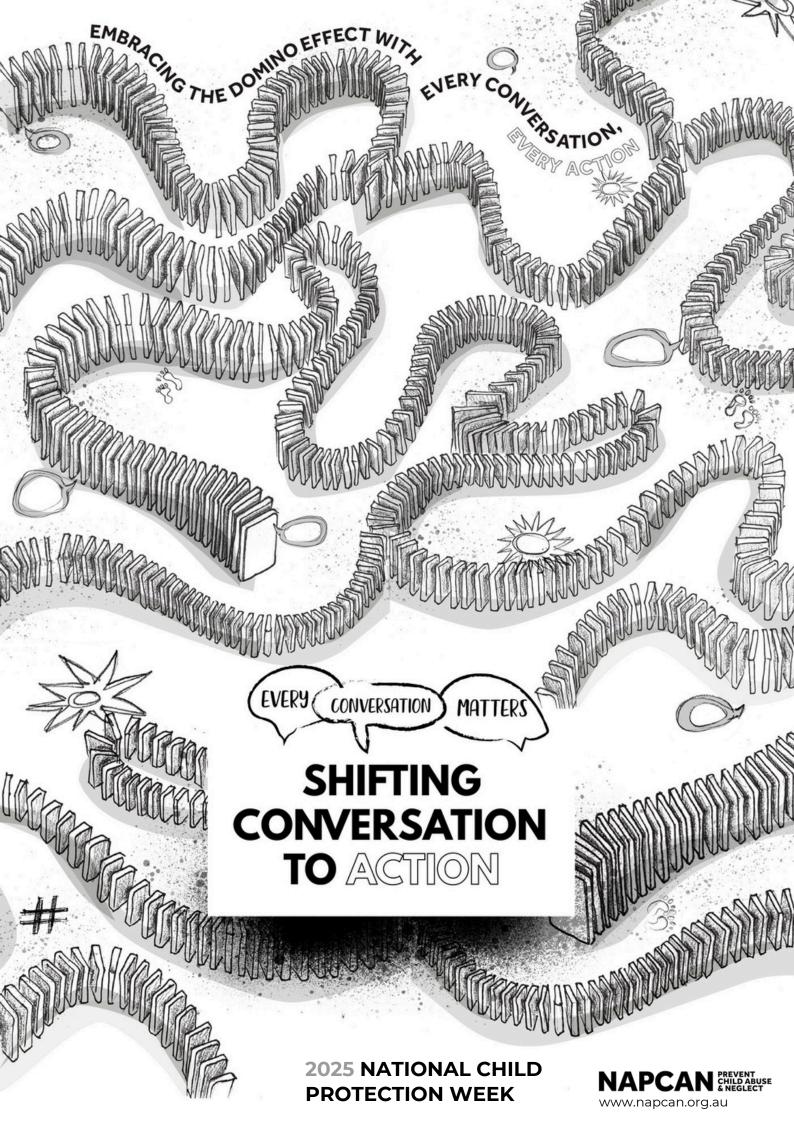
10th October: World Mental Health Day

18th - 26th October: Children's Week



PROTECTION WEEK

www.napcan.org.au



Safeguarding Training Schedule

External training opportunities



Visit the website to view the training opportunities currently on offer for a low fee cost to NSW residents.





Visit the website to view the training opportunities from ACSL

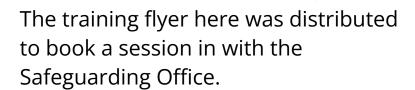


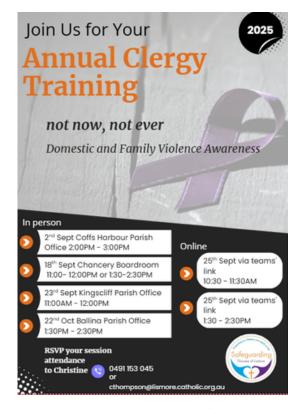
Annual Clergy Training

Clergy training begins this month, with this year's topic training

not now, not ever

Domestic and Family Violence Awareness







Thank you for reading!



SAFEGUARDING OFFICE	02 6621 9444
W: www.lismorediocese.org E: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au	10 Orion Street Lismore NSW 2480