

JULY 2026

Safeguarding Newsletter



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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES
RESPONSIBILITY**

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

Welcome to the Safegaurding Newsletter for July.

This month we highlight the annual International Safeguarding Conference which was held in Rome, Italy recently see page 2.

A number of upcoming awareness days including, ***Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!***

The 2026 theme for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Sunday held on July 5, page 5 of this month newsletter provides links to access recsources.



The report and recommendations that the Diocese received from the 2025 Safeguarding Audit will be published in the coming weeks.



A safe Church for everyone

A reminder to all of the Diocese parishes to please submit their visting clergy registers to the Safeguarding Office for the months of January 2026 - June 2026.

Safeguarding team.



We are committed to the
NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS



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Sector – Latest News

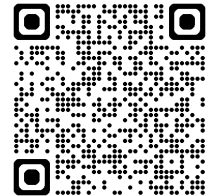


'One Commitment, Many Contexts: Safeguarding Across Cultures'

16 - 19 June 2026
Rome, Italy

The 2026 International Safeguarding Conference was held at the Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome Italy on the 19-19 June. The conference is a global gathering of professionals, advocates, and experts united by a shared commitment to protecting children and vulnerable adults from abuse.

Scan the QR Code to
read the full story



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Foundational eLearning proves popular

Foundational eLearning Module - How to be Child Safe

Since launching on 20 May, close to 600 people have completed our new foundational eLearning course on how to be child safe.

This one-module course is designed for anyone who works with or around children including paid staff, volunteers, leaders, and board members. It is our first step in a revised eLearning program during 2026.

[Log in or register for eLearning](#)

New webinar: Child Safe Standards in ACT and NSW



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The Office of the Children's Guardian is partnering with the ACT Human Rights Commission to deliver a webinar on the Child Safe Standards. This webinar will provide an overview of child safe schemes in ACT and NSW, and support organisations to implement the Child Safe Standards across jurisdictions.

The webinar will be held Monday 27 July from 1pm.

[Register for the webinar](#)



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We are upgrading your learning experience

In early July, all learner data and course records will be migrated to the new platform. The learning platform will be unavailable between 5pm 3 July for a week or so, until the new one is ready to go. When it's ready, the only action required from you is to set your own password - that's it.

As we get closer to launch, we'll email you directly with your new log in and share more details about what to expect.

One thing to do before we move

Please download any personal receipts or certificates you'd like to keep for your records before the migration.

Thank you for your patience during this move. More information can be found through this [link](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to learning@acsltd.org.au.

[Download your Receipts →](#)

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Support Services & Awareness

5 July 2026



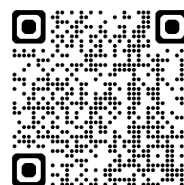
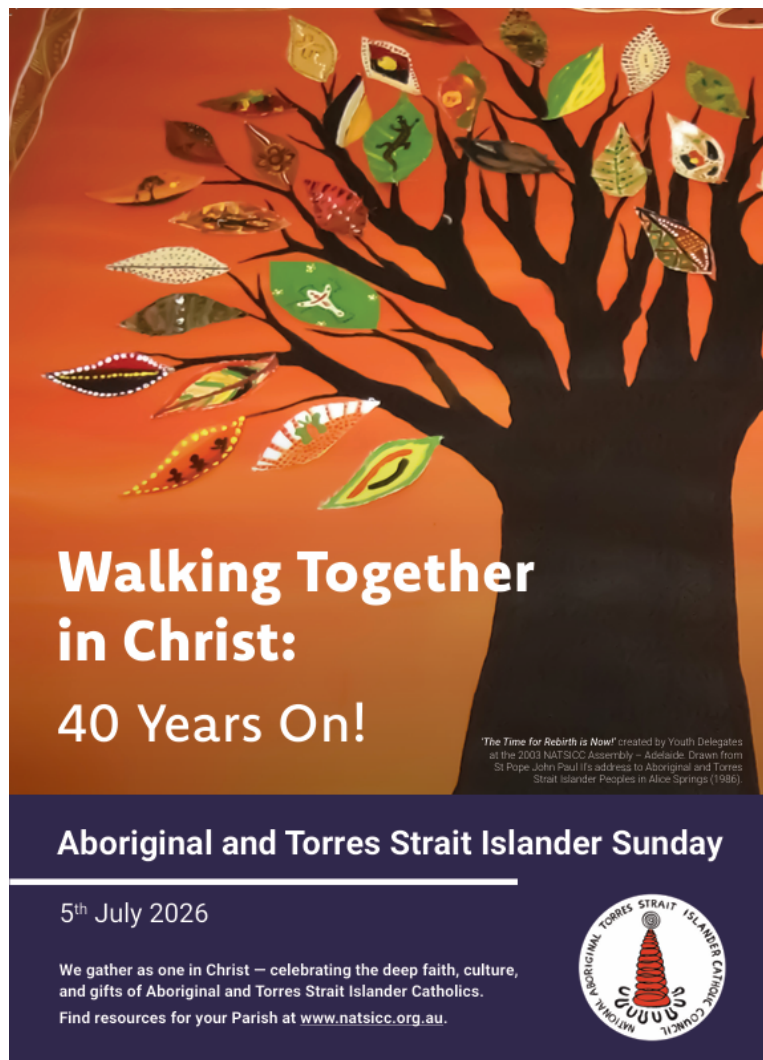
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

The 24 page, full colour booklet for 2026 has been designed to help Schools, Parishes and organisations celebrate the gifts of First Australian Catholics.

The kit includes:

- **Liturgy Suggestions** - Prayers of Intercession, Hymns. Homily notes by Bishop Michael Morrissey
- **Walking Together** - Ways in which Parishes that do not have First Nations people present can celebrate the day
- **Acknowledgment of Country and Welcome to Country Guide**
- **Youth Activities**
- **Parish and Catholic groups Discernment Activities**

Booklet download - Web Version | Print Ready



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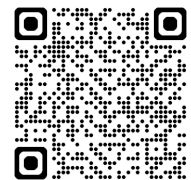
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NAIDOC Week

5-12 July 2026



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Children's Day 2026 | 4 August | SNAICC

4 August 2026

The 2026 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day theme is Living Our Truth, honouring the power of truth-telling, the sharing of knowledge across generations and the importance of telling our stories.

For 2026, Living Our Truth celebrates the voices, stories and knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities. It recognises the importance of truth-telling as a foundation for identity, belonging and cultural strength, and honours the role of Elders and community in passing knowledge to the next generation.

This year, we celebrate children as the next generation of leaders; confident, proud and ready to carry forward the strong voices, stories and knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities.



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6-12 September

NAPCAN

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT



Share how you are taking action

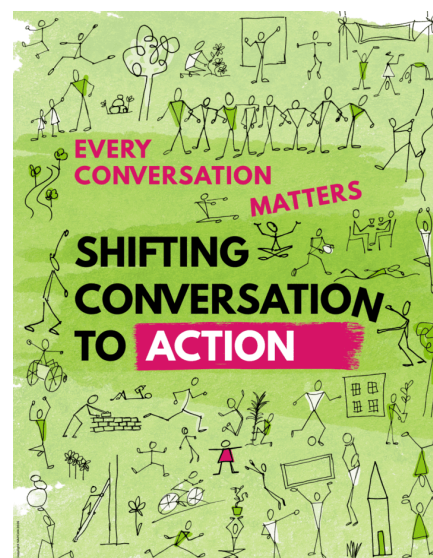


This NCPW, we're calling individuals, organisations, and communities across the country to step up and take action to prevent child abuse and neglect. We recognise and celebrate the important work already underway to keep young people safe – and now we want to hear from you!

Whether your efforts are big or small, at home or in your organisation, your actions matter.

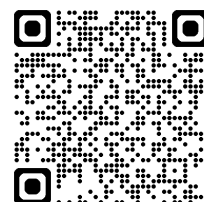


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Connecting to National Catholic Safeguarding - **Standard Three**
Partnering with families carers and communities

Families, carers and communities are informed and involved in promoting the safeguarding of children and adults

Professional Learning Opportunities



OPAN | Older Persons
Advocacy Network

Ballina workshop

Ballina workshop series

Ballina Byron Islander Resort

To register scan the
QR Codes below

Workshop 1 (in person):

Wednesday 9 September 2026

9.30am – 4.00pm

Workshop 2 (in person):

Thursday 10 September 2026

9.30am – 4.00pm



Who's missing? PLANNING FOR DIVERSITY



Free training to support you in
meeting your reporting requirements
under the new Aged Care Act.

Do you know the 13
diversity groups?

Meet your reporting requirements under the new Aged Care Act. Free training for Australian aged care providers to better plan, deliver and report on what you have implemented to support a diverse and inclusive environment for older people and your aged care workers.

Training is tailored for Quality Managers and the person responsible for quality improvement, compliance or service planning. Spots are limited and will fill fast



Diocesan Safeguarding Training

**Contact the Safeguarding Office to schedule your
training sessions for 2026.**

Are your employees, church personnel, volunteers, & or parishioners in need of
safeguarding training or refresher training (3 yearly)

**Safeguarding
Awareness**

**Mandatory Reporting
& Reportable Conduct**

**Integrity in Our
Common Mission**

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Thank you for reading!