

WORKING WITH YOUTH CHECKLIST FOR WILDCARE GROUPS

The Wildcare Board is currently working to develop policies for working with youth which will be consistent with those developed by NRET. At this stage, based on the Child Safe Principles and what Wildcare will need to do to implement them, we encourage groups to follow the guidelines outlined in this list.

Note, this does not constitute legal advice.

During Wildcare events and working bees, please ensure that:

- there is a supervisor (and preferably other adults) with a working with vulnerable persons registration:
- no adult (unless it is the child's parent/guardian) is alone with a child;
- children are kept in groups;
- the children know who to go to if they are uncomfortable, upset or something is wrong;
- adults involved in the activity are easily identifiable for the children i.e. have coloured vest on:
- if there is any identified risk or a child discloses anything of concern that the supervisor be notified immediately and that supervisor records what happened and then contacts police (if there has been any threat, incident or suspicion of such) and informs Wildcare;
- adults are briefed about safety and rules relating to children;
- children are briefed about their rights and what to do if concerned.

Please visit the <u>Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework</u> for resources and further information.

Please also check the guidelines given by the relevant land manager.