



Altona Miniature Railway			
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## Child Safe Statement of Commitment

### Our commitment to child safety

Altona Miniature Railway is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children. Child safety is an integral focus when implementing policies, procedures and strategies, as it is our aim to ensure children are safe, happy and empowered within our club and railway. Furthermore, we provide children with the same support, encouragement and respect that are placed on our members and volunteers.

Altona Miniature Railway strives to create a safe environment, with zero tolerance for child abuse. All allegations and safety concerns are treated seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. Particular attention is paid to the safety of Aboriginal children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Each person associated with Altona Miniature Railway has a responsibility to ensure child safety and wellbeing is at the forefront of all work procedures. It is important each person understands his or her individual and collective role towards these commitments.

Altona Miniature Railway has specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, members and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse, please call 000.

### Altona Miniature Railway will:

- Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety
- Value and empower children
- Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
- Respect diverse cultures and child rearing practices whilst ensuring child safety
- Provide guidance to all members and volunteers regarding the appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children
- Ensure all members and volunteers are suitable to work with children and provide high quality supervision
- Ensure children feel safe and can openly discuss their feelings in a comfortable and encouraging environment
- Report all suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to appropriate authorities
- Disclose information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk