

WHAT WE CURRENTLY DO IN ROTARY TO ENSURE CHILD PROTECTION.

All Rotarians and other volunteers who were working with children and young people were required to sign a Prohibited Persons Declaration form. (Kept as club records till the new process comes in.)

An interim form is available on the District web site for new Rotarians joining clubs before 2015 - Kept in Club records



WORKING WITH YOUTH - DEFINITION

Any child or young person under the age of 18 years, school, TAFE and University Students.

Children and young people have a right to feel safe and be safe

Rotarians have an obligation to comply with the legislation which protects children and young people.



All Rotarians have a responsibility to create the safest environment for young people at ALL Rotary activities.

This applies to all Rotarians, Rotarian spouses/partners, family members and volunteers.



We have a legal responsibility to follow through on ANY report that young people make whilst under the care of Rotary or engaged in a Rotary activity.

What do we do if an allegation is made?



If approached with an allegation by a young person

- **Listen and provide support. Make no judgement.**
- **Immediately report it to the Club President who has a responsibility to refer it to the District Child Protection officer and the District Governor.**
- **Many Rotarians will additionally be mandatory notifiers e.g. *teachers, doctors, child care workers* and must also report the allegation to DoCS**



Currently Presidents are responsible for the club maintaining a list of Rotarians who have/have not completed the PPD

Currently no person who has not signed a PPD is allowed to work unsupervised with children and young people.



NEW CHILD PROTECTION PROCESSES

NSW Legislation was changed.

Broadly in line with other states

Phased in over a number of years.

Rotary is included in the process for 2015



NEW CHILD PROTECTION PROCESSES

STEP 1: Fill in an online application form

- Go to **www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au** and fill in the online application form. If you do not have access to the internet, please call (02) 9286 7219 for assistance.
- Please make sure the details you provide are **EXACTLY THE SAME** as the details on your identity documents..



Ensure you select the correct category: paid or volunteer worker. The \$80 fee for paid workers is not refundable. **Select VOLUNTEER**

A Check for paid workers will cover both paid and volunteer work in NSW for five years.

- Once you have submitted the form, you will receive an application number that looks like this: **APP1234567.**



THEN

Present proof of your identity

- Go to a NSW motor registry or NSW Council Agency that offers RMS services.
- **You will need your application number and proof of your identity** (same as for a NSW driver's licence). You must have both of these items for your application to proceed.



- **If cleared you will be issued with an WWC number within 4 weeks. (usually much quicker) You will receive your outcome and Working With Children Check number by email (or post if you do not have an email address).**
- **Your number will be: WWC number and end in a V for volunteer.**



- This WWC number alone does not clear you to be a volunteer with Rotary.
- Rotary/Club/District will have to go online to verify your clearance. To do this, you need your WWC number, surname and DOB. *(This process will need to be determined within Rotary as there are currently only processes in place for exchange students' families and carers.)*



Presidents of Clubs will need to lead their club through this process.

Records will need to be maintained on the currency of members and volunteers approval to work with children and young people. Expiry dates should be highlighted to advise Rotarians and volunteers when approval is to expire.

They need to be renewed every 5 years.



Presidents are responsible for the Rotary Club maintaining a list of Rotarians who have/have not submitted a WWC number to be verified.

No Rotarian/person who does not have a certified WWC number is allowed to work unsupervised with children and young people.



YOUTH EXCHANGE

All host parents, siblings over 18 and relatives in the host family home **MUST** have a Working with Children check. i.e. WWC number verified by the Rotary Child Protection Officer.

The Host Club, (Club Counsellor) must ensure all approvals are recorded.



QUESTIONS

