

A Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy Statement for Adoption by an Inner Wheel Club

The I.W. Club of has adopted this statement of policy for its work with children, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability.

- It is the duty of every member to safeguard, to the best of her ability, the welfare of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their I.W. activities.
- The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and persons with disability take priority.

The I.W. Club will endeavour to ensure safety by:

- Appointing a Club Protection Officer to provide appropriate advice for Club members, helpers and volunteers, on the policy and procedures of child and vulnerable adult protection.
- Encourage a climate through which protection issues are regarded as an essential part of I.W. activities and events.
- Adopting protection guidelines and a code of conduct for all members, helpers and volunteers associated with the Club.
- Planning all events and activities so that protection issues are properly addressed.
- Sharing information on protection and good practice with children, parents and carers, members, helpers and volunteers associated with the Club.
- Following the agreed guidelines on how to deal with the disclosure or discovery of abuse, and sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know.
- Following carefully the procedures for the recruitment and selection of members, helpers and volunteers to assist with projects and activities; carry out Criminal Records Bureau checks if required.
- Monitoring and reviewing the policy and procedures on a regular basis.

Signed:President Date.....

Name of the Club Protection Officer:-

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This Policy Statement should be adopted at the Club A.G.M. and noted in the minutes.