

Tablelands Folk Festival Association Inc.

Child Protection Policy

The TFFA, by putting on a “Children’s Festival” as a key element of the YFF mix of activities, accepts that there is an element of risk in having unknown persons providing activities involving groups of children. Similar risk is also present in any situation where unknown persons come into contact with children in general daily activity.

As an Association of volunteers, no responsibility is accepted for aberrant behaviour with respect to mistreatment of children. The prime provider of child protection / supervision at the YFF is the legal parent / guardian.

However, the TFFA as an organization committed to safety and protection of children, undertakes as a policy, the following measures to minimize risk involving unacceptable behaviour towards children by persons who are volunteers or contractors to the Children’s Festival:

- (1) The Children’s Festival Organizer must have a “Blue Card” or be a practising registered teacher.
- (2) At no time can an activity occur where there is only a 1 : 1 adult – child ratio away from the sight and sound of others.
- (3) A prominent sign will be displayed, and in the festival program booklet, stating that: “Parents / Guardians are responsible at all times for the supervision and wellbeing of their children”.
- (4) The Children’s Festival Organizer must complete a Risk Management Assessment of all persons volunteering to run activities, based on details from their application (which should include qualifications, references and signed undertaking that he / she has not been the subject of any legal charge, investigation or conviction involving misconduct with a child.). Any person assessed by the Organizer above the ‘Low’ risk category will not be engaged by the YFF.
- (5) All contractors involved in running activities at the Children’s Festival must have:
 - a “Blue Card” or
 - Verified current references regarding appropriate provision of children’s activities.