



Child Safeguarding Initiative

AUSTRALIAN SAILING WA BUILDING SAFEGUARDING CAPABILITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND EDUCATION

CONTEXT

Australian Sailing (WA) partnered with SportWest (True Sport), Sport Integrity Australia, and the WA Government to deliver a statewide safeguarding webinar as part of the Shaping the Future series.

The initiative aimed to support sailing clubs across Western Australia to build safer, more inclusive, and sustainable sporting environments, with a strong focus on child safeguarding.



KEY CHALLENGES

1. Distributed Club Network

Volunteer-led clubs across WA with varying safeguarding maturity and limited training access.

2. Limited Practical Understanding

Difficulty applying safeguarding principles, identifying risks, and navigating reporting.

3. Competing Priorities

Safeguarding often seen as secondary to participation, competition, and capacity demands.



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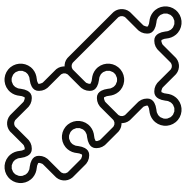


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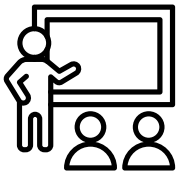
Multi-Agency Collaboration

Delivered with SportWest, Sport Integrity Australia, and the WA Government, ensuring aligned expertise.



Integrated Education Model

Covered True Sport (culture, wellbeing) and child safeguarding (risks, responsibilities).



Practical Approach

Focused on simple, real-world strategies and everyday club application.



Accessible Delivery

Online format enabled strong participation across metro and regional WA.

OUTCOMES



Increased Awareness

Clubs gained clearer understanding of child safety and their responsibilities.



Improved Confidence

Greater confidence in recognising risks and responding appropriately.



Stronger Collaboration

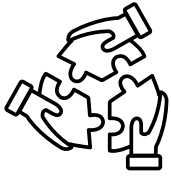
Enhanced cross-sector partnerships and consistent messaging.



National Alignment

Reinforced the National Integrity Framework and Child Safe Principles.

KEY LEARNINGS



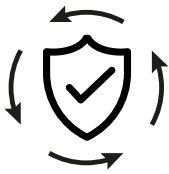
Partnership Drives Impact

Collaboration improves consistency, credibility, and reach.



Keep Education Practical

Simple, actionable content improves engagement and uptake.



Integrate Safeguarding

Linking it to culture, wellbeing, and behaviour embeds long-term change.



Accessibility Matters

Online delivery supports regional inclusion and scalable learning.



KEY INSIGHT

This case study demonstrates a preventative, education-led safeguarding approach, where SSAs—supported by Sport Integrity Australia and True Sport—build capability across clubs through accessible, collaborative learning rather than top-down compliance.

