

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POLICY

Our Preschool is managed and governed by a Parent Management Committee (PMC). The Parent Management Committee oversees all aspects of the operation of the Preschool. The Parent Management Committee is the legal entity and takes on the role of employer and all responsibilities of the Approved Provider under the Education and Care Services National Law 2010, Education and Care Services National Regulations 2010, and other relevant legislation as required.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

QUALITY AREA 7: GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP		
7.1	Governance	Governance supports the operation of a quality service.
7.1.1	Service philosophy and purposes	A statement of philosophy guides all aspects of the service's operations.
7.1.2	Management Systems	Systems are in place to manage risk and enable the effective management and operation of a quality service.
7.1.3	Roles and Responsibilities	Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and understood and support effective decision making and operation of the service.
7.2	Leadership	Effective leadership builds and promotes a positive organisational culture and professional learning community.
7.2.1	Continuous improvement	There is an effective self-assessment and quality improvement process in place.
7.2.2	Educational leadership	The educational leader is supported and leads the development and implementation of the educational program and assessment and planning cycle.

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL REGULATIONS	
Part 2.1	Provider approvals
55	Quality Improvement Plans
168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures
170	Policies and procedures to be followed
171	Policies and procedures to be kept available
172	Notification of change to policies or procedures

RELATED POLICIES

Child Safe Environment Policy	Privacy and Confidentiality Policy
Code of Conduct Policy	Probation, Induction and Orientation Policy
Dealing with Complaints Policy (Family)	Record Keeping and Retention Policy
Dealing with Complaints Policy (Staff)	Recruitment Policy
Dealing with Complaints Policy (General)	Social Media Policy
Family Communication Policy	Staffing Arrangements Policy
Governance Policy	Work Health & Safety Policy
	Writing and Reviewing and Maintaining Policies

PURPOSE

We are committed to providing a strong Parent Management Committee team who are aware of their roles and responsibilities to the Preschool, children, families, educators, and community. The Parent Management Committee will adhere to Education and Care Services National Law and National Regulations, the National Quality Standard, Family Assistance Law and other relevant legislation as required by an employer. The Management Committee will maintain their professionalism at all times, performing in an ethical manner, which is reflective of the Preschool's philosophy.

SCOPE

This policy applies to educators, Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor, staff, families and visitors of the Preschool.

IMPLEMENTATION

This *Management Committee Policy* is to be used in conjunction with the *Governance Policy*.

The Management Committee is elected each year at our Annual General Meeting (AGM). All family members of children who attend the service are invited to join the Management Committee. Within the Management Committee is an executive team, the executive team may include Persons with management or control of the service (PMC) as defined by ACECQA. Persons with management or control may *participate in executive or financial decision-making or have authority or responsibility for, or significant influence over, the planning, direction or control of the activities or the delivery of the education and care service* (ACECQA 2023). All members of the committee, including general

members and executive team members have equal decision-making powers and contribute to all decisions. The members of the committee may include: Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, Public Officer), and 3 General Committee member.

The Management Committee has an overall responsibility for the sustainability and relevance of the Preschool. The Committee provides effective governance to support the operation of our quality education and care Service and actively supports families to meaningfully engage with the Preschool philosophy, policies and procedures and provide feedback to ensure continual improvement.

Our Preschool operates under the Preschool Constitution which guides the governance and functioning of the organisation and management committee. The Constitution guides governance rules while providing direction and purpose of the organisation's decision-making processes. The Management Committee will ensure the Preschool Constitution is reviewed every 3 years. The Preschool Constitution states the Management Committee must operate with the following minimum positions filled; President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer Executive team committee members will be elected as per the Constitution and positions renewed every 12 months at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee sets the strategic direction of the Preschool and is responsible for the overall operation and governance as the Approved Provider of the Preschool. The Management Committee is to oversee preschool operations to ensure all requirements of the Education and Care National Law and Regulations are met at all times.

Essentially, the Management Committee has five vital functions and Committee members contribute to one or more of these functions, depending on their interests, experience and skills:

- **Finance:** day to day finances, administration issues, employee duties, general organisation; annual budget, financial statements; legal requirements; insurance policies; reporting requirements to Government bodies.
- **Communication:** Publicity and public relations, keeping the Preschool's community informed of Committee decisions, new policies, events, etc.
- **Future planning:** Being actively involved in the Preschool's Quality Improvement Plan (QIP), Strategic Plan and the Professional Development Plan for Preschool staff
- **Policy development:** Formulating, review, updating and approval of the Preschool's policies, procedures, and philosophy as required, in conjunction with the Nominated Supervisor, staff, and families

- **Recruitment:** Ensure a suitably qualified and experience Nominated Supervisor is appointed to oversee day to day operations of the preschool.

SUB-COMMITTEE

At times the Management Committee may organise separate sub-committees to assist with the operation and governance of the preschool. Sub-committees may be set up long term or for a short-term period to assist the committee to focus on a particular responsibility or task. Examples of sub-committees include staffing committee, WH&S committee, fundraising committee, and policy committee. The Management Committee may delegate decision making powers to the sub-committee group or they may be required to report back to the Management Committee. Prior to a sub-committee being formed a Terms of Reference will be defined including roles, responsibilities and decision-making authorities.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All new executive Management Committee Members will complete a Declaration of fitness and propriety form (PA02), which is submitted to the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) to provide evidence they are deemed a fit and proper person as per the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 Section 12.

All Committee Members are to hold a valid Working with Children/ Vulnerable Person Check which has been verified.

New Committee Members will undertake an induction to their role, including completion of the New Committee Member Induction Checklist (see: Appendix 1). New Committee Members who are appointed as an executive Management Committee Member are encouraged to undertake formal training for the role (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer). New Committee members will be provided a copy of the Preschool Constitution, and Quality Improvement Plan upon appointment.

New Committee Members who take on an executive role within the committee will be required to complete the background checks as identified below (See Authorised Personnel). The regulatory authority will be notified within 14 days of any changes to the executive committee or Persons with management or control.

See Appendix 2 regarding roles and responsibilities of executive management committee positions

AUTHORISED PERSONNEL

The Management Committee will ensure all executive members who identify as Persons with Management and Control of the Provider (as per National Quality Framework and undertake fit and proper check as per National Regulations. A declaration of fitness and propriety form must be submitted for all executive committee members and executive committee members must ensure they remain fit and proper while engaged with the management committee, including holding a Working With Children Check/Clearance.

Fit and Proper checks for Persons with Management and Control:

- Australian National Police Criminal History Check (performed within the last 6 months)
- Working With Children Check
- National Personal Insolvency Index check
- Current and Historical personal name extract search (performed within the last 6 months)
- ASIC Search, evidence the person does not appear on the Banned and Disqualified register (performed within the last 3 months)

NOTIFICATIONS OF CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT

The Management Committee will ensure any changes, including the appointment or removal of committee members, to the Management Committee or Persons with management or control, are reported to the regulatory authority within 14 days. New Committee Members are required to complete a Declaration of fitness and propriety form (PA02) which is submitted to the regulatory authority as evidence of fit and proper persons.

If a Person with management or control or executive committee member is no longer deemed fit and proper the service will notify the regulatory authority within 7 days.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Our Preschool has an ethical and legal responsibility to protect the privacy and confidentiality of children. All Management Committee Members are required to read, understand and follow the *Privacy and Confidentiality Policy and Procedure* for the Preschool. Previous minutes or documentation of items or issues discussed at Management Committee meetings may be confidential in nature. Previous minutes may be requested; however, items may be removed if confidential in nature.

DECISION MAKING

The Preschool Constitution set out the requirements regarding how decisions are made, the constitution will advise the structure and positions that must be held within the Management Committee. The Constitution will provide guidance on the number of members required to be present for each meeting to go ahead, a quorum is required to determine the number of voting members who are to be present when business decisions are made during the meeting. Committee Members are required to disclose any conflicts of interest, whether actual, potential or perceived when voting on business decisions.

COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT

The Management Committee members will follow the preschools *Dealing with Complaints Policy and Procedure*. The Management Committee will ensure staff, families, visitors or community members are encouraged to follow the *Dealing with Complaints Policy and Procedure* in the event they are notified of a complaint or grievance. Any complaint that alleges a breach of the *National Law and National Regulations*, National Quality Standard or alleges that the health, safety or wellbeing of a child at the Preschool may have been compromised, must be reported by the Approved Provider or Nominated Supervisor to the Regulatory Authority within 24 hours of the complaint being made.

RECRUITMENT

The Management Committee is responsible for the recruitment of the Preschool Director who will be responsible for the management of the Preschool. The Management Committee will ensure a suitably qualified and experienced Nominated Supervisor/ Director oversees the day to day management of the preschool. The Management Committee will delegate responsibilities to the Nominated Supervisor/ Director as per the *Job Description* for the position. The Management Committee will be responsible for ensuring the Nominated Supervisor/ Director meets the responsibilities for the role and position. *Performance Management* will be initiated by the Management Committee as required following any concerns regarding performance of the Nominated Supervisor/Director. The Management Committee is responsible for implementation of the Probation and Induction procedure for new Directors as per the *Probation, Induction and Orientation Policy*.

The Management Committee may organise a sub-committee (Staffing Sub-Committee) to support the Director in the role of recruitment of all staff and employees. The Management Committee may

delegate authority of recruitment to the Staffing Sub-Committee to authorise appointment of staff and employees.

Our Service is committed to be a child safe Education and Care Service and aims to implement the [Child Safe Standards](#) as recommended by the National Office for Child Safety.

IN RELATION TO THE Preschool:

- committee members must ensure they take their role and responsibilities seriously
- all members must adhere to the Preschool's *Code of Conduct* and *Privacy and Confidentiality Policy*
- all members of the Management Committee must have a valid Working with Children Check/Vulnerable Person check or Criminal History check (where relevant)
- each new Committee member will receive an induction as per the *New Committee Member Induction Checklist* (see: *Appendix 1*)
- Preschool management will email details of Committee meeting schedules to all families who request this information
- the Management Committee will be involved in conjunction with families and Educators in the development, approval and review process for all policies and procedures
- the Management Committee will reflect upon and provide feedback on the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) documenting continuous improvement
- the Management Committee will ensure all ideas and concerns are recognised and addressed in a professional and timely manner
- the Preschool management will encourage family participation in the Management Committee to represent the family body of the Preschool
- written information regarding the preschool's management structure will be available to families at all times
- the Management Committee will ensure a suitably qualified and experienced Nominated Supervisor/ Director oversees the day to day management of the preschool
- whilst the Nominated Supervisor is responsible for the day to day management of the Preschool, it is to be in accordance with the decisions of the Management Committee providing they comply with all regulations and standards
- members of the Management Committee will formally declare any conflicts of interest, whether actual, potential or perceived
- the executive members of the Management Committee are elected by those families who attend the Preschool. Families may join the committee at any time throughout the year.

- meetings are held twice a term on a Monday (DTA) from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- meetings will be recorded, including agendas and minutes and decisions made during the meeting
- the Management Committee will be made aware of the Preschool's *Dealing with Complaints Policy and Procedure*.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT/REFLECTION

Our *Management Committee Policy* will be reviewed on an annual basis in consultation with children, families, staff, educators and management.

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REVIEW

POLICY REVIEWED BY	[NAME]	[POSITION]	[DATE]
POLICY REVIEWED	JUNE 2023	NEXT REVIEW DATE	DECEMBER 2023
MODIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy reviewed to include clearer definitions of Persons with Management or control 		

POLICY REVIEWED	PREVIOUS MODIFICATIONS	NEXT REVIEW DATE
DECEMBER 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> policy maintenance - no major changes to policy links to DESE edited to Department of Education hyperlinks checked and repaired as required minor formatting edits within text continuous improvement/reflection section added link to Western Australian Education and Care Services National Regulations added in 'Sources' 	DECEMBER 2023
JANUARY 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of content to include legal obligations required of Management Committee New content added: New Committee Members, Authorised Personnel, Notifications of changes to management, Confidentiality, Decision Making, Compliant Management, Recruitment Sources check for currency Appendix 2 added: Management Committee Roles 	DECEMBER 2022

Appendix 1:

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER INDUCTION CHECKLIST

INFORMATION

The following information has been explained to new committee member/s

- the history of the Service
- the role of committee and its authority within the Service
- the structure of the committee (e.g., positions held)
- committee members' roles and duties
- new member's role and duties
- the legal structure of the committee
- legal obligations and liabilities of the committee
- financial status and spending plans
- current and upcoming projects
- current issues (if applicable)
- current sub-committees operating
- Child Safe Standards/ Reportable Conduct Scheme

The new member has:

- been introduced to senior management
- been introduced to other committee members
- been introduced to key Preschool staff (e.g., Nominated Supervisor/Director)
- had a tour of the Preschool (if unfamiliar)
- signed and returned a confidentiality agreement
- signed and returned the Code of Conduct
- provided valid WWCC documentation

The new member has received:

- rules or constitution of the committee
- documented committee policies and procedures
- a document stating the terms and conditions of appointment
- a document stating the roles, duties, and responsibilities of the position

- a list of current committee members and their contact details
- a schedule of upcoming meetings (date, time, and venue)
- minutes of previous meetings
- last annual report

In relation to the service, the new member has received or has access to:

- the Preschool philosophy
- policies and procedures
- Belonging, Being and Becoming: EYLF*
- QIP

MEMBER NAME			
MENTOR NAME			
INDUCTION PROCESS CARRIED OUT BY		SIGNATURE	
<p>I _____, confirm that I have undertaken the new committee member induction for Ballina River Street Children's Centre Inc , and understood the information provided to me.</p> <p>I have received all documentation as per the Induction Checklist.</p> <p>I understand it is my duty to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act in good faith and for proper purpose • Act with care, skill, and diligence • Not dishonestly use position or information for personal use, and • Avoid conflicts of interest. 			
Member's signature		Date	

Declaration adapted from information provided by Justice Connect, 2017

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Appendix 2:

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER
The Management Committee oversees all aspects of the operation of the preschool. The Management Committee is the legal entity and takes on the role of the employer and all responsibilities of the Approved Provider under the Education and Care Services National Law 2010, Education and Care Services National Regulations 2010 and other relevant legislation as required.
PRESIDENT
The President acts as the leader and spokesperson of the Management Committee and ensures they meetings are conducted in an orderly and efficient manner. The President will chair and run the meeting to the prepared agenda. The role of the President is to ensure meetings keep to the planned agenda and keeps the discussion during the meeting on track while ensuring the meeting provides clarity and purpose. The President will present any reports submitted to the meeting. The President will have experience and knowledge of the service and is aware of and understands the National Law and National Regulations, Family Assistance Law and the National Quality Standards. The President will assist to ensure tasks are delegated to members of the committee.
VICE PRESIDENT
The role of the Vice-President is to act as the President in periods of absence of the President.
SECRETARY
The role of the Secretary is to formally record the Management Committee meetings through documentation of the agenda and meeting minutes. The minutes are a true and accurate record of committee meetings detailing attendees and decisions made. The Secretary will ensure all members of the Management Committee receive notice of the meeting through the agenda as well as records of the previous meeting through meeting minutes. The Secretary will ensure items and issues discussed and decisions made at the Management Committee meetings are recorded in the meeting minutes and distributed to members of the committee. The Secretary is to record any correspondence or reports that has been presented to the Management Committee.
TREASURER
The role of the Treasurer is to ensure all financial transactions regarding the preschool are recorded according to legislation and reported through a profit and loss statement to the Management Committee each month at the committee meetings. Our Preschool operates with a paid Administration Officer who reports directly to the Treasurer. The Administration Officer and Treasurer are responsible for presenting an end of financial year statement at the Annual General Meeting, this statement is required to be submitted to NSW Fair Trading

PUBLIC OFFICER

The Public Officer has the responsibility to notify the NSW Fair Trading of any changes in the Preschool address. This notification must be made within 28 days of the change. The Public Officer is required to keep documents as outlines in the service constitution. The Public Officer may take on a legal representative role in certain situations.