

Erowal Bay Holiday Co-operative Limited – Bream Beach Holiday/Caravan Park

Child Safety, Supervision and Parental Responsibility Policy

1. Purpose

This policy affirms the park's commitment to providing a child-safe, inclusive, and respectful environment in accordance with the NSW Child Safe Standards.

It clearly outlines the primary responsibility of parents and guardians for the safety, supervision, wellbeing, and behaviour of children while on park premises, while supporting a family-friendly environment where children are able to play and move freely.

2. Commitment to Child Safety

The Park supports a safe, respectful, and family-friendly environment for all children. All children are to be treated with respect. Unsafe, inappropriate, or harmful behaviour is not acceptable.

Adults are to supervise their children and always control their behaviour while on park premises.

Parents and guardians retain full responsibility for:

- The safety and wellbeing of their children
- The behaviour and actions of their children
- Ensuring their children do not place themselves, others, or the environment at risk

The Park does not provide supervision or child-minding. Responsibility does not transfer to the Co-operative, management or staff.

The park is a shared, open environment. Children may move about and play throughout the park.

Parents and guardians are expected to:

- Actively supervise based on their child's age, maturity, and environment
- Remain aware of their child's whereabouts
- Intervene where behaviour may impact safety, others, or park property

Shared Safety Responsibility

Where a child is at immediate risk of harm, any adult may step in to reduce that risk.

This action:

- Must be reasonable and respectful
- Is limited to immediate safety only
- Does not transfer responsibility away from the parent or guardian

Parents and guardians must ensure children use park areas safely, including:

- Roads and vehicle areas
- Bushland and waterfront areas
- Amenities and shared facilities

Children must not:

- Engage in unsafe behaviour
- Damage property

- Disturb others or wildlife

Management/Caretakers may take reasonable steps to manage safety risks, including limiting access to areas where required.

Behaviour and Safety Concerns

Where concerns arise:

- Parents/guardians will be contacted in the first instance
- Management may take reasonable steps to reduce risk
- Ongoing or serious concerns may be escalated in line with Co-operative and/or Bream Beach Caravan Park rules

3. Definitions

- Child: Any person under 18 years of age.
- Parent / Guardian (Responsible Adult): A person over 18 years of age who is the child's parent, legal guardian, or a person authorised by the parent or guardian to provide supervision.
- Park Premises: All communal, recreational, and shared areas within the park's lease. (This does not include any adjoining bushland areas or foreshore.)
- The Park: The Erowal Bay Holiday Cooperative Limited including Bream Beach Caravan Park & Bream Beach Holiday Park.

4. Parental and Guardian Responsibility (Primary Responsibility Statement)

Parents and guardians retain primary and ongoing responsibility for the safety, supervision, behaviour, and wellbeing of their children at all times while on park premises.

This responsibility applies:

- Across all areas of the park, including shared and recreational spaces
- Regardless of the presence of other adults, park management, members, or staff
- At all times of day/night

The park does not provide child-minding or supervision services. Responsibility for children does not transfer to the park, its management, members, staff, or other guests.

Decisions regarding a child's independence, movement, and play within the park are made at the discretion of the parent or guardian and do not alter the park's role or responsibilities.

The park is a shared, open environment and is not a controlled or supervised setting for children.

5. Supervision and Parental Discretion

The park supports a family-friendly environment where children may move about, play, and ride bicycles throughout the park. (No electric personal mobility device authorised within the Park)

Parents and guardians are responsible for determining the appropriate level of supervision for their children based on:

- The child's age, maturity, and abilities
- The environment and time of day
- The nature of the activity being undertaken

Parents and guardians are expected to remain attentive and responsive and to intervene when necessary to ensure their child's safety and the safety of others.

6. Shared Responsibility for Immediate Safety

Child safety is a shared responsibility of the community.

If a child is at immediate risk of harm to themselves, others, or wildlife, any nearby adult may intervene solely to remove the immediate risk. Such intervention should be calm, respectful, and proportionate and does not constitute supervision or transfer responsibility away from the parent or guardian.

Where practicable, the child's parent or guardian should be notified promptly.

7. Use of Shared Facilities and Amenities

Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring children:

- Use all park facilities and amenities safely and as intended
- Follow any posted safety signage or directions
- Are supported to understand safe behaviour in shared spaces

Certain areas of the park present higher safety risks, including:

- Roads and vehicle areas
- Amenities blocks
- Waste and service areas
- Halls and leisure facilities
- Natural and bushland areas

Parents and guardians are expected to exercise appropriate judgement regarding access to and use of these areas.

Where unsafe use of facilities occurs, reasonable steps may be taken by park management/caretaker to reduce risk, including temporarily restricting access to specific areas.

8. Specific Safety Expectations

Playgrounds, Halls, and Leisure Areas

- Children are expected to use facilities in a safe and respectful manner.
- Damage to facilities or unsafe behaviour may be referred to the child's parent or guardian.
- Access to facilities may be limited where safety concerns arise.

Bicycles, Scooters, and Similar Devices

- Helmets must be worn at all times.
- Riding is not permitted:
 - After streetlights are turned on
 - On the synthetic grass court area or within the enclosed playground area
 - Inside halls, amenities, or leisure areas
 - In areas where people are congregating

Where riding behaviour presents a safety risk, children may be asked to stop riding and return to their cabin, campsite, or to their parent or guardian.

Wildlife and Natural Environment

- Native animals must not be approached, harassed, or harmed.
- Children should be appropriately supervised when interacting with or near wildlife.
- Serious incidents may be reported to relevant authorities.

Waste and Service Areas

- Children must not play in or around waste, skip bins, or service areas due to safety risks.

9. Behavioural and Safety Concerns

- Concerns regarding a child's safety or behaviour will, wherever practicable, be raised with the parent or guardian.
- Park management may take reasonable steps to protect safety and wellbeing, including restricting access to certain areas or facilities.
- Ongoing or serious concerns may be escalated in accordance with park governance and reporting processes.

10. Children's Voice and Wellbeing

Children are encouraged to:

- Speak with a trusted adult if they feel unsafe or concerned
- Seek support from a parent, guardian, park management, or caretaker

Children's views should be listened to and taken seriously in matters affecting their safety and wellbeing.

11. Review and Governance

This policy is reviewed periodically to ensure alignment with:

- NSW Child Safe Standards
- Relevant legislation and guidance
- The evolving needs of the park community

This policy intentionally supports children's freedom to play and move throughout the park while clearly confirming that responsibility for supervision and safety rests with parents and guardians.

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