

**Working with Children Checks**

Dear Parents

Amendments to the *Working with Children Check Act 2005* (the Act) will come into effect on **1 August 2017**. This will mean that anyone who has either supervised or non supervised direct contact with children will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (a WWC).

**Summary of Changes**

* Direct contact – now includes not only face-to-face contact but, oral, written or electronic communication with a child.
* Removal of supervision from the Act – so even if a person’s contact with children as a part of their child related work is supervised by another person, they will still need to apply for a WWC.

**How does this impact you?**

So if you are over 18 years of age and volunteer in any of the following roles with the Ararat Basketball Association (ABA) you with need a WWC:

* Coach
* Assistant Coach
* Team Manager
* Scorer
* Referee
* Driver
* Food/Fee Payment table

**How to apply**

There is **no charge** for a WWC if you tick volunteer on the application form. Applications can be completed online at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and then lodged at Australia Post where a photo to accompany your application will be taken at **no cost** to you. Once your WWC has been approved notification will automatically be sent to the ABA.

**Already have a WWC?**

If you already have a WWC check, please go to [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and update your details to include volunteering with the ABA. Once your WWC has been updated notification will automatically be sent to the ABA.

**So if you don’t already have a WWC and the above applies to you, please arrange to apply for a WWC prior to 1 August 2017. If you have any further queries in relation to your obligations with regard to obtaining a WWC please go to** [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/resources/faqs/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/resources/faqs/).