



Thank you for your interest in a ministry team position at Narara Valley Baptist Church (NVBC). Without the participation of volunteers and paid staff NVBC would be unable to provide ministries to both the church family and wider community.

NVBC is a church which affirms the right of people to be respected, valued and to be in a safe environment. NVBC and the community at large, is aware of the tragic reality of various forms of abuse and the major consequences of this for the victims. With this reality in mind, NVBC intends to do all that is possible to provide a safe and secure environment for all who participate in church based activities, and to this end we require all who wish to assist in ministry to complete an application package.

We appreciate you taking the time to do this. This acts as a safeguard for both those we minister to and for you. ***Please note it is not possible to participate in the care of children/young people, or ministry team membership/church leadership at NVBC without having fully completed the relevant forms.***

Included in the Ministry Application Package are:

- Narara Valley Baptist Church Ministry Application Form;
- Volunteer/Student Declaration (for volunteers) OR
- Application Declaration and Consent (for those applying for paid employment);
- Leadership Covenant - 2 copies, one to be returned, signed and dated (for those applying for ministry leadership positions)

All relevant forms must be completed and the Abuse Awareness Handout reviewed **prior** to working with children or adolescents in any ministry, or as a ministry team member/church leader at Narara Valley Baptist Church. The Volunteer/Student Declaration or Application Declaration and Consent is required under current child protection legislation administered by the Commission for Children and Young People.

If you choose not to complete the relevant forms, no inferences will be drawn, but under the current legislation and NVBC Safe Church Policy, we regret that you will not be able to be involved in a ministry team position within this church.

The Volunteer or Paid Safe Church Administrator will check with the referees and will verify the information provided on the Ministry Application form. Should any problem arise during the review process, you will have an opportunity to meet with the designated Child Protection Officer or Pastoral Team member to discuss the situation.

To ensure that we're increasingly behaving in safe ways, it is essential that EVERYONE (16 years and over) who is involved as a Ministry Team Leader or Growth Group Leader and/or if you minister to 0-18 year olds, commit to attend a Creating Safe Spaces Workshop at the next available Workshop (preferably within the first six (6) months of commencing in ministry). This course sees you accredited for three years.

(Refer to <http://www.ncca.org.au/departments/safe-church/scta/scta-workshop-calendar> for the nearest available Workshop).

**Please complete and return to the Safe Church Administrator, Narara Valley Baptist Church, PO Box 9080, Wyoming, NSW 2250.** The information on these forms is used for child protection, ministry team screening and record keeping purposes only.

Every Blessing

Craig Corkill