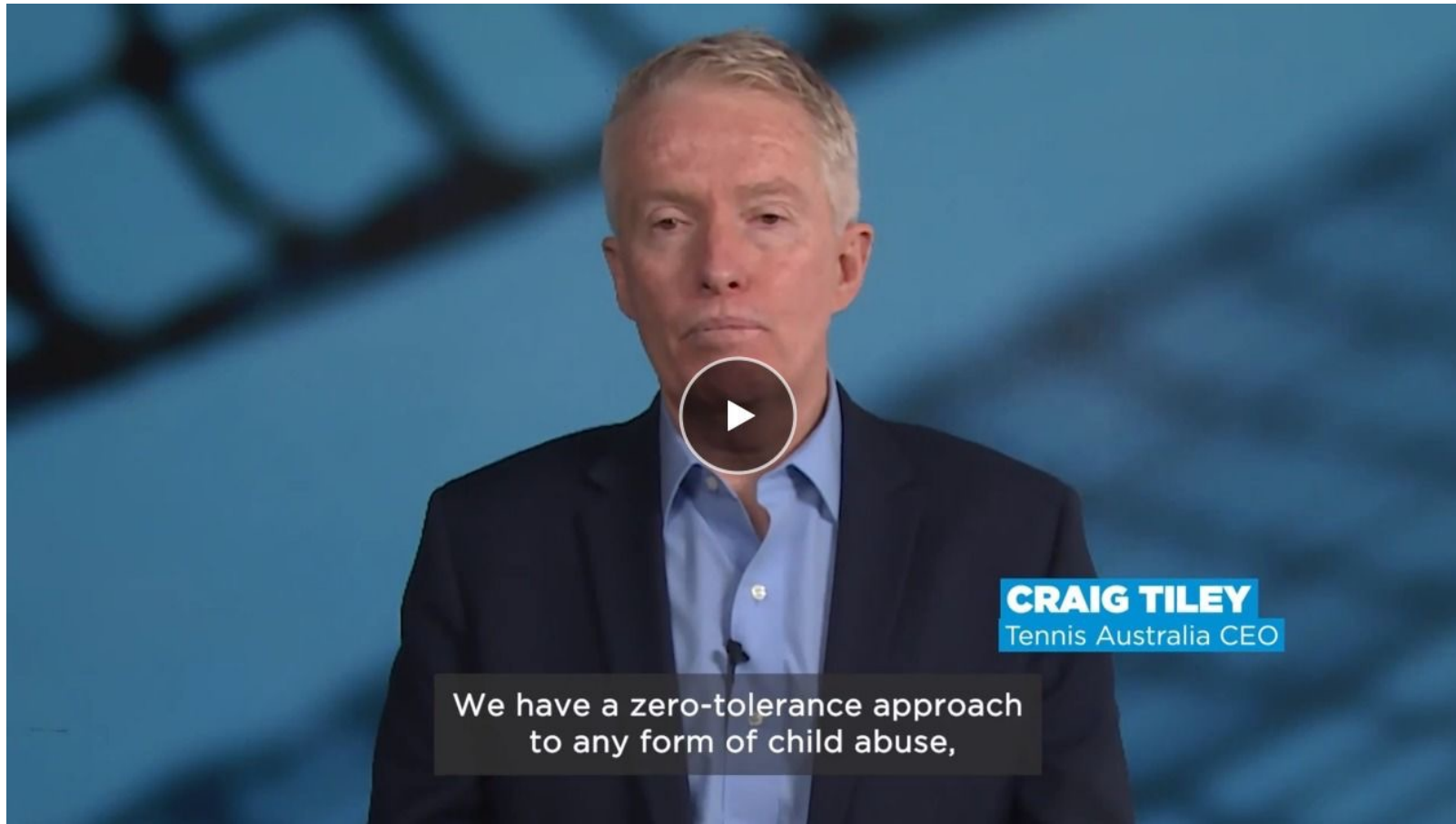
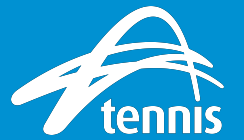


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Our commitment to safeguarding children



Take care of yourself



Child abuse is a **confronting** topic to consider.

As you work through this training, you may begin to feel **overwhelmed**.

Be aware of how you are **feeling**.

If you need a **break**, please take one.

If you have any questions, please note them and forward them to your TV Metro South CDO, Georgia Wise

georgia.wise@tennis.com.au

Remember...

You **are not** expected to become a child protection expert.

You **are not** expected to have all the answers.

You **are** expected to have an awareness of the issue, understand what is expected of you and use a common sense approach to child protection.

You **do** have a responsibility to report any allegations brought to your attention

“Child abuse thrives on secrecy...
a key prevention strategy is to
cultivate a culture of awareness”

“One of the greatest risk
factors for harm or abuse to
children is the lack of
awareness among staff and
organisations”

Tennis Victoria Purpose:

*“Create safe, inclusive and thriving Victorian tennis
communities, enabling more people to play more often”*

The Why – But Why Wouldn't We?



Gymnastics Australia



Former Olympic swim coach **Dick Caine** granted bail after facing charges over historical sexual abuse allegations
(*Sydney Morning Herald, June, 2022*)



Pam Shriver is now calling for the greater protection of players after detailing an emotionally abusive relationship with her Australian coach when she was 17 and was 50!



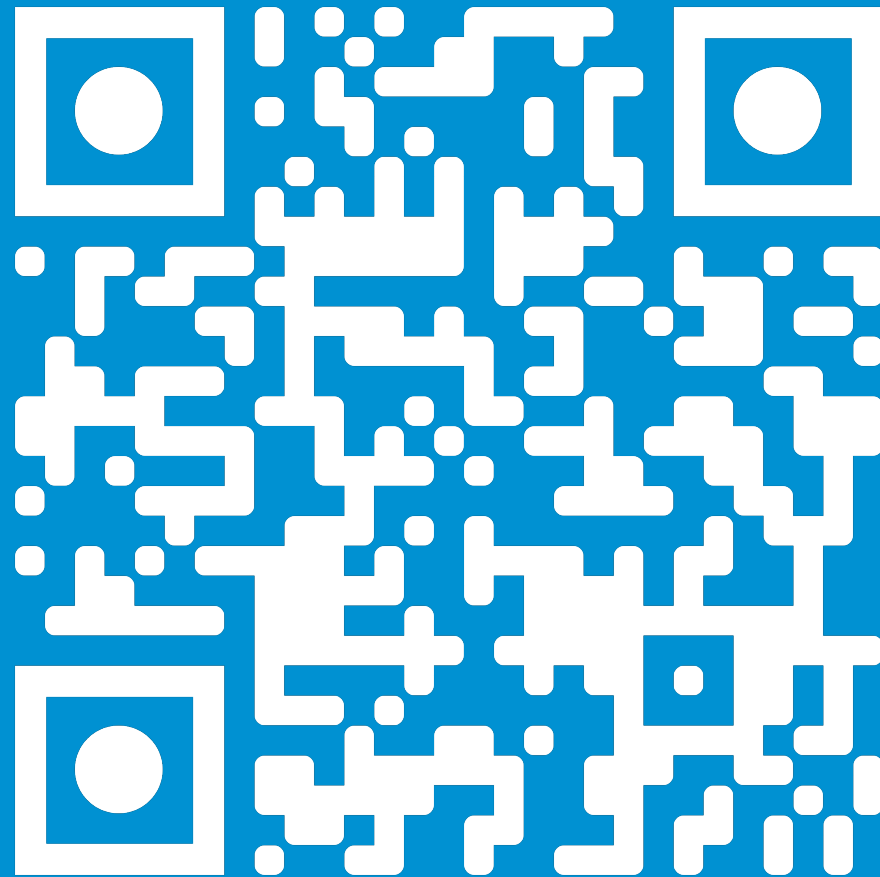
A landmark report into gymnastics in Australia found the sport fostered a toxic and win-at-all-costs culture that allowed for sexual, physical and emotional abuse of its athletes to be carried out
(*Canberra Times, May, 2021*)



“The behavior you walk past, is the behavior you’re willing to accept!”

- **“A Safer Game Plan”** –
Online Training Sessions (*October, 2021*)
- **8 NEW Scenario-Based Videos:**
www.tennis.com.au/childsafe
- **Ongoing Education for CDO’s**
- **Bounce Child Safety Resources**
<https://bounce.tennis.com.au/>
**Note: for NEW accounts, select
“Create New Account”**

Finding resources – tennis.com.au/childsafe



- ✓ Commission for Children and Young People have implemented some new Child Safe Standards
- ✓ On July 1, 2022, Victoria moved from seven to 11 child safe standards
- ✓ Our Safeguarding resources and guidelines are based on the National Standards, so clubs, coaches and associations can meet the new Victorian Standards by continuing to follow the Tennis Australia's Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct

The 4 NEW child safe standards:

1. Involve families in order to keep children safe
2. Greater focus on safety for Aboriginal children and young people
3. Manage risks in online environments
4. Focus on governance, systems and processes to keep children safe

- ✓ Adopt the Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct (SGC CoC) and the TA Member Protection Policy
- ✓ Appoint a Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO), or Child Safety Officer
- ✓ Actively use TA Safeguarding Children Club Resources
- ✓ Ensure Committee Members / Coaches / Volunteers have a WWCC & are effectively screened



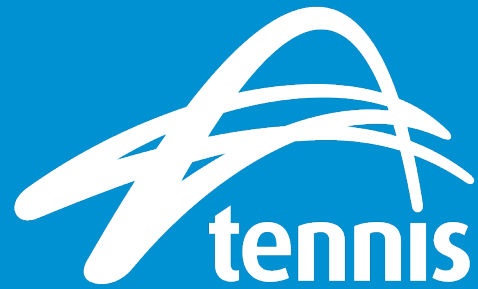
Create an Open &
“Speak Up Culture”



- LISTEN
- PROTECT
- REPORT
- INVESTIGATE

Depending on the situation:

- The Police, 131 444 or 000
- Child Protection
- Your Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO)
- Stoptline, 1800 11 SAFE (1800 11 7233)
- Crimestoppers 1800 333 000
- TA Integrity Email: integrity@tennis.com.au
- TA Integrity Online Form:
<http://integrity.tennis.com.au/#/webform>



Safeguarding children on and off the court