

## **Standard Operating Procedure – Wearing of Safety Vests/Shirts 001/05**

**1. Purpose:** The purpose of this procedure is to specify the benefits to volunteers of the wearing of high-visibility safety clothing whilst engaged in project activities within the Onkaparinga Parks.

**2. Scope:** This procedure applies to all volunteers working on projects within the Onkaparinga Parks.

**3. Benefits:** Friends of Onkaparinga Park [FOOP] in conjunction with the Department for Environment and Heritage will ensure that all reasonably practicable steps are taken to provide a safe and healthy workplace for those volunteers undertaking project activities within the Parks.

To this end, Friends of Onkaparinga Park will provide high visibility Safety Vests/Shirts to ensure that wearers are visible to other volunteers, including those volunteers operating powered machinery.

**4. Procedure:** All Project Supervisors shall ensure that those volunteers working in, and around powered machinery; ie. Chainsaws and Brushcutters. **Will** wear high-visibility Safety Vests/Shirts that comply with Australian Standard **AS/NZS4602: 1999**.

*Definition: ‘...in, and around...’ is defined as within three {3.0} metres.*

Where other volunteers are involved, the operators of powered machinery **WILL** wear high visibility safety vests/shirts in addition to other Personal Protective Equipment [PPE]; ie. helmet, gloves, chaps, eye and hearing protection

**5. Implementation:** This procedure is to be implemented immediately upon authorisation by the Committee of Management.

**6. Other Safety Issues:** Given the potentially hazardous nature of working in areas of native vegetation and woody weeds, volunteers are encouraged to wear eye protection. In addition the noise levels produced by powered machinery such as chainsaws and brushcutters are likely to exceed **85dBA** [the Australian Standard} and will cause hearing damage if not attenuated; accordingly volunteers are strongly encouraged to wear hearing protection in the form of earmuffs or earplugs.

Authorised by the FOOP Committee of Management February 2005