



QUEENSLAND
**CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK**

7 - 13 September 2014

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LAST CALL FOR QUEENSLAND'S TOP CHILD SAFETY HEROES Nominations for State's top protection awards close 4 July

- Past winners include Bruce & Denise Morcombe, Hetty Johnston
- Queensland's pre-eminent child protection awards
- 9 categories to be decided

Communities across Queensland are being called upon to nominate a community leader, professional or volunteer whose work and effort is making children safer.

Nominations for the State's top child protection awards must be received by 5pm Friday 4 July. Winners will be announced during the launch of Queensland Child Protection Week at Parliament House on Thursday 4 September.

Winners will join some of Australia's best known and most respected child protection advocates, including Bruce and Denise Morcombe, and Braveheart's Hetty Johnson.

As the Federal Royal Commission into sexual abuse draws attention to shocking crimes committed against children, these awards highlight the best of human nature.

"Keeping children safe is everybody's business and these awards honour those who've stepped up, who've given their all to protect our children," said Queensland Child Protection Week Chair, Lorraine Dupree, a long time protection leader.

Queensland Child Protection Week runs from 7-13 September 2014.

"Many individuals have turned their own private suffering into direct action that will make children safer," Ms Dupree said.

"Because of their efforts our children and families and communities are safer and this is a chance for their local communities to celebrate their great achievements."

Award categories are listed over on the next page. Or simply visit www.childprotectionweek.org.au for further information on the awards, including nomination forms.

Further information

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CHILD PROTECTION WEEK AWARDS: CATEGORIES

Professional (Non-government) Outstanding contribution to promoting child protection issues in their capacity as a professional working in the child protection (or related) field.

Professional (Government) Outstanding contribution to child protection at a practice, policy or service development level within the public service.

Volunteer Invaluable contributions to child protection made by volunteers working in government or non-government agencies.

Regional Program Program that operates within part of, or across, a region to address some aspect of child protection

Education Initiative Development of an innovative approach, research or resource to promote child protection

Youth Participation Involvement of young people in the planning of a local activity to promote child protection.

Media & Communications An article, news story, series, publication, campaign or communications strategy that demonstrates a significant contribution to highlighting child protection issues.

Community Initiative Any community operated program, initiative, event or campaign that focuses on enhancing child protection in our communities.

Addressing Overrepresentation Outstanding contribution to addressing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, children and young people in the child protection system through policy, programs or practice.

Child Protection Week Awards

Protecting Children is Everybody's Business

The annual Queensland Child Protection Awards provide an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the efforts, commitment and unreserved energy of many people who make a significant contribution to our communities to prevent child harm and neglect. It is hoped the awards will inspire others to continue to work towards ensuring the wellbeing of our children.