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Brisbane North Side Elders applauded for child protection achievements

The Brisbane North Side Elders has been awarded a Queensland Child Protection Award for their outstanding contribution to preventing child harm and neglect.

The Elders formed a committee to influence key government and non-government reform, with the aim of improving the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families in the North Brisbane area.

The region has rolled out key reforms, including Family and Child Connect Services, Intensive Family Support Services, region wide government and non-government plans, child protection legislation review and other initiatives.

This week, the Brisbane North Side Elders was awarded the *Queensland Child Protection Award – Addressing Overrepresentation* category, recognising its significant contributions to addressing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, children and young people in the child protection system.

The Queensland Child Protection Awards comes ahead of Queensland Child Protection Week, which runs from 4 to 10 September, promoting the value of children and focusing attention on issues of child abuse and neglect.

The judging panel made special note of the Brisbane North Side Elders' efforts: "What they are doing today will genuinely change life for our current children and for our next generation and then the one after. The impact of the North Brisbane Elder's work will be significant and long lasting."

"Their stand out commitment other than their cohesion and togetherness is that all children are at their heart – all of our kids, families and communities matter to them which is why they go to the extra effort for both," the panel said.

Queensland Child Protection Week Chair Elisabeth Kobierski said the Committee congratulated the Brisbane North Side Elders on its award win and for providing inspiration to others.

"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 community to prevent child harm and neglect," she said.

Queensland Child Protection Week is co-ordinated by the Queensland Child Protection Week Committee and funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and Queensland Family and Child Commission. The week focuses attention on child protection being everyone's business and ensuring that all across Queensland communities take responsibility for children being protected and experiencing well-being.



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