



QUEENSLAND
**CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK**

7 - 13 September 2014

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STATE'S TOP CHILD PROTECTION HONOURS TO BE AWARDED NEXT THU 4 SEPTEMBER

- Queensland Child Protection Week Awards include 9 categories
- New award added in 2014, focusing on Indigenous over-representation
- Previous winners include Bruce & Denise Morcombe, and Hetty Johnston
- Winner names may be supplied under embargo

Queensland highest child protection honours will be awarded at the Parliamentary Annex on 4 September.

The awards ceremony, hosted by the Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services Minister, Tracy Davis, will also include the formal launch of Queensland Child Protection Week (7-13 September 2014).

New in 2014 is a category honouring a Queenslander working to address Indigenous over-representation in the child protection system. Nine award categories will be presented, and are detailed over page.

"Child protection is everyone's business," said Queensland Child Protection Week chair, Lorraine Dupree. "These winners have stepped-in and stepped-up, acting on behalf of all us, to tackle the national epidemic of child abuse and neglect. Because of these award winners' efforts, hundreds if not thousands of Queensland children have been saved from abuse or helped to rebuild their lives."

More than 100 community activities and events, in locations from Far North Queensland to inner city Brisbane, will be held during Queensland Child Protection Week.

The week is run by a committee comprising representing 21 child protection, education, health and welfare agencies, as well as law enforcement and government departments. The State Government provides nearly \$107,000 to support and promote Queensland Child Protection Week.

Media requiring embargoed details of Award winners or information on Queensland Child Protection Week Activities, please contact Teresa Adamson 0413 682 845.

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QLD CHILD PROTECTION WEEK AWARDS CEREMONY
WHEN **Thursday 4 September**
WHERE **Parliamentary Annex, Alice Street, Brisbane**
WHEN **1pm-3pm**



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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION AWARD: 2014 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.

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