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Queensland Child Protection Week announces major Brisbane events

Abused and neglected children and young people throughout Queensland's history will be remembered and heard, and the dedicated people who work to protect children and young people will be honoured, in three of the major Queensland Child Protection Week events in Brisbane next week.

On 29 August: Child Safety Minister Tracy Davis will launch Child Protection Week Queensland (1-7 September) at a Parliament House Ceremony from 1 pm to 3 pm. The Queensland Child Protection Week Awards Ceremony will follow the launch (media welcome).

On 30 August: Young people with an out-of-home care experience will gather at a special function hosted by The CREATE Foundation at the Southbank Institute of TAFE, 66 Ernest restaurant at 5:45 pm (media welcome).

On 4 September: The Forgotten Australians organisation, in partnership with Micah Projects and Queensland Child Protection Week, will host a Remembrance Ceremony to acknowledge people who experienced abuse or neglect in church and state child protection systems. Guest Speaker: Adele Chynoweth: co-curator of the National Museum of Australia's exhibition: [Inside: Life in Children's Homes and Institutions](#). The ceremony will be held on the Roof Terrace, Level 4 at the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) South Bank at 10.30 am on Wed 4 Sep (media welcome).

Child Protection Week Chair, Kelly Bucknall, said the events program aimed to highlight the work of people dedicated to protecting children and young people and also to give children and young people a voice.

'Much of what is written and said about children and young people in the child protection system does not come from the mouths of the children or young people or workers themselves,' Ms Bucknall said.

'It's important to raise awareness of the issues surrounding children and young people in care, so Child Protection Week is inviting the media to come along to one of our major events and hear from the young people and workers in the child protection sector.'

Child Protection Week events receive more than \$105,000 in Queensland Government funding to promote the message that protecting children and young people is everybody's business.

For the full program of events, go to www.childprotectionweek.org.au and click on the calendar of events.

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