



DANIEL MORCOMBE

Morcombes score child safety award

1st September 2011

BRUCE and Denise Morcombe have been awarded for their dedication to child safety education at a ceremony at Parliament House today.

The Morcombe parents, at a ceremony to launch Child Protection Week which starts on Sunday, won the Education Initiative Award "for development of an innovative approach, research or resource to promote child protection".

It comes three days before the pair set off on a road trip from Brisbane to Cairns to speak with thousands of schoolchildren about child safety.

"The Morcombes have used their own personal tragedy to promote the importance of child safety in Queensland and throughout Australian through the Daniel Morcombe Foundation," Child Safety Minister Phil Reeves said.

"Bruce and Denise are worthy recipients."

The award was one of six handed out, which recognise "the efforts, commitment and unreserved energy of many people who make significant contribution to our community, helping to prevent child harm and neglect," Mr Reeves said.

Mr Reeves said Child Protection Week was an opportunity to recognise individuals and acknowledge the valuable collaboration between government and non-government organisations in working towards ensuring child protection.

Winners of the 2011 Child Protection Week Awards

Professional (Non-Government) Award - for outstanding contribution to promoting child protection issues, as a professional working in the child protection (or related) field. Winner: Hetty Johnston (Brisbane), founder and executive director, Bravehearts Inc.

Professional (Government) Award - outstanding contribution to child protection at a practice, policy or service development level within the public service. Winner: Corelle Davies, Brisbane-based Child Safety Director, Queensland Health.

Volunteer Award- invaluable contributions by volunteers working in government or non-government agencies. Winner: Jill Wesche, of Forest Lake (south west of Brisbane). Child witness support volunteer with Protect All Children Today Inc (PACT)



Police have alerted Bruce and Denise Morcombe to the developments in the case.

Brett Wortman

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Regional Program Award - regional program addressing an aspect of child protection. Winner: Thursday Night Live Initiative - Mount Isa Substance Misuse Action Group.

Education Initiative Award - development of an innovative approach, research or resource to promote child protection. Winner: Bruce and Denise Morcombe, Daniel Morcombe Foundation Inc.

Youth Participation Award - recognises the involvement of young people in a local activity to enhance the wellbeing of children and young people. Winner: Legal Aid Queensland Child Protection Unit and Youth Advocate (Brisbane).

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