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Queensland Child Protection Week funding boost set to double awareness of child safety

Queensland Child Protection Week has today announced a significant increase to funding for regional community groups, set to double the number of events across the state that raise awareness around child abuse and neglect.

The upcoming Queensland Child Protection Week, slated from Sunday 3rd – Saturday 9th September 2017, will see more than 100 events held across the state to increase awareness of child protection and educate Queenslanders on recognising the signs of abuse or neglect. Events include education sessions, family fun days, music and dance productions and more.

The additional sponsorship has allowed Queensland Child Protection Week to significantly increase the grants for each of the six regions, which in turn will result in more than double the amount of Queensland Child Protection Week events being held in each area.

In addition, Queensland Child Protection Week has increased their art grants by more than 50 per cent, creating more opportunities than ever for children to express their message of hope through dance, song, art and film.

Queensland Child Protection Week Chair, Elisabeth Kobierski, said she was immensely grateful for the sponsorship received from key supporters that has made the grant increases possible.

“Major sponsor the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, the Queensland Police, the Department of Health, the Department of Education, and the Queensland Family and Child Commission have joined forces to support child safety with this significant sponsorship for Queensland Child Protection Week,” Ms Kobierski said.

“This year, we’re reminding Queenslanders that ‘Protecting Children is Everybody’s Business’ and we hope that people across the state will attend their local event, each of which will be raising awareness about child abuse and what we can collectively do to keep Queensland children safe.”

The Hon. Shannon Fentiman, MP, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence said she was pleased to once again support Queensland Child Protection Week.

“This year we have ramped up our sponsorship for this important event which drives crucial state-wide awareness into child abuse, and provides education into how to recognise the signs,” Ms Fentiman said.

“By teaching both adults and children alike on how to stay safe, we’re able to combat this issue that at present affects 22,518 children in Queensland each year.”

For more information on Queensland Child Protection Week events and how to get involved, visit:
www.childprotectionweek.org.au.

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