



QUEENSLAND  
**CHILD  
PROTECTION  
WEEK**



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Queensland communities prepare for Child Protection Week**

- Child Protection Week is an annual state-wide initiative launched during the first week of September
- Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, the week started in Brisbane and sparked a national movement to promote issues surrounding child safety and neglect
- The week provides schools, businesses, community groups and government organisations with an opportunity to bring light to a very important message – child protection is everyone’s business
- The aim of Child Protection Week is to promote the value of children, to bring the issue of child abuse and neglect to the minds of Queenslanders and to inspire community groups to get involved in prevention activities

Queenslanders will be reminded ‘*Protecting Children is Everybody’s Business*’ during Child Protection Week, which runs from Sunday 6 – Saturday 12 September.

“Child Protection Week is an important opportunity for our communities to promote the value of children and young people by focusing attention on the prevention of child abuse and neglect,” said Lorraine Dupree, Queensland Child Protection Week Chair.

More than 100 community events will be held right across the state to educate Queenslanders on child protection awareness - including dance acts, theatre performances, music productions and more.

Grants of \$1,000 and \$3,000 have been awarded to community groups and organisations that have enthusiastically gathered locals to imaginatively produce an event or activity based on the vital importance of child protection.

Lorraine Dupree heads a committee including representatives from 21 of the state’s leading child protection, education, health and welfare agencies, as well as law enforcement and government.

“It’s great to see hundreds of community organisations, schools and kindergartens working together to strengthen their communities through education and awareness activities and I encourage everyone to get involved.”

Ms Dupree said there were events planned throughout the Torres Strait, as far west as Mount Isa and all the way down the coast to Beenleigh and the Gold Coast.

For more information on Queensland Child Protection Week events, visit [www.childprotectionweek.org.au](http://www.childprotectionweek.org.au)

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