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Qld professional group applauded for child protection achievements

The Child Protection Practitioners Association of Queensland (CPPAQ) has been awarded a Queensland Child Protection Award for its outstanding contribution to preventing child harm and neglect.

CPPAQ was established in 2010 to raise the profile of child protection law in Queensland and to improve professional collaboration across legal and social science professionals across the state. The Association initiated the annual Leneen Forde Public Address and delivers three annual Practice Papers to highlight child protection issues.

This week, CPPAQ was awarded the *Queensland Child Protection Award – Volunteer* category, recognising the commitment made by the organisation's voluntary Board members in developing and sustaining CPPAQ.

The Queensland Child Protection Awards comes ahead of Queensland Child Protection Week, which runs from 4 to 10 September, promoting the value of children and focusing attention on issues of child abuse and neglect.

CPPAQ Board Chair Margie Kruger said since 2011, the Association had delivered 21 papers and public addresses with more than 2,000 professionals from multiple disciplines working in the area of child protection attending these events.

“Responding to children and families must be a shared responsibility. It requires a co-operative approach between the agencies responding to concerns about child abuse and neglect, including sharing information and clear and open communication,” she said.

Queensland Child Protection Week Chair Elisabeth Kobierski said the Committee congratulated CPPAQ on its award win and for providing inspiration to others.

“The annual Queensland Child Protection Awards provide an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the efforts, commitment and unreserved energy of many people who make a significant contribution to our community to prevent child harm and neglect,” she said.

Queensland Child Protection Week is co-ordinated by the Queensland Child Protection Week Committee and funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and Queensland Family and Child Commission. The week focuses attention on child protection being everyone's business and ensuring that all across Queensland communities take responsibility for children being protected and experiencing well-being.

More information on Queensland Child Protection Week is available at:

www.childprotectionweek.org.au



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