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Bundaberg's Veronica Taylor applauded for child protection achievements

Veronica Taylor, a Senior Practitioner at the Bundaberg Child Safety Service Centre, has been awarded a Queensland Child Protection Award for her outstanding contribution to preventing child harm and neglect.

Veronica has devoted her career to the practice of child protection. She commenced working as a statutory child protection worker for the Queensland Government almost 30 years ago.

Veronica continues to research contemporary practice and shares this with her wider networks. She is frequently called on to consult on the most complex and difficult matters throughout Queensland. She has been instrumental in adopting and implementing the new practice framework within the Bundaberg Child Safety Service Centre, as well as developing community understanding.

This week, Veronica Taylor was awarded the *Queensland Child Protection Award – Education Initiative* category, recognising her commitment to developing innovative approaches, research and resources to promote child protection.

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.

Ms Taylor said working with children and young people at risk and their families was a privilege.

"They share and trust us with their stories, accept us into their journeys of making change, and allow us to celebrate their achievements," she said.

"I am proud of the child-focussed casework and commitment of the Bundaberg Child Safety Centre and their creative problem solving and willingness to work with all types of families. I am also proud of the Service Centre culture of consultative decision-making and willingness to review and recognise the progress made by families.

"Children and young people need to be listened to by significant adults in their lives to help them develop a network of safety and wellbeing.

"We all need to take responsibility for these domains for children and young people in our lives, whether it is our own immediate or extended family, friends or organisations with which we are involved."

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



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“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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