**Event Notice**

1 September 2016

***Whitsundays marks Queensland Child Protection Week***

Whitsundays residents are invited to lend their support to child protection at a diverse range of community events being held across the region as part of Queensland Child Protection Week from **4 to 10 September 2016.**

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the event, which aims to remind Queenslanders that protecting children is everybody’s business. Queensland Child Protection Week raises the profile of all issues connected with child protection, including child abuse prevention, treatment, research and education.

More than 100 events are being held across Queensland during the week. In **the Whitsundays**, local Queensland Child Protection Week events include:

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| ***Back to the Table: a family challenge*** | *All Day, 4 Sep* | *Whitsundays PCYC, 2489 Proserpine Shute Harbour Road, Jubilee Pocket*  |
| ***Community Forum – Creating a collaborative approach to child protection in the Whitsundays*** | *10AM – 12:30PM, 9 Sep* | *Whitsunday Art and Cultural Centre, 13 Waterson Way, Airlie Beach* |

See [childprotectionweek.org.au/events/](http://www.childprotectionweek.org.au/events/) for all events and individual contact details.

Queensland Child Protection Week Chair Elisabeth Kobierski said she encouraged all Queenslanders to take part in their local events as child protection was everyone’s business.

“Adults are essential to ensuring children’s safety and wellbeing. The responsibility lies with us adults in keeping children safe from harm and all members of our community have a role to play,” she said.

“We’re excited by the diverse range of events being staged across Queensland that aim to raise awareness, encourage conversation and bolster the safety net for our children.”

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 available at:

[childprotectionweek.org.au](http://www.childprotectionweek.org.au/)

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