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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Queensland Child Protection Week Award winners announced today

Police, child care workers, Indigenous programs, sexuality educators, volunteers and the media will be recognised for their dedication, hard work and commitment to the protection of children and young people at the Queensland Child Protection Week Launch and Awards ceremony today.

Queensland Child Protection Week Committee Chair, Kelly Bucknall, said the awards would be presented at an afternoon ceremony on Thursday 30 August at 1.00 pm at Parliament House. This event is also the launch of Child Protection Week 2-9 September.

“The awards recognise the champions striving daily to make Queensland a safer place for children and young people,” Ms Bucknall said. The following awards will be presented today:

**Professional (Government) Award** Winner: Paul Griffiths, Queensland Police Service, Victim Identification Manager, Task Force Argos.  
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**Professional (Non-Government) Award** Winner: Kieran Smith, Director: SafeKIDS program, ACT for Kids.  
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**Volunteer Award** Winner: Katherine Plint, Founder and Executive Officer, Hannah’s Foundation.  
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**Regional Program Award** Winner: Wee Care Shared Family Care – Townsville.  
CONTACT: Lynda Cameron 0419 703 393

**Education Initiative Award** Winner: Family Planning Queensland: Multicultural Women’s Health (FGM) Project.

Winner: Family Planning Queensland: Creating Conversations Project.

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**Youth Participation Award** Winner: Project Booyah.

CONTACT: Detective Senior Sergeant Ian Frame 5514 7811 or 0467 809 626

**Community Initiative Award** Winner: Sunshine Coast Regional Child Protection Week Committee.

CONTACT: Detective Senior Sergeant David Somerville 0407 024 165

**Media and Communications Award** Winner: Daniel Hurst, Journalist, Brisbane Times.

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**Winners available at a media conference on the Speaker’s Green, Parliament House, Brisbane: 12.30 sharp**

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