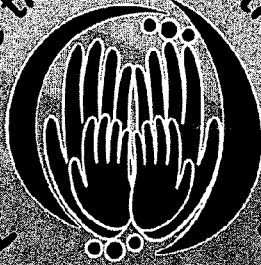


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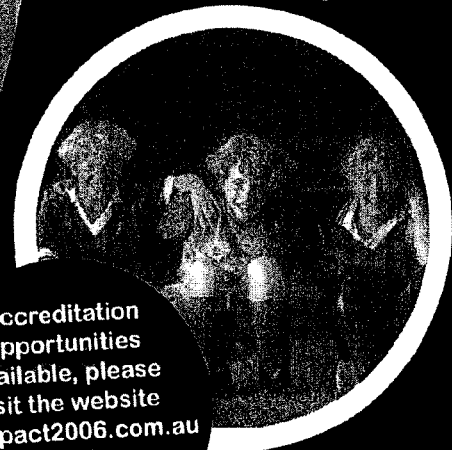
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## Invitation to attend

On behalf of the organising committee, we take great pleasure in inviting you to participate in the Protecting Children Today Conference, being held 6 – 8 September 2006 at the Mercure Hotel Brisbane, Queensland.

The Conference organising committee is preparing a challenging and informative professional program.

The organising committee is confident more than 200 professionals from Queensland and wider Australia will attend the conference. Delegates will include professionals with a vested interest in the prevention of child abuse and the ongoing support of children.

It is anticipated the conference will attract professionals involved with issues around child protection, including:

- Judiciary
- Members of the legal profession
- Government policy makers
- Academics
- Educators
- Social workers
- Counsellors
- Child care workers
- Pastoral workers
- Youth workers

The conference theme, "From little things, big things grow", facilitates the exploration of a diverse range of issues. The theme examines the impact of child abuse and neglect, detection and preventative measures, understanding the role of the criminal justice and child safety systems, and the expectations of those involved.

We look forward to welcoming you to Brisbane in September!

Yours sincerely



Theresa Davis & Tricia Velthuisen  
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## Keynote speakers

### Wednesday 6 September 2006

0900 – 1030 hours

Is ignorance bliss? – negotiating the legal system

Dr Caroline Taylor



Dr Taylor has been researching the socio-legal response to child sexual abuse and the traumatic impact for the past decades. Her research has received numerous national awards for excellence and she has published two widely acclaimed books on sexual violence against children and adults. She has provided seminars and training to police, lawyers, judges, paediatricians, nurses, therapists as well as workshops for survivors of sexual abuse. She is frequently invited to national and international conferences and seminars and is currently the lead researcher of a five year project in Victoria to improve police responses to adult sexual assault. Dr Taylor is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Ballarat.

### Thursday, 7 September 2006

0900 – 1030 hours

Why victims become offenders?

Professor Freda Briggs OA

Freda Briggs is Emeritus Professor in Child Development at the University of SA and lectures in child protection. She researches non-medical aspects of child abuse and protection and has published 14 books. She received the Order of Australia (2005), the Centenary Medal (2003) and the inaugural Australian Humanitarian Award (1998) for her lifelong commitment to disadvantaged children. She is consultant to UK police, NZ police and Ministry of Education (for 20 years), received the ANZAC award and a citation from NZ Police for her generosity in research and advice. Freda is patron of Bravehearts, ASCA and the Adelaide Children's Hospital Palliative Care project. Freda Briggs was voted Senior Australian of the Year in 2000.

### Friday, 8 September 2006

1100 – 1230 hours

Hypothetical: It's our little secret – exploring child sexual abuse

Facilitated by The Honourable Justice John Jerrard

Join us on Friday morning for a cutting edge discussion on the exploration of child abuse and neglect. Facilitated by The Honourable Justice John Jerrard, this session will provide insight by leading professionals in the field.

Presenters include:

Hetty Johnson, Community Campaigner, Founder of Bravehearts  
Mr Tony Pascoe, Children's Court Magistrate Brisbane  
Dr Caroline Taylor, Senior Research Fellow, University of Ballarat  
David Jefferies, President, Protect All Children Today Inc.  
Brian Devereaux, Public Defender, Legal Aid Queensland  
Terry O'Gorman, Vice-President, Queensland Council of Civil Liberties  
Dr Robin Sullivan, Director General, Queensland Department of Child Safety