

TASMANIA

MEDIA ALERT:

**National Child Protection Week Awards in Tasmania on 6 September
Including Q&A Forum on Preventing Child Abuse**

National Child Protection Week starts annually on Fathers' Day each September (Sunday 2nd - Saturday 8th September this year) to support the message that 'Protecting children is everyone's business'.

"Children thrive when their families are well supported and their communities are connected and strong. National Child Protection Week is an opportunity for all Australians to find ways to 'play their part'", says NAPCAN CEO, Richard Cooke.

"NAPCAN's Play Your Part Awards are designed to recognise the diverse ways that committed Australians are working together to create a safer community for all children and young people."

The National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect ([NAPCAN](#)) will be presenting the annual [Play Your Part Awards](#) to the Tasmania recipients on 6 September during [National Child Protection Week](#) (2 – 8 September). The event will also include a Q&A Forum about why primary prevention needs to be front and centre when we talk about child abuse and neglect.

What: Play Your Part Awards presentation and Q&A Forum

When: 7am-9.30am, Thursday 6 September

Where: The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, 1 Macquarie Street, Hobart

VIPs / speakers:

- A/Professor Tim Moore, Deputy Director (Practice Solutions), Australian Centre for Child Protection
- Ginna Webster - Secretary, Community Tasmania
- Darren Hine - Commissioner of Police
- Trista Newitt - Manager Tas, NAPCAN

Tasmanian Award Winners 2018:**Ines Carver** (individual award)

Ines identified a gap in resources to support and empower Tasmanian teenagers and their parents. As a result, she created 'Tassie Teen' as a way of identifying the issues that concern children and young people and locate local services to support them. The initiative started off as a Facebook page to track and share her findings with others, and has now evolved into a monthly newsletter and website. Ines volunteers her time and presents the project to councils, schools and youth services across Tasmania and has held several events screening relevant films and hosting keynote speakers to engage parents, educators and young people. Contact: Ines Carver 0439 551 952 - ines@tassieteent.com.au

Photos available.

Child Health Association Tasmania (CHAT)

The Child Health Association Tasmania (CHAT) is a statewide organisation that aims to connect, support, educate and inspire Tasmanian families. CHAT provides positive and inclusive opportunities for children and their families to come together through a variety of activities and programs including pram walking, playgroups, special interest groups, information sessions, retailer discounts and the Family Food Patch. CHAT offers resources, strategies and support to new and existing members as well as moderated online forums and two safe spaces in the CBD for families where they can feed, change, play, connect with other families and participate in events.

Thanks to Award sponsors 'Northhaven Private Wealth and the Lynes Family', CHAT will receive \$2500 in prize money to invest in their work. CHAT intends to use the funds to further expand their educational information sessions across Tasmania, particularly to offer more Infant and Toddler First Aid sessions for free to new parents and to further expand the Circle of Security training.

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Note: Play Your Part Awards are awarded to at least one project in each of Australia's States and Territories, as well as to an overall National Winner. **For a full list of National Child Protection Week activities, visit www.napcan.org.au.**

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