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NAPCAN Play Your Part Awards Australian Capital Territory

To: Prue Clarke OAM and Narelle Hargreaves OAM JP

For: ACT Children's Week - Community Engagement

Name of project: Children's Week– Community Engagement
State: ACT

The ACT Children's Week Committee has been coordinating Children's Week across ACT since the early 80's.

The Children's Week (CW) Committee promotes the rights and abilities of children and young people through a wide range of community events during National Children's Week, held in October annually. The committee is coordinated and facilitated by dedicated, inspirational volunteers Narelle Hargreaves and Prue Clarke. Who have both received Order of Australia Medals (OAM's) in recognition of their commitment and dedication to children and young people.

The aim of the committee is not just to raise community awareness, but to also engage the community to plan and conduct celebrations of childhood; whilst providing assistance in the creation of such events. The committee also provides numerous opportunities and recognises individuals and groups contribution to the well being of children.

The committee has shown great promise and success. By having 168 registered events in ACT in 2012 involving thousands of children and families in support for the rights and abilities of children and young people in ACT.

NAPCAN is awarding 2013 Play Your Part Awards ACT to Narelle and Prue in recognition of: their inspiring leadership and dedication to the wellbeing and safety of children and young people. They have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to bringing together the community and the sector in innovative ways. They have really been playing their part for years and are an example of how we can all take steps to put children at the centre of our local communities.

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