



**2018 promises to be a massive year for QATSICPP and the community controlled child protection sector! This year will bring significant reform, building on some significant achievements from last year - I hope you all have lots of energy!**

With new legislation, and the statewide rollout of the Family Participation Program and other key initiatives under the landmark "Our Way" generational strategy, we are optimistic that the sector will be well positioned to lead the design and delivery of services that will make a real and meaningful impact for our children, their families and communities.

At a national level, we are actively engaged with the Closing the Gap refresh, advocating strongly that the disproportionate representation of our children in out of home

care must be addressed as a national priority, through clear targets and accountability mechanisms for all Governments and service providers across all indicators of our children's wellbeing, a comprehensive national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's strategy and establishment of dedicated national partnership agreements to achieve equity and equality for our children.

In line with the 2017-2020 QATSICPP Strategic Plan, we will continue to shift the narrative for our sector in a clear departure from a sector that needs to be fixed or "strengthened" to one which pursues and promotes practice excellence. Our conference, (see below), is a great opportunity to showcase the brilliant work that our member organisations do to enable positive outcomes for Aboriginal children and families.

We will also be focussed on ensuring accountability for the "industry" that dominates the delivery of services to our communities and continue to advocate strongly that it is our families, communities and their organisations that need to lead and be appropriately resourced to build the future that our children envision and aspire to.

We look forward to continuing this important work together, and as always, please feel free to get in touch with any of the QATSICPP team, Council Members or Board of Directors.

In Unity,  
Natalie



Central  
Queensland  
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Development

## Family Wellbeing in Central Queensland

Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd (CQID) has been appointed by the Queensland Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services as a key provider of Family Wellbeing Services to Indigenous communities in and around Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Woorabinda, Emerald, Longreach and Rockhampton.

The goal of the Service is to keep more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children safe by ensuring children and their parents, carers and family members are supported with developing their strengths, skills and capacity to live healthy and positive lives. While also working alongside the Department of Communities & Child Safety to reduce over-representation and increase cultural support and wellbeing to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

to Stacey Kreyts from MARABISDA and husband Charles on the birth of their baby boy - Charlie on 1 February 2018

### MARABISDA

#### Organisational Profile

(Mackay And Region Aboriginal and Islander Development Association)  
Inc.

We are an Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander community controlled organisation  
incorporated in 2009.



**Our main objective, on being incorporated, was to particularly support Mackay's young Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander people to participate in the sporting or cultural activities of their choice.**

Many of our young people are very talented in their chosen sport, but are unable to excel due to their financial limitations.

MARABISDA has continued with this objective, although our service delivery programs are now the main priority for us as an organisation.

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## SECTOR PROFILES

Get to know Josh Paine, From Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak (QATSICPP).

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**QATSICPP – ISO Certified: A/NZ  
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### QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILD PROTECTION PEAK T/A QATSICPP LIMITED

at

*Head Office and Service Delivery Site:*  
14 Hesse Street, West End QLD 4101

*has met the requirements for certification against the ISO9001:2015 (Quality Management Systems) Standard for the following in scope services:*

*Provision of Child Protection Peak Body related services including service development, policy, advocacy and resource development.*

*Excluded / Not Applicable Classes:*

*Classes 7.1.1, 8.1.1, 8.3.1, 8.3.4, 8.3.5, 8.6 and 8.7*

Certification no: 31800  
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Certification date: 9 December 2017  
Expiry date: 9 December 2020

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QATSICPP was recently certified under the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Standards on 20 October 2017. This process was long, enduring and very positive for QATSICPP. We learnt that we are on the right path when it comes to providing quality representation and services that are applicable to our Member Organisations.

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**Future Directions for Family Led  
Decision Making**



As the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the child protection system continues to rise, peak bodies such as SNAICC and QATSICPP strongly advocate for initiatives to address this trend and strive to keep children connected to family, community and culture.

One such initiative trialled across four Queensland sites in 2016 and 2017 was Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family-Led Decision Making (ATSIFLDM). ATSIFLDM Convenors in Ipswich, Mt Isa, Cairns and Thursday Island supported families to participate in decisions about the safety and wellbeing of their children.

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## Upcoming SNAICC Training

SNAICC workshops are available nationally. If you are interested in hosting a workshop for our organisation, please call the SNAICC Training team to see how they can meet your training needs.

E: [training@snaicc.org.au](mailto:training@snaicc.org.au)

T: 03 9489 8099

**TRAINING INFO**



# Family Matters Campaign Update

Family Matters is the National Campaign for eliminating the disproportionate representation of our children in statutory child protection systems in Australia. Since the last newsletter edition, we have continued to drive targeted efforts and strategies aimed at increasing Campaign visibility and engagement; including tangible efforts that support the National Campaign objectives; whilst also supporting the Queensland rollout of the *Our Way* strategy and *Changing Tracks* action plan.

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## **“Keeping It Real: Empowering Aboriginal Children, Families and Communities” AbSec Conference, Coffs Harbour 2017**

The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) hosted their biennial conference from the 22nd to the 24th of November 2017 at beautiful Coffs Harbour.

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# SECTOR PROFILES

## 60 Seconds with Sylvana Haynes-ter Meulen

Get to know **Sylvana Haynes-ter Meulen**, From Goolburri Health Advancement Co. Ltd

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**Delivering better outcomes for our children, families, communities and services.**



## Embedding QATSI CPP practice standards and supervision framework through quality workshops and training.

Last year was a big year for team QATSI CPP and member organisations with the delivery of quality education and training focusing on QATSI CPP Practice Standards and Supervision Framework.

In total, **252** participants attended from **13** family wellbeing services, **1** Recognised Entity and **1** mainstream NGO.

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## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

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Commissioner for Children and Young People (2017). *Profile of Children and Young People in WA*. Perth: Commissioner for Children and Young People.

Commonwealth of Australia (2017). *My Life My Lead - Opportunities for strengthening approaches to the social determinants and*

*cultural determinants of Indigenous health: Report on the national consultations December 2017.* Canberra: Department of Health.

Commonwealth of Australia (2017). *National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing.* Canberra: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

## **REPORTS/ RESOURCES:**

Practice guide to build resilience in children and raise community awareness. Beyond Blue: [More](#)

Resources to help educators, parents and students protect against bullying. Student Wellbeing Hub: [More](#)

*What's OK at Home?* Website provides a resource on feeling safe for teens. DVRCV: [More](#)

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