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**Message from the Governor of Queensland**

As Governor of Queensland and Patron of the Queensland Children's Week Association, I am proud to support the 47th annual Queensland Children's Week.

Launched by the then Child Care Week Committee in 1971, the initiative remains true to its goals of heightening community awareness of the needs of children; promoting knowledge of services which are available to children and their families; stimulating education in quality child care and child rearing; increasing communication between children and adults; and providing opportunities for children and adults to share enjoyable experiences.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified international human rights treaty – met with almost universal acceptance throughout the world.

At the very heart of the Convention, and indeed at the very heart of Queensland Children's Week, is the responsibility of all of us to build a community which fosters growth and development.

While we mark this with a dedicated week of celebration and education throughout Queensland, it is a commitment which continues to remain top of mind for the full 52 weeks of each and every year.

On behalf of all Queenslanders, I thank everyone involved in this week, from the sponsors, supporters and volunteers, to the organisations and associations hosting events across the State.

I wish you all a most enjoyable, successful and rewarding week.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul de Jersey".

**His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC**  
Governor of Queensland