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Nominations for the LEGEND Award

BABI Youth and Family Service, Wynnum

BABI is a small not-for-profit service that has served the needs of the Wynnum community for over 40 years. Their young parenting group has brought together otherwise isolated young parents to a place of safety, connecting them back to the community. BABI has also identified the extreme need for housing for at-risk young people in this region and has provided housing to hundreds of young people and families over the years. BABI's Get Set for Work program sees young people who have disengaged from school receive training and mentorship to acquire skills to enter the workforce/traineeship. BABI also participates in all kinds of community events, such as the Bay Wave youth festival that takes place at BABI, free of charge for young people to come together and enjoy food, music, and activities in a safe and judgment-free environment. You can ask anyone in the Wynnum community; BABI is a legend!

worked describe her as extraordinary. Hazel lives and breathes the approach that children come first and has inspired many carers and child safety staff alike. Besides all this, Hazel is a nice, compassionate and fair-minded person who sees the best in everyone.

Sarah Macleish, Arches and Real Support Services

Sarah is definitely a legend. She has been committed to the well-being of Queensland children, young people, parents, and families since she was very young. She had worked directly with clients, and six years ago, she started her own business in the sector and she is very passionate about making a positive impact on the life of her clients. She is also a great Director of her business, as she puts a lot of effort and resources on the wellbeing of her employees, as she knows it will directly impact on the quality of the service provided to her clients.

Shirley Pevitt, Anglicare North Queensland

Shirley Pevitt is a LEGEND. Shirley has worked across the sector, from working with homeless men and families in crisis for St. Vincent's de Paul, with the Women's Centre and SHAC (Shelter, Housing, Action, Cairns). Shirley joined Anglicare in 2000 as a Residential Youth Worker and has worked in various services over that time, moving into executive management and most recently as Practice Lead. Shirley's passion and commitment are a strength for Anglicare's Out of Home Care services, inspiring both the young people and our staff. The appointment as Practice Lead allows us to focus her wisdom to foster a culture of reflective practice and continuous improvement. Shirley says: "Supporting children, young people, adults and families has been an honour. I know that I am part of a dedicated community of professionals, who are all doing their best to make a difference in the lives of children and families."

Dr James Scott

Dr James Scott has worked in the field of child psychiatry for many years, focusing on youth mental health. His contribution to outcomes for children and their parents is reflected in his history of working as a visiting senior medical officer at the Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Detention Centre, a consultant psychiatrist with Evolve therapeutic services which included video-psychiatry, and with Child and Youth Mental Health Services (CYMHS). Dr Scott was a member of the Queensland anti-

bullying taskforce and is a current long-serving Board member of the Child Protection Practitioners Association Queensland. Dr Scott is currently involved in the Australian child maltreatment study, a first of its kind, to understand the prevalence of child maltreatment and its links to mental and physical health disorders and other adverse consequences. Dr Scott is the current Head of Mental Health Programme at QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute. He is a deserving candidate.

Deidre Van De Pol

Deidre (Dee) has committed her entire working life to supporting vulnerable children and families. She has recently celebrated her 31st anniversary working in the child protection system. She started out way back in 1990 as a Family Day Care Coordinator before her first job in child protection as a Family Services Officer with the Woodridge office (Department of Families) in 1991. She stayed with the Department working in various roles until 2003, where she invested in identifying new opportunities to ensure better outcomes for families. She moved into the non-government sector with Life Without Barriers in 2006. Even when she was overseas, Dee's focus was on youth – working as a summer camp counsellor in the USA for over four years. Dee's lifetime of passion and commitment to improving the lives of children and young people, and their families, is inspiring.