

## **Nomination of Priscilla and Geoff Dickie, parents of Allison Baden-Clay and grandparents of her daughters**

Whenever I have attended forums run by PeakCare about kinship care or listened to their advocacy about the additional support needed by the many grandparents, aunties and uncles, brothers and sisters who care for children from within their families when, for whatever reason, their parents are unable to do so, I think of Priscilla and Geoff Dickie, the parents of Allison Baden-Clay. In the most horrendous of circumstances, Mr and Mrs Dickie set aside their retirement and plans for the future to care for Allison's three daughters. Beyond the co-carer role they share with Allison's older sister, Vanessa Fowler, Mr and Mrs Dickie remain staunch supporters of the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation and the role played by Vanessa as the Foundation's Director. Their messages of 'striving to be kind' have resonated throughout the Queensland community – a magnificent way of honoring their daughter's legacy. Mr and Mrs Dickie exemplify the true meaning of family. They truly are LEGENDS.