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NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK 2010

Playgroups statewide will this week mark National Playgroup Week 2010 with a series of local community events.

Member for Ipswich and Transport Minister, Rachel Nolan MP said each year Playgroup Queensland helped celebrate National Playgroup Week by encouraging awareness of the importance of Playgroups within the community.

“Playgroups play an important role in our community—they offer a range of early intervention programs and community education activities that focus on improving the bond between parents and their young children.”

“The Bligh Government is a major supporter of Playgroup Queensland, providing more than \$400,000 each year to support a range of services.

“This includes the Child and Family Support Hub which help vulnerable families access playgroups,” she said.

Ms Nolan said Playgroup Queensland had a long history of supporting the development of Queensland children.

“I commend the innovative work Playgroup Queensland is doing during this significant week,” she said.

“The Bligh Government is committed to promoting a positive vision for all children and families, especially in the early years,” she said.

“We know the early years are critical and access to quality early childhood programs help give our kids a flying start in life.

“Playgroups are an important part of the early childhood experience.”

Ms Nolan today welcomed Playgroup Queensland’s input into the design and delivery of the early years’ services throughout the state.

“The Bligh Government acknowledges the importance of Playgroups and encourages all families, friends and communities to take part this week in the celebrations.” she said.

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