



# MEDIA RELEASE

## International Women's Day Event to Address Children's Safety



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In recognition of the strong connection between women's and children's rights, Brisbane-based charity, Children's Safety Australia Inc. is hosting an International Women's Day Luncheon with a focus on practical strategies to promote children's safety. Speakers include internationally renowned children's rights campaigner Professor Freda Briggs and accomplished author Tess Rowley.

As highlighted in United Nations report, *Women's and Children's Rights: Making the Connection*, the lives of women and children are tightly knit, as are their rights. Advocating for women's rights has been essential to advancing the situation of women worldwide. The same holds true for the promotion of children's rights and improvements in their ability to survive and thrive. However, if the rights of women and children are considered together, they can reinforce each other and make mutually supportive demands on society.

Children's Safety Australia Director and Founder Kim Jackson said, "The event will see internationally renowned children's safety experts address emerging trends, such as children who abuse other children. Practical strategies to keep children safe, including how to build their self esteem and resilience, will also be discussed."

Ms Jackson said, "This luncheon presents a valuable professional development opportunity for police, social workers, educators, youth workers, chaplains, guidance officers, parents, carers, grandparents and anyone with an interest in keeping children safe. Costs have been kept as low as possible to allow optimal attendance."

**VENUE:** Pullman Brisbane King George Square

**DATE:** Monday, 9 March 2015

**TIME:** 9.30am (for a 10.00am start) – 2.00pm

**COST:** \$60 (includes light morning tea and hot buffet lunch)

**BOOKINGS:** <http://www.trybooking.com/GRXD>

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Kim Jackson via e: admin@childsafty.org.au or m: 0423 532 868



### About the speakers...

#### **Keynote Speaker: Freda Briggs AO**

Professor Freda Briggs is Australia's best-known expert on child protection. In her roles as educator, author, scholar and ambassador, Freda has ceaselessly and passionately worked towards her vision to provide a safer and more caring world for children and continues to make a significant contribution to the welfare of our nation.

Freda is Emeritus Professor of Child Development at the University of South Australia and has conducted pioneering research in dealing with victims and perpetrators of child abuse for decades. She has taken many approaches to further her cause to protect children including research, education and publications. Since the age of 60, Freda has published more than a book a year and continues to publish extensively in international journals. She received a Hob Doctorate in Letters from the University of Sheffield (UK) in 2009.

She became an 'Officer in the Order of Australia (AO)' in 2006 and in 2000 she was voted Senior Australian of the Year. She was the recipient of the Inaugural Australian Humanitarian Award, the ANZAC Fellowship Award, the Jean Denton Memorial Fellowship and the Creswick Fellowship Award for her work with disadvantaged children. She has assisted police and governments worldwide and for 21 years was child protection researcher and adviser to New Zealand Police and Education Department.

Freda will speak about the emerging trend of children who abuse other children.

#### **Tess Rowley**



Tess Rowley has worked in the area of family and community support for 30 years. She has written many books for children and adults on issues ranging from parenting and prevention of child sexual abuse to developing self esteem in children. Her books have sold in England, China, Russia and Hong Kong. Book titles include, 'The I Can Kids', 'When Mum and Dad Talk', 'Touches and Feelings' and the award winning, 'Everyone's Got A Bottom'.

Tess is an accomplished public speaker and enjoys talking to parents/professionals on issues relating to keeping children safe from sexual exploitation/bullying and building resiliency in children. She has presented at conferences both in Australia and overseas, teaching responses to child abuse and strategies for strengthening communities so that families can be supported at a local, low key level.

Tess will share practical strategies to keep children safe, including how to build their self esteem and resilience.