

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**EVENT MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT'S APOLOGY FOR FORCED ADOPTION POLICIES AND PRACTICES: 27 November 2018**

The sixth anniversary of the Queensland Government's Apology for Forced Adoption Policies and Practices will be marked on Tuesday 27 November 2018, with a special ceremony and morning tea event from 9.30am-11.15am (AEST) at the Forced Adoption Apology Memorial Site at City View Saddle, **Roma St Parklands: 1 Parklands Blvd, Brisbane.**

The event will include a commemorative laying of roses at the Apology for Forced Adoption Policies and Practices Memorial Plaque, with morning tea and speeches by a number of guests including **The Hon. Di Farmer**, Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.

The event is an initiative of the Queensland Post Adoption Working Committee, comprising [The Benevolent Society's Post Adoption Support Queensland](#) (PASQ), [Adoption Loss Adult Support](#), [Association for Adoptees Inc.](#), [Jigsaw Queensland](#), [Origins Queensland](#) and [Adoption Services](#).

The Australian Institute of Family Studies reports one in 15 Australians are affected by the past practices of closed adoption, including mothers, fathers, adopted people, adoptive parents and other family members.

"The Queensland Government's apology is a strong acknowledgement that many past adoption policies and practices continue to impact people's lives today," said Katharine McLean, The Benevolent Society's Team Leader of Child and Family Services Brisbane North.

"We hope this event will provide those affected by past forced adoption policies and practices with an opportunity to feel acknowledgement of their trauma, connect with others and continue their journey towards wholeness and healing," added Ms McLean.

Those wishing to attend the event should RSVP by 12 November 2018 by calling 07-3170-4600 or email [PASQ@benevolent.org.au](mailto:PASQ@benevolent.org.au).

**MEDIA INTERVIEW AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

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**WHEN:** Tuesday 27 November 2018, 9.30am-11.15am

**WHERE:** The Forced Adoption Apology Memorial Site at City View Saddle, **Roma St Parklands 1 Parklands Blvd, Brisbane City**

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