



# N.S.W. CHILDREN'S WEEK



OCTOBER 19th-27th, 1985

## Theme: Community Development and Children

The purpose of N.S.W. CHILDREN'S WEEK is to raise awareness within the community of the needs and rights of all children, to recognise the importance of the work of parents, carers and teachers, and to celebrate childhood and the potential of children.

CHILDREN'S WEEK, with activities organised by local groups all over New South Wales, provides and opportunity for the community to express concern about children, for services to publicise their programmes and for celebration and enjoyment.

CHILDREN'S WEEK is celebrated across Australia and includes the observance of UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY. This special day was established by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in December 1954 and is observed in Australia on the fourth Wednesday in October. UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY reminds the world that the Nation's obligations to succeeding generations can only be fulfilled by increased efforts on behalf of children of the world.

N.S.W. CHILDREN'S WEEK 1985 will have its official opening on SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER.

On Opening Day, a colourful march through the streets of Sydney, by children from many different language and cultural backgrounds, is followed by a concert in Martin Place. Local community groups in metropolitan and country areas hold celebrations — open days, picnics, displays, seminars and other events — for the community to enjoy and participate in throughout the week.

## N.S.W. Children's Week Awards

During the week we take the opportunity to give public recognition to some of the people whose year-long activities demonstrate practical implementation of Children's Week objectives. The following awards are made, for which nominations are invited.

### Parenthood Awards

— to natural parent/parents; to foster or adoptive parents.

### Family and/or Childrens Awards

— to a girl/boy/family who has overcome a particular difficulty.

### Childcare Worker's Awards

— to workers in any area of childcare whose involvement with children is of such a quality as to exemplify the achievement of the objectives of Children's Week.

## The Herald Youth Community Awards

The Sydney Morning Herald will be presenting Awards to young people for voluntary community services. Enquiries — 282 2503.

## What You Can Do for N.S.W. Children's Week — Some Ideas

- Encourage and facilitate the involvement of staff in Children's Week activities.
- Sponsor research, a publication or seminars in your area of interest with emphasis on the theme and objectives of Children's Week.
- Make a donation in cash or kind.
- Publicize your services.  
(Local Community Organisations, Schools, Retailers, Individuals)
- Set up a local committee or discussion group.
- Organise a Festival.
- Prepare a directory of local children's services.

— Find out the needs of children in your neighbourhood, and identify gaps in the provision of children's services.

— Lobby your local Council and parliamentary representatives about facilities for children.

— Hold a Community Forum.  
— Arrange interviews on your local radio and T.V. networks and provide information to local papers.

Local groups can apply for a grant to assist in presenting Children's Week activities.

For further information, nominations and enquiries, please contact us.

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