
NCBA Canberra Launch

On the 29th of May members of the NCBA Board met with the Governor General to provide a briefing on the Bureau's expansion and new directions. His Excellency the Honourable Bill Hayden A.C. is the Bureau's patron and he welcomed the opportunity to discuss the Bureau's increased role in children's advocacy and the Bureau's initiatives to improve the quality of debate and decision making on children's issues in Australia. Following the meeting with the Governor General a

Special Board Meeting was held to discuss strategies for strengthening the Bureau's national role and network of support. The Board agreed to establish a ten year development plan, place increased emphasis on State and Territory based activities and consolidate the Bureau's international links with organisations such as the National Children's Bureau in Great Britain and the Child Welfare League of America. The Bureau would welcome contact with interested groups in the Asian and Pacific Region. The NCBA President,

Mr. Neville Turner, said, "That the ideas generated at the meeting would be integrated with the input from the earlier national consultation to assist with the development of the Bureau's role and priorities." The NCBA Executive Director said, "That the Canberra meeting highlighted the benefits that can be gained from a national forum and that some priority would be given to enabling Bureau members to meet again in the near future."



The Bureau's new directions are launched in Canberra.
From the left, Neville Turner (NCBA President), His Excellency the Honourable Bill Hayden A.C. (NCBA Patron)
and John Edwards (NCBA Executive Director)