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#### **Sexuality education honour roll nominees announced**

Family Planning Queensland (FPQ) has announced its nominees for inclusion in the 2009 honour roll of Queensland teachers and educators who have made substantial contributions to sexuality education over the past 21 years. The final awards will be announced at a cocktail party on 14 October 2009 in Brisbane. The cocktail party forms part of FPQ's **Celebrating 21 years of sexuality education** program and will be followed by a conference on 15 October 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Brisbane.

#### **The nominees announced today include such Queensland identities as:**

**Mike Ahern**, former Queensland Premier and author of the Ahern Report, for leadership and courage in the political arena advocating sexuality education being included in the school curriculum.

**June Morris**, pioneering educator, for consistently showing courage, wisdom and commitment to moving the need for sexuality education into public debate.

**Barry Salmon**, Assistant Commissioner CCYPCG, for his involvement in the development of early sexuality education programs and his continued advocacy.

**Louise McCuaig**, Associate Lecturer, School of Human Movement Studies, UQ for decades of leadership and commitment to educating and training pre-service teachers.

Recognition of outstanding support from media will also be made with a special media award presented at the cocktail party on the evening of 14 October 2009.

*Too often this area of important work is mired in controversy, with the end result that people feel they will be criticised for teaching or advocating it. FPQ is endeavouring to change this perception by shining a spotlight on the courage and commitment of those who were early innovators, and those who continue excellent practice to this day, commented Cecelia Gore, Director of Education & Communication Services, FPQ.*

Conference program is available [www.fpq.com.au/21st/program.php](http://www.fpq.com.au/21st/program.php).

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