

Relationships Australia

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National Director of Relationships Australia named Ambassador for National Families Week 2009

10 May, Canberra - Rhonda Lawson Street, National Director of Relationships Australia, has become an Ambassador for National Families Week 2009.

In 2009, the central aim of National Families Week is to encourage all Australians to think about and celebrate the many different people who make families united and strong and the many different types of families across society, each deserving respect and acknowledgement. The theme is: *National Families Week - Celebrate how everyone makes a difference.*

Rhonda Lawson Street said; "There are many different types of families and they all work together in a range of ways, with each person playing a key role to make the family united and strong. Each and every member of your family should be acknowledged and feel appreciated for their contribution.

Relationships Australia supports National Families Week and has deeply aligned values with its vision of celebrating the importance of families in our local community and throughout Australian society."

Families Australia Chief Executive Officer, Brian Babington said "this National Families Week, we're encouraging everyone to explore ways in which they can recognise, value and support the people who make a difference to the wellbeing of their family. People could say thanks to a family member who has made a difference, take time to reflect on who makes up their family and have some fun together."

"National Families Week is Australia's main annual celebration of the importance of families. This year, a record number of over 125,000 people are expected to celebrate National Families Week in events across the nation," he said.

National Families Week is run by Australia's peak independent not-for-profit organisation promoting the needs and interests of families, Families Australia on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. Each year, National Families Week celebrates and highlights the critical role of families in Australian society and coincides with the UN International Day of Families on 15 May.

Visit: www.familiesaustralia.org.au.

Relationships Australia is a leading provider of relationship support services, aimed to support all Australians to achieve positive and respectful relationships. With more than 60 years experience, Relationships Australia provides confidential relationship support services in every state and territory, including counselling and education for individuals, couples, families and communities; family dispute resolution; family violence prevention; personal development; and training for professionals.

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