

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA: 2018-19 IN REVIEW
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Families Australia is a small organisation driven by one very big humanising idea – to help improve family and child wellbeing through strengthened national policymaking.

We do our best work when we bring people together to solve problems in a spirit of goodwill and collaboration.

The inspiring young person's panel at the Child Aware Conference and the 130,000 people who celebrated during National Families Week spoke to that.

Our efforts on the National Framework are based on a resolute belief that we are laying the foundations for better, safer lives for children and families.

We are now helping to chart future directions for national child and family policy. As shown even in past weeks, we are listening intently to people who are experiencing disadvantage.

All we do comes from a marvellous team effort and spirit of cooperation and collaboration. I have the privilege of working with a remarkably energetic, skilful and irrepressibly optimistic staff team and an excellent Board – thank you.

I want to thank Anne McLeish and Paul Rajan who leave the Board after 15 years' service for their wonderful friendship and commitment.

I wish to pay special tribute to Prue. She cares deeply, passionately about the big idea we pursue. Our bond runs deep. We share many impatiences. We have laughed and confided a lot. I have learned by watching you. You have been extraordinarily generous. You have encouraged me to grow and be myself. Thank you.