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Biggest event on the family and relationship calendar comes to Melbourne

The FRSA 2017 National Conference starts in Melbourne today, bringing delegates from across Australia together to hear from national and international speakers on creative ways to strengthen wellbeing across the family lifecourse.

FRSA Executive Director, Jackie Brady, said this year's conference included a range of renowned speakers who will discuss and provide their views on topical and important issues for the family and relationships sector in Australia.

"This year's conference theme is *Connecting the dots: Creating wellbeing for all*, which is all about connecting the key players, sectors, disciplines and influencers to help strengthen family wellbeing in Australia," Mrs Brady said.

"A particular focus of Thursday's program is Family Law. We have a stunning line-up of speakers with the Attorney-General, the Hon. George Brandis; the former Chief Justice of the Family Court, the Hon. Diana Bryant and the newly appointed Commissioner to the Australian Law Reform Commission, Professor Helen Rhoades speaking," she said.

"The Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs, Senator the Hon. Zed Seselja will join the Conference tomorrow and Shadow Assistant Minister for Family and Communities, Senator Louise Pratt has today shared with us the ALP's vision for children, families and communities," Mrs Brady said.

"The range of keynotes and panels are supported by a very strong program of 56 concurrent sessions highlighting the work of the FRSA sector itself," she said.

"The FRSA conference is important for Australia, because it brings the right people together in one place to discuss issues and opportunities that could support better outcomes for Australian families into the future."

For more information on the FRSA 2017 National Conference, including full details of speakers, visit www.frsa.org.au/frsa-national-conference-2017/.

About FRSA

This year marks FRSA's 10 year anniversary. As the Australian peak body for the family and relationship services sector, FRSA provides a respected, informed and authoritative voice on issues and opportunities for the sector.

FRSA supports and represents the needs and interest of a strong, diverse and adaptable membership and the children, families and communities they serve.