

THE PAM GILBERT AWARD FOR GENDER EQUITY 2004 WAS PRESENTED TO KAY BOULDEN AT THE BRISBANE BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER.



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KAY BOULDEN worked in the (former) Gender Equity Unit of the Queensland Department of Education for many years working on many gender equity projects:

- *Enough's Enough—Gender and Violence in Primary Schools* (which won the *National Violence Prevention Award 1994*);
- *No Fear—Gender and Violence Resource* (Commonwealth);
- *Boys, Gender and Schooling* materials; and
- *Risky Business—gender and body image*.

Kay was the Manager, *Partners for Success Strategy*, in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Unit, Education Queensland. She undertook research and consultation, for the *Cape York Justice Study*.

As a partner in REDinC Consultants she has undertaken many projects involving research, education and development activities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Recently, Kay's expertise has been invaluable in producing a position

paper on *Economic Security for Women* for a national women's consortium of which AWE is a leading member.

The nomination of Kay for the Pam Gilbert Award was particularly for her work in association with AWE over five years on its project focused on pregnant and parenting students and school retention.

Kay helped to develop the several submissions for funding to the Office of the Status of Women and the submission to the Queensland Minister for Education. She has been the project officer for all phases of the project over that time. In this project she:

- did all the initial research, visiting schools in various states which were employing successful strategies to support pregnant and parenting girls;
- wrote both AWE publications *Present, Pregnant & Proud* and *Step by Step, Side by Side*;
- worked with Cleveland State High School and its community to develop and implement a support program for pregnant and

parenting students; and

- flew all over Australia to conduct workshops for Education systems and other government departments and community agencies.

She has also presented workshops at conferences promoting the work of AWE and the need to support pregnant and parenting students.

Kay's commitment to this issue is passionate and unstinting. She is revered Australia-wide for her knowledge, expertise and commitment to this issue, and is continuing to make herself available in Victoria, where she now lives, to support work there.

She has commenced her Masters of Education degree working on the issues for Indigenous students who are pregnant and parenting.

Kay is an outstanding candidate for the *Pam Gilbert Award*. Her work is groundbreaking. AWE is indebted to her both for her contribution to gender equity in Australia and as the quality of her work has also promoted the Association.