

SA Branch Newsletter

October 2004

Running for election this year? Childcare better be your priority.

On Tuesday 24th August 300 people squeezed into every square inch of the Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union (LHMU) office to attend a political *Forum for quality childcare*. Child Care Workers, students, parents, early childhood academics and others came together with a common interest in addressing the appalling wages of Child Care Workers and ensuring the viability of a quality childcare sector.

Guest speaker, author and academic Elizabeth Dau, spoke with conviction about the contribution of Child Care Workers and outlined the significant changes to qualifications, standards and accountability since the last wage increase in 1991. Elizabeth said these new roles led her to support the LHMU childcare members who were perusing a significant wage claim.

Candidates from key marginal electorates were also invited to address the Forum to outline their positions on maintaining a high quality affordable childcare sector. Kate Ellis (ALP candidate for Adelaide), Steve Georganis (ALP candidate for Hindmarsh), David Cox (ALP sitting

member for Kingston) and Martyn Evans (ALP sitting member for Bonython) fielded a barrage of questions from the floor. It was disappointing that their Liberal counterparts declined the invitation to take part in the Forum even though Child Care members and parents had organised numerous letters and phone calls in an effort to get their commitment to attend.

However, the highlight of the night was the announcement by David Cox of an ALP commitment to fund any wage increase won through the Industrial Relations Commission. The 300 present understandably greeted this news with cheers and applause.

The Forum certainly showed the politicians how serious the childcare community is in working towards a solution to the wage crisis. Childcare members and supporters will continue to apply pressure to politicians in the post election period.

For more information contact Sarah, Liz or Helen at the LHMU on 8352 3511



A section of the large audience at the Forum for quality childcare.

*You are invited to the
Annual General Meeting
of
Early Childhood
Australia (SA Branch)*

being held on

*Monday 8th November
6.30 - 8.30pm*

*Education
Development Centre
Hindmarsh*

*Guest Speaker
Dr Victor Nossar
Childhood Obesity - a
problem for the whole
community*

(see page 2 for more information)

*Refreshments
will be provided*

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deLissa Oration for Children's Week 2004

A FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

The deLissa Institute of Early Childhood and Family Studies

Presents

Cate Fowler

Director / Creative Producer
Windmill Performing Arts

'Creating performances and arts based activities for children'

Cate is recognised for her creativity and dedication to fostering and promoting theatre and the arts in general for young children, young adults and families. She received a Matilda Award for her outstanding contribution to the development of Early Childhood Theatre and was one of the inaugural recipients of the AJAN (Australia-Japan Arts Network) residency.

on

Wednesday 27th October 2004 at 6.30pm
(International Children's Day).

Venue: Room G1-72/73 deLissa Building
University of South Australia,
St. Bernards Road Magill

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Annual General Meeting

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Dr Victor Nossar
Guest Speaker

Dr. Nossar is a specialist community paediatrician and since the beginning of 2003 he has been the Senior Paediatric Consultant with Child and Youth Health in SA. He is heading the 'Every Chance for Every Child' early childhood initiative in South Australia.

Dr. Nossar is the Associate Professor in the School of Medicine at Flinders University and Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Adelaide

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