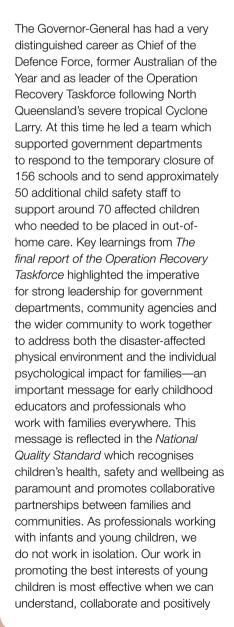
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## Transition and collaboration

In this issue, we welcome His Excellency the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) as Patron of Early Childhood Australia. We look forward to the involvement of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia with ECA throughout his tenure.



impact on the broader structures within which we work—families, communities, government departments and policies.

This issue of *Every Child* has a focus on transition to school. Sue Dockett and Kay Margetts provide insight into evidence-based approaches which support young children transitioning to school. Sue Farmer and Carole Piper give excellent strategies, particularly for supporting young children with disabilities and their families. A thoughtful discussion about what high-quality educational provision looks like in the early years of school is provided by Jenny Jay, Marianne Knaus and Sandra Hesterman.

Transition to school does not occur at a single point in time. Rather, it is an interactive process involving the child, family, early childhood professionals and educators in both early childhood and school settings. Transition is a period of opportunity and possibility. There is opportunity, for sharing of knowledge and information to support the child's needs as they transition to school, and there is possibility, to provide support and continuity as the child moves on in their learning journey. Victoria has some useful expectations, processes and tools. The Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework applies to children from birth to eight years across educational settings.



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transition.aspx for further information.)

Finally, I encourage you to consider the potential impact of our collaborative advocacy and collective action to serve the best interests of young children. Early Childhood Australia has a positive influence and enormous reach across our nation and we can all encourage increased membership. Individually and together we can promote and enhance high-quality education and care for young children.

Jackie Brien

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