Welcome to 2020

Our thoughts and sincere best wishes go out to everybody and every child effected by fires, droughts and floods this year. ECA continues to advocate for all young children. Please contact us if you have any ideas on how to best support children and services during this very tough time. Early Childhood Australia have up to date resources to support you. This is updated regularly in ECA Webwatch.


Conversation evenings

Like a conversations evening in your area?

It’s a good way to promote Early Childhood and get educators together.

Dates for this year are: August 13 and November 12.
If you have an interest in ECA NSW coming to your area, please get in touch!
Farewell to the National Children’s Commissioner, Megan Mitchell. Megan finishes her term on 7 March 2020. Megan has been a terrific supporter of ECA NSW. Her final report has now been released: In Their Own Right https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/childrens-rights/projects/childrens-rights-reports

The Children’s Guardian Act is commencing 1 March 2020 and brings together existing legislation under one Act, to make the Office of the Children’s Guardian (OCG) more independent and responsive. The OCG is holding free information sessions from March 2020 about the changes and how these will affect child-related organisations. The information sessions are designed to:

- Increase your understanding of the new Children’s Guardian Act and how it impacts child-related organisations in NSW.
- Build awareness of the Child Safe Standards and understand how prevention is key to keeping children safe in organisations.
- Explain changes to the Reportable Conduct scheme and what organisations need to do to comply with new requirements.

Please use this link to register interest in attending an information session https://register.eventarc.net/e/43939

The location of the information sessions will be based on where the expressions of interest are coming from so please register if you would like an information session in your area.

Resources are available on the website: https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

Helpful resources to share

Be You has developed a resource pack of information and tools to help schools and early learning services respond to the mental health impact of the bushfire crisis in Australia. Find out more on their bushfires response page https://beyou.edu.au/bushfires-response

Also did you also know that anyone can subscribe to receive the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment early childhood education and care email newsletters? It has been particularly helpful regarding our recent Bushfire emergencies.

Subscribe to the early childhood education and care email newsletter HERE!
ECA NSW is offering scholarships for early childhood teachers and educators to attend the Early Childhood Conference in Brisbane this year. Please keep a look out for future issues for more information.

**RIVERINA ECA**

will hold a mini conference at Tumut on 13 - 14 June with guest keynote speaker Anthony Semann.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

Tumut is a fire impacted area.
Please support this event if possible.

**ECA NSW AGM**

Thinking of becoming involved with ECA NSW?

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 7 May 2020 from 6pm to 8.30pm at Club York, York Street in Sydney CBD. Nomination forms will be sent to all members closer to the date.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2020**

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**NSW ECEEN CONFERENCE SATURDAY 9 MAY 2020**

Naamaroo Convention Centre
Lane Cove National Park

A conference for sustainability in early childhood services in NSW
ECA Far North Coast Regional Group is thrilled to announce our 2020 conference line-up

Saturday 28 March 2020 | 9am to 4pm
Mantra on SALT Beach | Kingscliff

Opening keynote
Dr Sandra Cheeseman – What makes for a great day?

Workshop Sessions
Lisa Gardiner – Creating therapeutic play environments for children who have experienced trauma
Be You – Building your resilience and wellbeing as an educator
Dr Sandra Cheeseman – 0-3 years ... Listening to learn
Laure Hislop (KU) – STEM workshop
Pip Rose – Work, Play and Feel with Clay
Janet Auret – How do we learn to have dynamic balance? Neuro-motor development in children

Closing keynote
Catharine Hydon – The important questions to ask

The Creative Hub at the Pavilion
These workshops are all hands on, participants will leave with their own creations from the sessions. Be prepared to get your hands dirty...
Travis DeVries – Aboriginal Art - Ancient Symbolism, Modern Context – Finding your own artistic voice
Donna Osmetti – Pijjibun (Bangalow Palm) Project – Weaving, winding and fashioning palm fronds
Get Knotted – Macramé creations

ECA members $230 Non members $280
To book please use this link...
ECA Far North Coast Conference 2020
(www.trybooking.com/BHAAG)

Places are limited

Stallholders will be showcasing local businesses and service providers
Far North Coast Regional ECA Group is pleased to announce our ...

**2020 Masterclass**

**Friday 27 March, 9am to 4pm**

Mantra on Salt Beach, Kingscliff

**Creating new pathways**

Trauma informed practice with young children presented by Lisa Gardiner

This masterclass will ...
- unpack and explore trauma and its impact on brain/neuro development and attachment
- identify trauma-informed practice opportunities in early childhood
- reflect on participants’ attachment styles and the impact that has on relationships and application of practice

**About Lisa Gardiner:** Lisa has 15 years as a principle consultant with a focus on professional development through supervision, coaching, training and organisational development has been informed by her career across Health and Human Services, working in governance, as an executive and as a practitioner. Particular areas of practitioner expertise are in mental health, sexual assault, loss and grief, family therapy and complex trauma and attachment.

**ECA members $300  Non members $350**

To book please go to this link ...

www.trybooking.com/BFIRI
AN INDIGENOUS BELONGING TO PLACE

Join us for an afternoon of workshops hosted by local Indigenous leaders. Our time together will incorporate hands on learning as well as appropriate cultural practice and establishing an authentic Reconciliation Action Plan for an early childhood context. This event is hosted by ECA Central Coast group.

A Central Coast specific cultural sharing for early childhood educators

Workshops covering:
- Local stories, language and bush tucker walk
- Seasonal calendar
- Didgeridoo
- Indigenous craft
- Children’s acknowledgement
- A light supper with bushfood flair is included

Cost: $85
$60 with current ECA Membership

5 MARCH
4 – 7.45 PM
Yerra Building
Ourimbah Campus