



**Early Childhood  
Australia**

New South Wales Branch

# Newsletter



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## ECA AGM 2020

**The ECA AGM 2020 will be held on 27 May 2021 at 6.30pm. It will be a virtual event conducted over zoom and we would love you to join us for the meeting.**

You can register in advance for the meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about how to join the meeting.

*Register here now*

## Young Citizens: The right to play, learn and be heard.

**The Early Childhood Australia National conference 2021 is to be held in Brisbane from Monday 6 September to Thursday 9 September 2021.**

**Conference attendance is still available. If you would like further conference information...**

**Click here!**

## NSW EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER ACCREDITATION

**Many early childhood teachers accredited at Proficient Teacher in July 2016 under eligibility requirements of the Accreditation of Early Childhood Teachers Policy are due to finalise their maintenance of accreditation on 17 July 2021.**

To assist these teachers to finalise their maintenance of accreditation, the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has extended the timeframe in which they can submit their maintenance. Once these teachers have met all requirements, they will be able to submit their maintenance of accreditation between 17 February 2021 and 17 January 2022.

The same arrangement will apply to teachers who have a 7-year maintenance timeframe and are due to finalise their maintenance on 17 July 2023.

NESA has communicated with all teachers who are due to finalise their maintenance on 17 July 2021 as well as providers and service directors. The following resources were included in communications to stakeholders:

- NESA as TAA Procedures Early Childhood Teachers – Maintaining accreditation at Proficient Teacher
- Maintenance of accreditation – Information for teachers
- Maintenance of accreditation – Information for service directors, managers and providers

To help you support teachers and stakeholders during 2021, NESA has also developed suggested text that can be included in newsletters/publications for teachers or other stakeholders. Please feel free to use this content in your communication to teachers or stakeholders associated with your organisation.

Thank you for your ongoing support of early childhood teachers and accreditation in NSW.

**Please contact NESA's Teaching Standards and Accreditation Directorate, Early Childhood team if you have any enquiries. Email them at: [ECTaccreditation@nesa.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ECTaccreditation@nesa.nsw.edu.au)**



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## Hunter meet-up

The Hunter ECA group met on Tuesday evening at the Glendale TAFE building with 40 participants. This was capped due to Covid restrictions.

Two educators were asked to talk about their experience with the DET Self-Assessment document and the Assessment & Rating visit. Educators divided into groups to consider evidence for some of the NQS elements. It was very successful as a networking event. The topic is on everyone's mind at the moment.

The format worked well with a balance of listening and then discussion.

Report by Lyn Connors Facilitator for Hunter region



## Early Childhood Australia Governance

Over the past few years, the Early Childhood Australia National Executive in consultation with the state committees have been discussing a restructure of our current governance model. This is a significant change for Early Childhood Australia.

Members will be asked to vote on the proposed changes in forthcoming meetings. More communication will be sent to members.

Have you registered your support for Jay Weatherill's Thrive by 5 'I'm going to Parliament' Drive? You can join the campaign at [thrivebyfive.org.au](http://thrivebyfive.org.au)

## MEGAN MITCHELL AM

Australia's inaugural Children's Commissioner Megan Mitchell, was recognised in the Australia Day honours being awarded the Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant services to children, human rights, and wellbeing initiatives.

Megan has been very generous with her time to ECA NSW presenting to our members on a number of occasions in our advocacy role for children.

*Congratulations Megan*



# Conversation evenings

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## ECA NSW Conversations

Thursday 15th April, 7pm (via ZOOM)



### **Children in Early Childhood dealing with trauma led by Bronwen Elliott.**

Bronwen Elliott is an independent social worker who works with families where there are significant child protection concerns. She also assists agencies working with families through training and consultation and has worked on a number of projects with early childhood education providers.

This meeting is via zoom. Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZApf--tqT8rHtL87yvzOJZesrG7NsWrWZS8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Information about further Conversation evenings are sent out to members' individual membership emails.

We aim to have a Conversation evening every six weeks as a way of engaging with our members and supporting our members in advocating for children.



### **Gabrielle Sinclair**

CEO Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA)

## Catch-up

If you missed our recent Conversation evening, you can still access it on ZOOM...

**ECA NSW's first conversations evening for 2021 featured:**

### **Gabrielle Sinclair**

Gabrielle Sinclair has been the CEO of the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) since January 2017. She has experience at Executive level in a number of Queensland Government portfolios including Corrective Services, Local Government and Planning, and Education and Training where she held the position of Deputy Director-General, Early Childhood and Community Engagement.

Gabrielle has degrees in teaching and education, a Master's degree in Education and an Executive Master's degree in Public Administration.

If you missed Gabrielle's fascinating presentation, readers can still hear the talk on ZOOM by clicking [here](#) and using the Passcode: 4+r\$vuL!

**Thank you to our members who provided thought provoking questions for the presentation.**