

Newsletter



Djeran season at last sees a break in the really hot weather. A key indicator of the change of season is the cool nights that once again bring a dewy presence for us to discover in the early mornings. Djeran is a time of red flowers especially from the Red flowering gum, as well as the smaller and more petite flowers of the Summer Flame.

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I would like to spend time acknowledging the amazing work that you are all doing in your centres and services within the Early Years space.

We have been working hard as a committee providing information to National Office in regards to a WA perspective into the recent submissions for both the early years strategy and the productivity commission. I would especially like to thank Dr Pauline Roberts who has collated this information on behalf of WA.

Our committee and sub committees have been setting their calendar of events, and we have a couple we are almost ready to announce. Please check out our upcoming RAG event with **Thomas Mayo: Uluru Statement from the Heart and a Voice to Parliament** which is happening soon on **Thursday May 11th** (see pg 3)

As 2023 is the Year of Play, our conference will have a play focus. If there are areas you are noticing you or your staff would like upskilling in, please get in contact. We are always wanting to cater to your needs.

I look forward to hearing stories from how you are preparing for Sorry Day and Reconciliation week, and how you are embedding and approaching a cultural perspective in your services and centres. Next newsletter I would like to highlight some of the work that you are all doing. If you have a story you would like to share please get in
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Have a wonderful term.

Tanya Steers
ECA WA Chair



2023 National Excellence in Teaching Awards

We all know someone who just gets on with their work, day-in and day-out, dedicating themselves to their students, and always thinking of a better way to teach and learn.

We want to thank you for taking the time and effort to pause and recognise teachers for their outstanding contribution to transform the futures of children in Australia and New Zealand again this year.

Award winners receive a professional development grant of up to \$10,000 to further their career and to find ways to help their students reach their potential. They'll be honoured in an awards ceremony and be invited to meet and network with the other recipients and NEiTA alumni.

And most importantly, they'll know they're appreciated, noticed, and that we're all truly thankful for what they do.

Please scan below to Nominate an outstanding educator.



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THE YEAR OF PLAY WITH ECA

As ECA's Year of Play rolls on, *Every Child* is committed to providing readers with high-quality articles on play to provoke reflection and improved practice. This issue contains two articles on play. The Be You team has contributed a discussion on technology play and how that relates to children's agency, wellbeing and empowerment. Educators will be particularly interested in the advice the authors provide on involving children in the many ways educators use technology in their settings, even in the process of digital documentation. The magazine's cover story asks three important questions educators need to ask themselves about children's play: 'What are the rules and structure of play?', 'How is play a creative process?' and 'What is the role of the educator in play?' The context used by the authors, Dr Sarah Young and Dr Rebecca Lewis, for asking these questions is socio-dramatic play. As readers will discover, there is a lot more going on behind the costumes in this kind of play than simple dress-ups!



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE 2023

Thursday 22 June
Curtin University

Health and Safety
Early Intervention for Early
Childhood Educators



Grow

Inspire

Learn

BOOK ONLINE

www.achperwa.org.au

Early Bird booking available



Building capacity to thrive

A Be You Virtual Conference

3 and 4 May 2023



Australian Government: Productivity Commission

*Inquiry into Early Childhood
Education and Care Sector in
Australia*

This inquiry examines the early childhood education and care (ECEC) sector, including centre-based day care, preschools, family day care, outside school hours care and in home care. The Commission will consider cost and availability barriers that affect access to ECEC services, and ways to support better outcomes for children and families.

With a final report to Government due in June 2024, initial submissions are now open until Friday 19 May 2023.

Reconciliation SYMPOSIUM

Advancing reconciliation in early childhood education and care
Hobart, Tasmania • 9–10 June 2023

2023

Thomas Mayo:

Uluru Statement from the Heart and a Voice to Parliament

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023 @ 5:30PM WST

FREE Zoom event

Please scan the QR code to gain access
or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CHYOU>



Join us for an evening of insightful conversation as Early Childhood Australia in partnership with Reconciliation WA present Thomas Mayo, a Kaurareg Aboriginal and Kalkalgai, Erubamle Torres Strait Islander man, who will be speaking on the Uluru statement from the heart.



Thomas has been instrumental in spreading the message of the Uluru Statement, travelling across the country from small communities to large city gatherings. He has played a crucial role in building a movement for a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice, which has led us to where we are today.

This is a rare opportunity to hear from a prominent voice in the movement for Indigenous constitutional recognition.

We look forward to seeing you on line through our Zoom link on Thursday 11th May @ 5:30pm for what promises to be a thought-provoking and engaging evening



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