

Newsletter



Kaya!

WOW What a conference!

To start the day with such an engaging and thought provoking conversation, through to viewing our amazing practitioners already embedding wonderful adaptations of the play pedagogy, to ending on a powerful note of the importance of play for children with neurodiversity. I walked away feeling so empowered and at the perfect time of year, when things had started taking a toll.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the behind the scenes work of our Membership committee, chaired by the inspiring Dr Amie Fabry and to our Office Administrator – Cassie Killham, I thank you for the tireless work in the lead up to the conference.

We have two wonderful events coming up in the next couple of weeks and I hope to see you there.

Reach out if you have any questions and if ECAWA can assist in anyway.

Tanya Steers
Chairperson WA State Committee

Djilba season is a time to look for the yellow and cream flowers starting on mass. Djilba is a transitional time of the year, with some very cold and clear days combining with warmer, rainy and windy days mixing with the occasional sunny day or two. This is the start of the massive flowering explosion that happens in the South West. This starts with the yellow flowering plants such as the Acacias. Also colours that are around at this time of year are creams, combined with some vivid and striking blues.



An ECA WA Pedagogy event

UNPACKING EYLF V2 WITH REBECCA FINNEY

Unpacking the changes in EYLF V2.0 to help you plan for your transition in the lead up to 2024

Tickets:

\$15 ECA WA Members
\$30 Non Members



<https://www.trybooking.com/CLEWC>

Date Wednesday 20th
September 2023

Time: 6.15pm - 7.30pm

Location Leederville Early
Childhood Centre
244a Vincent Street
Leederville WA 6007

Light refreshments available



ADHD WA CONFERENCE 2023

From Research to Practical Strategies



Saturday 14 October 2023



Join us in person at
Optus Stadium or live Online



8:00am - 4:30pm AEST

Hear from **global**
ADHD experts and
have **your** ADHD
questions answered

Visit www.adhdwa.org for more information and to secure your ticket today.

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- Corina Barrett

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ECA WA STATE CONFERENCE

On Saturday 2nd September over 230 individuals came together at Curtin University to learn, network, discuss and reflect on all things PLAY! We were joined by keynote speakers Professor Pasi Sahlberg, Associate Professor Hayley Christian and Hon. Sabine Winton MLA. We also heard from researchers, consultants, educators, teachers and leaders presenting on the importance of play.



It was a fantastic day and great opportunity to connect with our Early Childhood community. Here was some feedback we've received since the event:

"What a joy it was to share your event today. The speakers and presentations were outstanding. I adored the rigor and the beautiful vibe of so many great people. The catering and rooming was excellent. The venue and parking awesome."

"I just wanted to say thanks for a well run and interesting Conference on Saturday. I appreciate how much work goes on behind the scenes to create conference content, the venue and catering and the coordination of all of the moving parts."

"I think that all who attended would have come away with renewed vigour and intent and a bounce in their step regarding Play- a human right! I hope that this enthusiasm translates into many mosquitoes in the political arena as well as the big bad system called 'pushdown' Thanks again and I look forward to the conversations that emerge."

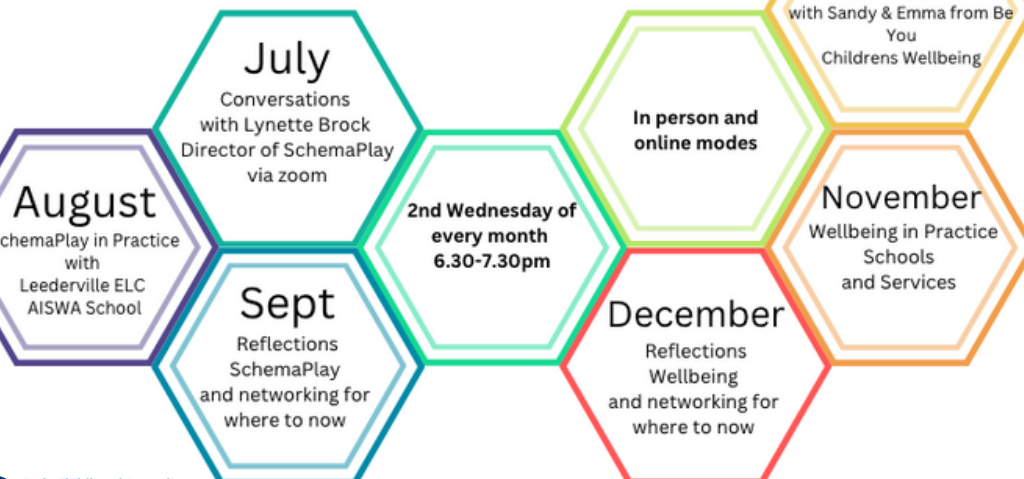
"That was one of the best conferences I've been to for a while"

"Just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the work that has gone into making this a wonderful event. I really enjoyed every presenter and was left with new inspiration, ideas, and networks."



Critical Conversations

ECAWA Members only exclusive event series



Critical Conversations:

A ECA WA members only resource providing an opportunity to network, promote advocacy, gain support and exchange ideas within the early childhood field.

Exclusive access to Critical Conversations is **free to all members**. Once registered, you will have access to the following CC events which will be held every second Wednesday of the month between 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Check out the fantastic events we have lined up:

September 13th: Reflections: SchemaPlay and networking for where to now

October 11th: Conversations with Sandy and Emma from Be You Children's Wellbeing

November 8th: Wellbeing in Practice: Schools and Services

To make sure you're involved in our ECA WA Critical Conversations, please scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CUIUR>