

Newsletter



Early Childhood Australia
Western Australia



Welcome to Noongar season, Bunuru! The hottest and driest season of the Noongar calendar. For this reason, Bunuru was a time when Noongar family groups would gather by the coast, fishing in freshwater and coastal areas. Freshwater and saltwater fish were a primary food source at this time. With their understanding of the patterns of nature, Noongar people were able to live safely, sustainably and respectfully in relation to the natural cycles of land, plants and animals.

Welcome to 2025 with ECAWA!

The new year is in full swing, and we've hit the ground running! Over the past month, we've reflected on our journey, our shared purpose, and what's next for ECAWA. As part of our annual planning day, we explored what it truly means to be part of this dynamic community. What stood out was our collective commitment to, membership value, collaboration within the sector, and more regional focus. With these values in mind, we've structured four key subcommittees to drive our work forward:

- ★ Membership & Events (including Regional focus)
- ★ Pedagogy – Play, Best Practice, and Translating Research into Action
- ★ Reconciliation (RAP)

If you'd like to be involved, we'd love to hear from you! Email us at ecawa@earlychildhood.org.au.

A Year Full of Opportunities!

We've got an exciting calendar chock full of events already lined up, including networking, professional learning, and, of course, the ECA National Conference—our biggest event of the year!

To start things off, we're bringing everyone together for a casual, fun-filled evening of connection and conversation free to our members. It's the perfect way to ease into the year, catch up with colleagues, and meet new faces in the sector. Keep reading for all the details—we hope to see you there!

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Tanya Steers
Chairperson, ECAWA

ECA WA COMMITTEE

Executive

Chair: Tanya Steers

Secretary: Amie Fabry

Treasurer: Dani Arrigoni

Committee Members

Rosina Smith

Jayne Kaiko

Amelia Ruscoe

Amie Fabry

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Danielle Arrigoni

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Admin: Jo Kapica

Subcommittees:

Reconciliation In Action (RAG)

Pedagogy

Events/Membership

Our sub committees work hard to provide an exciting calendar of events. If you are interested in joining one of our subcommittees in

2025, please reach out!
ecawa@earlychildhood.org.au



NETWORKING SUNDOWNER

BAREFOOT BOWLS & BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Connect with the ECA WA Committee, fellow members and sector colleagues as we start the year.

21
FEBRUARY
AT 6PM



MEMBERS ARE FREE
NON MEMBERS \$10



Enjoy a BBQ dinner and refreshments then unwind with a game of barefoot bowls as the sun sets.

Como Bowling Club
99 Hensman St, South Perth



Visit our website for membership
www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au

2025 YEAR PLANNER



Routines and rituals to support transitions
Transitions involve moving between settings, spaces, or activities, requiring adaptation to new environments and circumstances. There are two types of transitions children may experience; vertical (e.g. starting at a service or school) and horizontal (e.g. from home to learning community). Routines are structured patterns that provide stability, while rituals add emotional meaning and sense of purpose. These practices foster security and reduce anxiety, supporting children's social, emotional, and academic development.

Visual routines, prepared scripts, and mindful practices help ease transitions by offering children predictability and a sense of control. Incorporating these strategies enhances emotional regulation, creating a positive environment for children's development and wellbeing. Join us for the first Be You In Practice event in 2025 Routine and rituals to support transitions on Wednesday 19 February 3:30-4:00pm (AEDT).



ECAWA 2025 Calendar of Events

February:

21 February 2025 | 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM | ECA Networking Event- Barefoot Bowls

March

RAP Subcommittee Event – Aboriginal Perspectives in STEM | Date TBC

April

3 April 2025 | Cross-Sector Conversations and Connections Panel (Series 1 of 3)

ECA WA Pedagogy Subcommittee Event – Date TBC

May

RAP Subcommittee Event – Understanding Racism with Robyn Collard | Date TBC

16-17 May 2025 | ECA Reconciliation Symposium

June

24 June 2025 | Cross-Sector Conversations and Connections Panel (Series 2 of 3)

ECA WA Pedagogy Subcommittee Event – Date TBC

July

RAP Subcommittee Event – Partnership event with Reconciliation WA | Date TBC

28 July – 9 August 2025 | Early Learning Matters Week

August

Early Learning Matters Week (continued)

ECA WA Pedagogy Subcommittee Event – Date TBC

September

30 September 2025 | ECA Colloquia on Leadership and Ethics

October

1 October 2025 |

AJEC Research Symposium

1 – 4 October 2025 |

ECA National Conference

23 October 2025 | Cross-Sector

Conversations and Connections Panel (Series 3 of 3)

November

ECA Annual Meeting

Follow us on Facebook to keep an eye out for even more events coming in



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