



weaving our
children's voices

conference
2003

REGISTRATION



President's Message



Early Childhood Australia NT (formally known as Australian Early Childhood Association) would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to this years Early Childhood conference 'Weaving Our Children's Voices'. For those of you who travelled long distances I hope you can take some time to enjoy some of the sights that Darwin has to offer.

Early Childhood Australia is a broadly based national organisation known and respected for the quality and impact of its leadership and advocacy on behalf of young children. ECA has been a voice for young children since 1938 and is committed to promoting a high standard of practice in the early childhood field.

ECA helps to determine policy that affects young children and is a leading early childhood publisher, and a champion of children's rights and we are very pleased to sponsor this conference.

We are very excited with the program of the 'Weaving Our Children's Voices' conference and believe it has something for everyone involved with early childhood, families, education, child protection, foster parents, child care providers and health professionals.

ECA NT branch would like to thank the Department Health and Community Services for the generous support provided, without this generosity and commitment to the early childhood profession this conference would not be possible.

Heather Havens
President
ECA NT Branch

Keynote Speakers



Sydney Gurewitz Clemens, an early childhood teacher for more than twenty years, is a widely-recognized author and workshop presenter on topics which involve "hot cognition" children learning through things they are passionate about. These topics can be from the happy parts of life: early literacy, creativity, and many aspects of the work being done in Reggio Emilia, but they can also be from life's painful parts, including divorce, death & dying, and parents in prison. Her two books, 'Pay Attention to the Children: Lessons for Teachers and Parents from Sylvia Ashton-Warner', and 'The Sun's Not Broken, A Cloud's Just in the Way: On Child-Centered Teaching' are inspiring, practical, informative and a pleasure to read. [They will be available for purchase the day of the workshop.]



Dr. Tim Moore is an educational and developmental psychologist with over 30 years experience, both in Australia and England. He completed his Doctoral studies at the University of Surrey on self-esteem and self-concept in children. He has worked in a variety of settings, including regular schools, special schools and early intervention centres. He was Coordinator at Mornington Centre, a state-wide Department of Education early childhood intervention service for young deaf and partially hearing children and their families, from 1988 to 2000. His current position is as Research Fellow at the Centre for Community Child Health, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Dr. Moore has been a leading figure in the early childhood intervention field for the last 15 years. He has run numerous workshops and training courses, both in Victoria and interstate, on various aspects of child development, behaviour management, and early intervention (including family-centred practice workshops in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and Western Australia). He has also served on many State and Commonwealth government reviews and policy development bodies.

Weaving our Children's Voices

“Weaving our Children's Voices” NT Early Childhood Conference

To understand a child's story, we need to listen to the child, to the child's family and home community. We can learn from the child's culture and history, and the people that have entered the child's life, sometimes for a short while and sometimes for longer. Every person has something important to add, to increase our understanding of the child, and facilitate the child's growth and understanding of us.

This conference aims to provide the opportunities for professionals in education, children's services, health, and child protection to

- Share and develop our understanding of children's early years.
- Reflect on alternative approaches to practice;
- Make connections across time and place;
- Establish different kinds of relationships; and
- Encounter a range of view points.

The Conference will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, September 3-6 2003.

Audience

The intended conference participants will be from a diverse range of backgrounds, interests and professions and will include families, local community groups and professionals working in the areas of child development, child protection, care, health and education.

Strands

An exciting and diverse range of speakers and presenters will enthral participants with opportunities to discuss, learn and reflect upon the following Conference Strands.

1) Let's Work Together - Relationships and Partnerships'

Developing strong respect for and relationships between each community that a child belongs to. Communities include the home, cultural groups, early childhood settings.

- Working in partnerships
- Relationships with families
- Community development

Provisional Program



2) Let's Learn Together - Knowledge and Innovation

Supporting the early childhood profession learning together, developing and respecting shared understandings as well as diverse disciplines and theories.

- Realities and successes of working in rural and remote areas,
- Promoting professional development,
- Recruiting and retaining quality staff.

3) Let's Do It – Diversity and contexts

Discussing and sharing the practical realities in early childhood. Identifying new developments and refreshing the known and accepted ways of working

- Forward planning and responding to family and community needs
- Incorporating culture and language
- Using arts/craft/music as tools for learning
- Guiding children's behaviour
- Enhancing child development.

Provisional Program

Wednesday 3 September 2003

- Conference Welcome and
- Opening Ceremony
- Registration

Parliament House, Darwin.

Thursday 4 September 2003.

- Registration
- Keynotes, Workshops and Seminars

Crown Plaza Hotel

Friday 5 September 2003.

- Registration
- Keynotes, Workshops and Seminars
- Conference Dinner
(& Keynote Address)

Saturday 6 September 2003.

- Registration
- Keynotes, Workshops and Seminars
- Conference Closing Ceremony

Venue

Social Program

The Conference Planning Committee is organising a range of conference events to complement the conference program.

Social functions include a Welcome & Conference Opening at Parliament House in Darwin. The Opening will be by the Honourable Jane Aagaard, Minister for Health & Community Services.

The Conference Dinner will be held on Friday 5 September, at the beautiful PeeWee's Restaurant, located at East Point, with views of Darwin City. The Conference Dinner will also be the venue for a Keynote Address and an opportunity for participants to mingle, network, and let their hair down!!

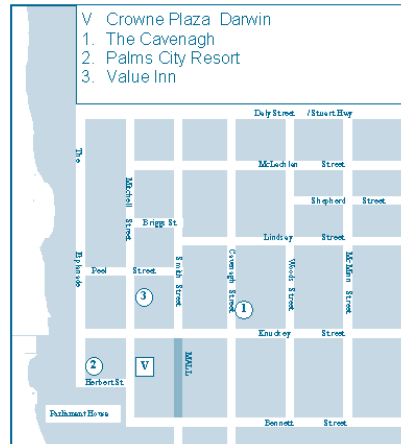
Conference Venue

Crowne Plaza Darwin
32 Mitchell St, Darwin

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The modern, multi-storey Crowne Plaza (formerly Rydges Plaza Darwin) is in the heart of Darwin's restaurant and entertainment district in Mitchell Street, a stroll from major office blocks and shops.



Dress Standard

Conference sessions will be held in an air-conditioned venue, therefore you may consider bringing a light pullover or jacket in case you get cool. Neat casual wear is appropriate for both Conference sessions and social activities. It is important that footwear must be worn due to health regulations.

Transport/ Transfers

Within the CBD mini buses operate which cost approximately \$2.50 per person.

The cost of taxis to and from the airport to the city is approximately \$23.00 one way. Alternatively the airport bus shuttle, operating from the front of the terminal, costs \$7.50 one way or \$13.00 return.

Registration Types & Inclusions

Early Bird Registration closes 31st July 2003
Standard Registration closes 29th August 2003

Full Registration

Full Early Bird Registration	\$240.00
Full Standard Registration	\$290.00

The above registrations include attendance at all Conference sessions; Conference satchel & program; morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for the duration of the Conference and the Welcome Reception.

Day Registration

Day Registration	\$110.00
Concessional Day Registration	\$ 75.00

(Includes full time students, pensioners, health care card holders and stay at home parents)

The above registrations include attendance at all Conference sessions for the nominated day; Conference satchel & program; morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for the nominated day and the Welcome Reception.

Social Program

Welcome Reception (Wednesday 3rd September) 5.30pm-7.00pm

Stroll down to Parliament House at 5.30pm to begin the Conference in style. The Hon. Jane Aargard, Minister for Health, is your host for the evening. Drinks and nibbles included.

Conference Dinner (Friday 5th September) 7.00pm-11.30pm

The Conference Dinner will be held at PeeWee's Restaurant, East Point. Tickets for the dinner are \$60 per person. This includes a Keynote address, dinner and entertainment.

Accommodation

Group reservations have been made at the accommodation properties listed for the duration of the conference. As rooms are limited, you are urged to return the registration form with your accommodation details as early as possible. All prices include GST.

All accommodation payments must be paid to Early Childhood Australia prior to your arrival in Darwin.

Accommodation

CROWNE PLAZA DARWIN - 32 Mitchell Street

Conference venue

Standard Single/Double/Twin \$180.00

Centrally located in the heart of the City.

Swimming pool, restaurant & bars

Single/Double Room contains 1 x king bed

Twin Room contains 2 x double bed

THE CAVENAGH – 12 Cavenagh Street

Budget accommodation in the heart of the city

Motel Room Twin/Double \$92.00

Newly refurbished, swimming pool and bar

Dormitory Bed (room of 4) \$23.00 per person

5 minutes walk to venue

PALMS CITY RESORT- The Esplanade

Villas Single/Double \$147.00

Brand new property, set in lush tropical gardens

2 minutes walk to venue

Villas contain 1x double bed and cooking facilities

Swimming pool, guest laundry

VALUE INN- 50 Mitchell St

Standard Single/Double/Twin \$79.00

Two star accommodation in the centre of the city.

5 minutes walk to venue

A queen size and single bed in each room.

Swimming pool, no tea/coffee making facilities in room.

NB: Cost does not include breakfast.

PRICES ARE PER ROOM, PER NIGHT

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing to Early Childhood Australia of the Northern Territory. Registration cancellations after 8th August may incur a \$50.00 Administration Fee. Accommodation cancellations after 8th August may incur a fee of one night's accommodation. Substitution by another person will be at no additional cost.

Disclaimer

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