



**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Launch in the Grand Ballroom**

4.30pm	Refreshments upon arrival	
5.00pm – 5.30pm	Delegate Welcome Wayne Bull, CEWA Executive Director	
5.30pm – 6.00pm	Welcome Address Hon Sabine Winton MLA	
6.00pm – 6.40pm	Keynote Presentation Dr Jane Merewether	<i>Rethinking “Quality” in Early Childhood Education through More-Than-Human Narratives</i>
6.40pm	Networking and Refreshments	

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

8.30am	Registration	
8.45am	Welcome and Introduction	
9.30am – 10.30am	Keynote 1: Dr Laura Jana	<i>How Best to Optimise Learning</i>
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea	
11.00am – 11.45am	<b>Concurrent Session 1</b>	
	Dr Kimberley Beasley	<i>Botanical Literacies</i>
	Dr Dee O’Connor	<i>Children’s Brain Development</i>
	Sam Wynne	<i>Playing with Possibilities – Nurturing Each Child’s Narrative in Play</i>
	Dr Amelia Ruscoe	<i>Child-Centric Quality Measures for Teachers and Administrators</i>
	Mikayla King	<i>The Power of Resources</i>
	Lisa Burman	<i>The Power of Beginning our Pedagogical Decisions from an Identity Perspective</i>
	Benjamin Saulsman, Dr Deb Perich, Adrian Torrese and Kristie Turner	<i>Building Relationships through URSTRONG</i>
11.55am – 12.40pm	<b>Concurrent Session 2</b>	
	Dr Laura Jana	<i>Extending on the Framework of Skills (QI Skills)</i>
	Dr Dee O’Connor	<i>The Importance of Social and Emotional Development</i>
	Sam Wynne	<i>Playing with Possibilities - Nurturing Each Child’s Narrative in Play</i>
	Mikayla King	<i>The Power of Resources</i>
	Bronté McKenna	<i>Introducing CEWA’s First Intensive English Centre in a Primary Setting</i>
	Rod McAllister, Liz Harper and Kerry Brown	<i>Fostering Collaboration in Crafting Children’s Narratives</i>
	St Kieran Catholic Primary School	<i>Navigating Emotional Wellbeing</i>
	Caitlin Caputi and Rebecca Laird	<i>iPads in the Early Years</i>
	Mistelle Moore and Jenny Jongste	<i>Moving Beyond Counting</i>
	Benjamin Saulsman and Caterina Di Carlantonio	<i>STEM in the Early Years</i>
12.40pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm – 2.20pm	Keynote 2: Dr Christine Robinson	<i>Weaving the Spiritual and Religious Narratives of the Child</i>
2.30pm – 3.15pm	<b>Concurrent Session 3</b>	
	Dr Kimberley Beasley	<i>Botanical Literacies</i>
	Ron Bradfield Jr	<i>Introducing Aboriginal Art Practices</i>
	Dr Brenda Heyworth	<i>How to Recognise the Story of a Child’s Struggle</i>
	Lisa Burman	<i>The Power of Beginning our Pedagogical Decisions from an Identity Perspective</i>
	Michael Edgecomb	<i>Unlocking Wellbeing: Exploring Kimochi’s Impact in Early Years Education</i>
	Rebecca Laird and Caitlin Caputi	<i>Seesaw, Enhancing Student Agency</i>
	Jake Sheaf	<i>Supporting Students with Complex Communication Needs</i>
	Karen Pertile and Lisa Harrison	<i>The Art of Godly Play: Weaving Sacred Stories to Nurture Wonder</i>
	Lynne Beckingham	<i>Building Strong Foundations: Empowering Aboriginal Perspectives in Early Childhood</i>
	Marisa Schiavi	<i>Debunking the Process of Oral Language Development in Young Multilingual Learners</i>
3.30pm – 4.00pm	<b>Panel:</b> Dr Laura Jana, Dr Dee O’Connor, Sarah McGowan, Dr Christine Robinson, Rebecca Clarke	<i>The Power of the Narrative in Early Childhood Development</i>

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## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am	Welcome and Introduction	
8.45am – 9.45am	Keynote 3: Trevor McKenzie	<i>The Wisdom is in the Room</i>
9.45am – 10.30am	Morning Tea	
10.30am – 11.30am	Keynote 4: Kathleen Murdoch	<i>Do Blue Butterflies Eat Parts of the Sky?</i>
11.45am – 12.30pm	Concurrent Session 4	
	Dr Laura Jana	<i>Extending on the Framework of Skills (QI Skills)</i>
	Dr Dee O'Connor	<i>Experiential Pedagogies for Early Childhood Development and Learning</i>
	Sam Wynne	<i>Playing with Possibilities - Nurturing Each Child's Narrative in Play</i>
	Dr Amelia Ruscoe	<i>Did You Know Children Love to Draw?</i>
	Sue Thomas and Jadnah Davies	<i>Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: What Early Childhood Educators Need to Know</i>
	Dr Brenda Heyworth	<i>How to Recognise the Story of a Child's Struggle</i>
	Lisa Burman	<i>The Power of Beginning our Pedagogical Decisions from an Identity Perspective</i>
	Andrew Gammon	<i>Emotional Intelligence in Early Years</i>
	Heather Carter-Sullivan	<i>Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives in the Classroom</i>
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm – 2.20pm	Keynote 5: Dr Kelsie Prabawa-Sear	<i>In Their Own Words: Amplifying the Voices of Young Learners, and Integrating Nature into Educational Experiences</i>
2.30pm – 3.20pm	Concurrent Session 5	
	Kathleen Murdoch	<i>Personalising Journeys of Inquiry for Young Learners (F-2)</i>
	Dr Kimberley Beasley	<i>Botanical Literacies</i>
	Leith Tarling	<i>Supporting Young People to Connect, Belong and Engage</i>
	Caitlin Caputi and Rebecca Laird	<i>Green Screening: Engaging the Early Years</i>
	Brooke Skeffington and Alycia Della-Vedova	<i>Using Open-Ended Tasks and an Inquiry Approach to Build Numeracy Skills in Young Learners</i>
	Kathy Garbin	<i>Characteristics of Autism as they Present Themselves in the Early Years</i>
	Karen Pertile and Lisa Harrison	<i>The Art of Godly Play: Weaving Sacred Stories to Nurture Wonder</i>
	Melissa Mikulich	<i>Empowering EAL/D Learners through Drama</i>
	Kate Johnston	<i>Using Data in Early Childhood</i>
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Panel: Dr Kimberley Beasley, Dr Brenda Heyworth, Hon Dr Anne Aly MP, Nic Gaglia, Kathleen Murdoch	<i>The Future of Early Childhood Education: Trends and Innovation</i>

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am	Welcome and Introduction	
8.45am – 9.30am	Keynote 6: Prof Karen Murcia	<i>Tap, Swipe, Drag and Create</i>
9.45am – 10.30am	Concurrent Session 6	
	Dr Christine Robinson	<i>Nurturing Children's Spirituality</i>
	Kathleen Murdoch	<i>Growing a Learning Identity through Inquiry</i>
	Sam Wynne	<i>Playing with Possibilities – Nurturing Each Child's Narrative in Play</i>
	Dr Amelia Ruscoe	<i>The Power to Empower through Learning Environments in the Early Years</i>
	Ron Bradfield Jr	<i>Introducing Aboriginal Art Practices</i>
	Dr Brenda Heyworth	<i>How to Recognise the Story of a Child's Struggle</i>
	Jenny Jongste	<i>Exploring Numeracy Outdoors</i>
	Merrilee Lands and Sharna Palmer	<i>Community Ways</i>
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Keynote 7: Marc Brackett	<i>The Key to Raising Healthy, Happy and Successful Children</i>
12.00pm – 12.30pm	Closing Address: Hon Jacqueline McGowan-Jones	

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