



WAVES OF WISDOM EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus 1st-2nd May 2025

Gold Coast Airport, Terminal Drive, Bilinga QLD 4225

Registration, Keynote and Plenary Sessions in Building C – Lecture Theatre C105

Day One: Thursday 1st May Conference: Registrations 5 - 5.30 pm

Opening Address and Acknowledgement of Country 5.30 pm

Keynote Address 1: Professor Amy Cutter-Mackenzie-Knowles 5.45 – 6.30 pm

Welcoming Event: Canapés and drinks 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Day Two: Friday 2nd May Conference: Registrations 8.30 - 9.00 am

Opening Address 9.00 am

Welcome to Country 9.15 am

Keynote Address 2: Catharine Hydon 9.25 – 10.10 am Lecture Theatre C105

Reclaiming the wisdoming ways of the early childhood profession: A 'more than' look at the wise practice of contemporary educators

Morning Tea 10.15 – 10.45 am

Plenary Session 1: 10.45 - 11.45 am

| <i>WORKSHOP 1 (GC514/5)</i> | <i>RESEARCH 1 (GC616)</i> | <i>RESEARCH 2 (GC416)</i> | <i>RESEARCH 3 (GC417)</i> |
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| Attending to Joy: Co-constructing a sense of joy and wellbeing in early childhood environments. Presenter: Olivia Karaolis | "This is the lift we go up and these are all the grandfriends waiting for us": Perspectives of children, families, residents and staff engaging in a co-located intergenerational program. Presenter: Sarah Young | Early Childhood Teachers' Perceptions of Their Pedagogical Practices in Promoting Environmental Literacy (EL) in Sri Lanka. Presenter: Dilini Chathurika | Family Day Care Educators use of The Play Cycle Theory when observing young children's play. Presenter: Kerry Smith |
| | If not you then who? If not now, then when? What it means to be a globally minded educator. Presenters: Vicky Olm and Rebecca Bowen | Rethinking Classroom Assessment: Fostering Subjective Wellbeing by Empowering Young Children's Voices. Presenter: Ting Wei | A misalignment with the vision and intention of the EYLF. Presenter: Tammy Williams |
| | | | Co-designing media literacy pedagogies in early years classrooms. Presenter: Tammy White |

Lunch 11.45 am – 12.45 pm - Marquee – C Building

Keynote Address 3: Dr Leanne Gibbs 12.45 - 1.30 pm Lecture Theatre C105

Cultivating leadership in early childhood education and care: Trouble, complexity, and promise.

Plenary Session 2: 1.30 – 2.30 pm

| WORKSHOP 2 (GC514/5) | WORKSHOP 3 (GC516/7) | ROUNDTABLE 1 (GC616) | RESEARCH 4 (GC417) |
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| Ecological Storytelling & Skills-Based Nature Mentoring: Cultivating Ecological Citizens in Early Childhood from Birdwings Forest School. Presenters: Jennifer McCormack and Narelle Neville | Building Strong ECE Governance – Practical Strategies for Sustainable Leadership. Presenter: Mandy Suess | Exploring Educator and Parent Perceptions of the Impact of Digital Technologies on Young Children's Physical Literacies. Presenter: Trent Davis Enhancing Inclusive Language Development through Gesture and Key Word Sign in Early Childhood Settings. Presenters: Andy Smidt, Natalie Munro, Pauline Frizelle and Charmaine Bernie | Experiences of Indian-descent children in acquiring English as a second language in the Early Childhood Education [ECE] settings of New Zealand [NZ]. Presenter: Amrita Kaur Riding the Waves of Early Childhood Professional Learning to Enhance Children's Language and Literacy. Presenters: Nat Munro and Alison Purcell |

Plenary Session 3: 2.30 – 3.30 pm

| WORKSHOP 4 (GC514/5) | RESEARCH 5 (GC516/7) | ROUNDTABLE 2 (GC616) | RESEARCH 6 (GC416) | RESEARCH 7 (GC417) |
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| GenAI in early childhood education and care: Friend and/or foe? Presenters: Amanda Levido, Jubilee Smith, Kelly Simpson and Kelly Bittner | Co-creating Childhood Wisdoms: Scaling Tiny Mountains and Paddling through Neurodiver[sea]ty. Presenters: Huihui Lan and Titus Ting | Where Have We Come, Where Are the Waves Taking Us? Re-imagining Early Childhood Teachers and Educators as Knowledge Producers. Presenter: Susan Sharpe Navigating the Future of ECE Governance: Policy, Leadership, and Advocacy. Presenter: Mandy Suess Fostering schools' connection with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) families through a culturally responsive early years of school framework. Presenter: Fazlin Mohd Nazir | Following their lead: Reconsidering and reconfiguring the wisdom of infants and toddlers. Presenters: Tracy Young and Melanie Turkopp The Certainty of Uncertainty. Presenter: Kerrie O'Neill Inclusive pedagogical practices for children under three years. Presenter: Wendy Boyd | Investigating the congruence between Australian early childhood education and care's regulatory frameworks concerning tackling gender-based violence and implemented resources and practices. Presenters: Nicole Green, Annette Bromdal and Michelle Turner Who's in and who's out? Addressing barriers to access. Presenter: Karthika Viknarasah |

Afternoon Tea 3.30 – 3.45 pm

Closing Panel and Questions: Empowering Wisdom 3.45 - 4.30 pm Lecture theatre C105

Conference Close 4.30 pm