

# MONTESSORI ECEC CENTRE DIRECTORS FORUM 2016

## Tuesday, 18 October 2016, 10:00am - 5:00pm

### Novotel Brisbane Airport, 6-8 The Circuit, Brisbane Airport QLD 4012 Price: \$270 (subscribers), \$360 (non subscribers)

Whether you're an experienced Centre Director, someone wanting to network, learn from and share with others or thinking about starting a Montessori ECEC Centre, this is the Forum you can't afford to miss.

There will be a panel of experienced and knowledgeable Centre Directors who will facilitate and guide discussion on topics such as:

- Training
- Meeting regulatory requirements
- Assessment and rating procedures
- Staffing
  - Quality assurance Record keeping

• Professional learning

Marketing

Perry Campbell, ACECQA's Deputy National Education Leader and Senior Manager Educational Leadership, will be available during the Forum to give us an update on the NQS and address any questions about the assessment and ratings process.

At the end of the day you can expect to come away with new ideas, collegial support and resources to assist you with running your centre. Book now - registrations close 11 October.





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**PERRY CAMPBELL**'s career in the education and care sector spans close to 30 years. Perry has worked across a number of different service types in a range of roles. He worked for over 10 years with the NSW Regulatory Authority where he worked with all service types as authorised officer before becoming a regional manager and then working on the National Quality Framework implementation team. He has also spent six years teaching children's services qualifications with TAFE NSW. Perry joined ACECQA in 2012 as Manager, Consistency and Review where he worked closely with all states and territories to support the work of authorised officers. In 2016, Perry became ACECQA's Deputy National Education Leader and Senior Manager Educational Leadership.



**CARMEL ELLIS** is the Manager/Director of the Indooroopilly Montessori Children's House (IMCH), a 168 place Long Day Care Centre in Brisbane, Queensland. Carmel ran her own business, Indooroopilly Montessori Pre-school Centre for over 20 years before selling and working for Edmund Rice Education Australia. Carmel worked in close consultation with a behaviour change specialist and was involved in the early writing of the internationally published "You Can Do It" Early Childhood Programme and the introduction into the Centre of a social/emotional guidance programme titled "Guided Choices". Carmel has ensured that the Centre encompasses an inclusion programme and she has been recognised personally as a winner of the ECIA Qld Chapter Quality Inclusive Practice Award in 2005, with staff at the Centre winning the team award for 2007.

CHRISTINE HARRISON has been involved in Montessori education since 1985 and was Principal of the Canberra









Montessori School, one of the largest Montessori schools in Australia, for over twenty years. She is the founding President of the Montessori Australia Foundation. Christine has been involved in policy development, compliance, student care, curriculum development and educational leadership in schools and has a background in mediation, mentoring, conflict resolution and adult education. She works as a senior consultant for the Montessori Australia Foundation with a particular emphasis on education services (independent and public schools, quality assurance, centre based care, government liaison and quality assurance. She has trained and mentored Montessori school administrators in Thailand. She is on the Board of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) and on the Second Tier Review Panel of ACECQA.

**BARBARA LANGFORD** as been a Montessori teacher for the past 25 years during which time she has established six highly regarded Montessori ECEC centres in Adelaide. Barbara is a passionate advocate for raising the quality of education and care for young children. She spent many years as the President of both Childcare SA and also Childcare Associations Australia enabling her to champion at both a State and Federal Government level for the benefits of high quality early education for children. Barbara also runs a consultancy business called Montessori Management and Mentoring (MMM) through which she offers her expertise to assist others in the establishment of new centres and the training of staff. Barbara is the Manager of Montessori Early Childhood Australia (MECA), a division of the Montessori Australia Foundation.

VICKI MCKINNON has been involved in early childhood education for 22 years. Originally trained as a secondary teacher, she taught for 6 years before working in early childhood as her family moved into the child care sector. Always believing that children learn best when intrinsically motivated, Vicki grappled with making the secondary education structure as flexible as possible, and then trying to decrease the haphazard nature of early childhood. In 2001-2002 the light bulb went on as she studied Montessori under Mrs Duyker. Vicki has led centres in the Director position, provided consultancy to other services, designed and developed centres, worked at a strategic level with entities such as Childcare Queensland and made forays into the vocational training sector.

**CHERRY WU** is the Proprietor/Licensee of Headland Montessori ELC, a 76 place Montessori Long Day Care Centre in Manly and Bond Street Montessori ELC, a 27 place Centre in Mosman, NSW. Cherry holds AMI 0-3 years Diploma, Diploma in Early Childhood Education, Graduate Certificate in Neuroscience and Masters of Engineering and Bachelor of Engineering and Science. Over the last 8 years Cherry has implemented the Montessori philosophy within the Long Day Care Centres she has operated. It has been an journey of many challenges and she continues to strive for excellence in all areas of operations. Headland Montessori has recently been granted approval by BOSTES as a registered school to deliver a kindergarten programme, allowing Headland children to stay for a full three years Montessori Casa programme under the Long Day Care facilities.

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#### REGISTRATION: ONLINE AT WWW.MONTESSORI.ORG.AU OR FILL IN AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW

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