

# MONTESSORI ECEC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING WORKSHOP – VIC

Tuesday, 3 March 2015, 9:00am - 4:30pm  
Melbourne



## NQS, EYLF and Montessori – Putting it all together

Presented by Christine Harrison, Barbara Langford, Peta Gibson  
and Rhonda Livingstone

The following topics will be covered:

- Assessment and Ratings: So you want to exceed or be excellent? Experience from those that have.
- Montessori and best practice ECEC – a match made in heaven.
- Montessori for babies and toddlers – are we meeting their needs and the EYLF?
- ACECQA Update on Assessment & Ratings Process and Q & A Session.

9:00am-11:00am	Session 1
11:00am-11:30am	Morning Tea
11:30am-1:30pm	Session 2
1:30pm-2:30pm	Lunch
2:30pm-4:30pm	Session 3



**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 ten years. She is the founding Chair of the Montessori Australia Foundation and was Chair of the Association of Independent Schools in the ACT and on the Board of the Independent Schools Council of Australia. Christine has been involved in policy development, compliance, student care, curriculum development and educational leadership in schools and has a background in mediation, conflict resolution, adult education and a particular interest in governance in community organisations. Christine is a senior consultant for the Montessori Australia Foundation.



**BARBARA LANGFORD** has 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 was recently appointed as a Deputy Member of the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of SA and is currently the Manager of Montessori Early Childhood Australia (MECA), a division of Montessori Australia Foundation.



**PETA GIBSON** has an AMI Assistants to Infancy (0-3) Diploma and has been involved in Montessori education for 10 years. She has a special interest in infant and toddler development. Pursuing this passion has led her to also complete the RIE Foundations: Theory and Observation at the RIE Centre in Los Angeles in 2013 and the Pikler Summer Course for Professionals at the Pikler Institute in Budapest in 2014. She has also spent more than a decade living with each of her own five children when they were toddlers. They are now aged between 19 and 5. Peta is currently a Director of the Parent Toddler and Nido programme at the Inner Sydney Montessori School and Cameragal Montessori School.



**RHONDA LIVINGSTONE** is the National Education Leader, ACECQA and brings a wealth of experience to this role, having worked in preschools and long day care centres and as an assessor of programs and services for both the Queensland Government and the Crèche and Kindergarten Association of Queensland. Rhonda's extensive involvement in the National Quality Agenda reforms saw her contribute to the development of the National Quality Standard and its Guide, assessment and rating tools and processes, and the training and testing program for authorised officers. Rhonda has also worked as a Senior Advisor, Excellent Rating with ACECQA and as a sessional education academic with the Queensland University of Technology.

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