



Thursday 12 November 10:30-12:00 Relationships Australia
Thursday 10 December – End of year celebration

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Facilitator: Moniek de Kievith **Notetaker:** Annabel Daunt Watney

Attendance: Moniek de Kievith, Donna McCulloch, Andrew McLean, Mike Friganiotis , Annabel Daunt Watney, Ben Walker, Brigitte Strivens, Reesa Sorin, Naomi Porter, Hachemi Greffou, Lisa Seymour

Apologies:

Meeting began at: 10.30am and concluded at: 12.00pm

Item	Topic/Presenter	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	Moniek welcomed participants to the meeting and introduced the Guest Speaker Lisa Seymour. Lisa is the Manager of FDC Cairns.	

		<p>Andrew participated in a 4-day Circle of Security training program which allows him to train others. Approximately 100 people attended and CEYC will offer this course in future as the centre now employs 4 facilitators.</p>	
3	<p>Topic of the Month NATURE PLAY</p>	<p>Lisa Seymour, Manager, FDC Cairns</p> <p>Lisa explained that FDC Cairns was established 40 years ago and is not for profit. It caters for approximately 360 families from Red Peak, Edmonton and up to the Redlynch Valley.</p> <p>The focus of the Nature Play program is to connect children to the outdoors and nature to enhance all aspects of development and learning. There is evidence to suggest that children who participate in outdoor learning have improved immune systems. FDC Cairns provides training for educators and a pick-up service for non-drivers so all the children can participate and benefit from Nature Play.</p> <p>The program encourages the children to be engaged in the complete learning process from decision making about activities, preparation and implementation of experiences. Nature Play is a well established part of the FDC program and children and Educators participate in all weather conditions. An important aspect of the program is the support of children to take risks so they learn how to keep themselves safe.</p>	

		Notes from today's presentation will be added to the FNECN site.	
7	Next meeting: Thursday December 10 6:00pm	Yorkeys Knob Boat Club - end of year celebration	