

AGENDA

and DISCUSSION NOTES (Secretary)



Name of Meeting: October 2017 Meeting

Venue: Cairns Early Years Centre

Date **THIS** meeting: 12
October 2017

Time: 11:00 – 12:30

Meeting closed:

Attendees: Lorraine Hudspith, Paula Castle, Deirdre Foulkes, Clare Kelly, Reesa Sorin, Irene Goodrich, Melissa Akmentis, Jasmine Swain, Margaret Osmond, Andrew McLean, Carola Hunter, Glenda Young

Apologies: Joseph Madden, Donna McCulloch, Moniek de Kiewith, Donna McGaw, Natasha Puddle, Sarah Brown, Juanita Smuts, Sheree Arnett, Natasha Puddle, Sam Fewtrell, Jennifer Hamilton

Guests:

Meeting Summary and/or Guest Speaker: *Connections that Count meeting – An opportunity for all early childhood networks and members to share pertinent information to the members of the FNECN network.
ECCN reports from facilitators and general information from the sector.*

Item N.O.	Agenda Item & by Whom	Time Allocated	Discussion:	Action:
1.	Welcome or Acknowledgement of Country. -	Irene		
2.	Welcome new members and guests -	Reesa		
3.	Trialling THIS new agenda for “Connections that Count” meetings -	Irene		
4.	Setting meetings for next year 2018 -	Irene	2018 Dates are: 8 th Feb, 8 th March, 12 th April, 10 th May, 14 th June, 9 th Aug, 13 th Sept, 11 th Oct, 8 th Nov, 13 th Dec.	
5.	Executive roles revised and explained -	Reesa	There is a possibility the FNECN will become Incorporated. They are currently consulting with JCU Legal department. That is why FNECN needed an Executive with a 2yr term and the advantage of becoming Incorporated is that we can apply for and access funding.	FNECN Consulting with JCU Legal Department regarding becoming Incorporated.
6.	New business or ideas -	Reesa		

CONTENT

7. ECCN UPDATES

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1.	Cairns Central ECCN –	Goodstart	In their las meeting they did more transition to school discussions. Transition looked very different across different day care centers. They are looking at developing one template that all services can use. They are looking at the VIC and NSW Template. Each School consributed to the transition Booklet. There is very useful information that can be accessed on the QCCAA Website.
2.	Gordonvale ECCN –	DET	Gordonvale ECCN has been going approximately 18 months. They have developed the “I Wonder Book” which was a Transition Booklet with questions from the Pre-Prep children answered by the Prep children. They also talked about promotional Posters being placed in Shop Windows. An example of these were shown.
3.	Mareeba ECCN –MSS -	DET	
4.	Mossman ECCN -	DET	
5.	Tablelands ECCN –	C&K	Andrew spoke for the Tablelands ECCN network. Andrew stated that this is a very cohesive group and the prep teacher as well represented on this network. He stated last PD topic was well received. It was on Speech and Language issues. Currnet topics were also the I wonder Booklets which 4 separate school have their own booklets instead of one. They have been focusing on Sharing Transition statements with Prep Teacher.
6.	Ulysses ECCN -	DET	This is a fairly new Network. It is the Mission Beach – Cardwell area. They have 6 services and 9 schools within this geographical area. So it is a developing ECCN.
7.	Merging Networks -	Irene	Cairns North – Redlynch State School is interested, Beaches – C & K?, Innishfail – Step up Schools, Cairns South – Child World is interested and Cooktown – Step Up Schools.

MEMBERS UPDATE: Community News

1.	Childcare and Kindergarten	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Goodstart</u> : They have 2 Echo (Enhancing Children’s Outcomes) Centres where they have a long day care as well as Child and Family Practitioners, Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and other allied health. They are applying for the Echo Project in Cairns. They are running the FAFT program at the Villa’s Caravan Park which is creating interest in the residents. Their current Speech Pathologist has moved to Forest Gardens but she has spent time doing Professional Development with staff which was well received.</p> <p><u>C & K</u>: They reported that they have had a lot more children enrolled with additional needs and require Additional Support Plans.</p>
2.	Child Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	There has recently been Mandatory Reporting Training run by the Department and it was attended by many Early Child Care professionals.
3.	Department of Education and Training ECEC	<input type="checkbox"/>	A New Poster have been developed “When does my child start school”? This was shown to the groupo. They will be placed at various sites and locations in the community.
4.	Early Childhood Organisations (e.g. ECTA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	Early Childhood Students	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	Education – Tertiary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reesa JCU spoke about how students who have finished their 3 rd year can now teach in Kindy. She also spoke about that TAFE Diploma which is 1 ½ years can roll over in to the degree and take another 2 ½ years to complet this degree. The question from the group was... When do the TAFE Diploma Students who have done the 1 1/2yr diploma roll into their 3 rd year?? After 6 months at University then can teach Kindy??
7.	Education – Training Organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8.	Family Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.	Government Council (Library)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Apology
10.	Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	

11.	Inclusion Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glenda from ECDP talked about the Teachers being very busy. She stated that they are having a high % of children delaying school entry as it is the parents choice. However, when a child is 6 ½ yrs that is the compulsory school age. She talked about the Hannam Porogram which is a World wide program and it is called “It takes 2 to talk” and specifically for non-verbal students.
12.	Indigenous Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wuchopperen stated that their CEO Resigned and their last day is the 30 th of Novemberr. They thought a talk at this network on what their referral Pathways maybe a very useful topic for the group. The group agreed.
13.	Non-Government Organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Margaret from, C4C (Mission Australia) were present – they are a funder of Cairnns South and Yarrabah NFP services. Benevolent Society mentioned that they have Termly timetables for groups which can be accessed on their face book page. Also for individual targeted family support they have an Intake process and to contact the centre directly.
14.	Parents and Carers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hippy program is finishing their 2 nd year at Wuchopperent. They have their ist lot of graduating families. There are 3 Hippy sites, North Cairns, Central, and South Cairns. They also have one in Cooktown. The program helps parents to have the skills to engage with their children.
15.	Playgroup	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playgroups Queensland mentioned how one of their most successful groups within the community has been the “Rainbow Group” and is now self sustaining. One of their staff Emma works in partnership with Benevolent Society and she is based at the Cairns Early Years Centre 4 days a week and 1 day Community Playgroups. They are also in negotiations with Centacare Migrant Settlement Services to look at a Burmese or Korean play group, as they have been identified as vulnerable.
16.	Schooling	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Steiner School from Kuranda was represented. They cater for years Prep to Year 10. Their enrollments are based on a calendar year. They are a completely Play based in Prep. They do meet the ELF however in a different way, for example Section 4 & 5 they meet their thorough old technology. They work on home skills, chores and creativity. Independence and achievement. There is no technology particulary in the younger

grades and no books so they tell a lot of stories and all instructions of given with singing.

Other Information: The Early Years in on the Agenda of the Local Level Alliance . The flow of information is that the ECCN feed to FNECN and this feeds to the LLA. Also it was noted that our Database was a very valuable resource. If there is information that members want to email through this data base then it needs to be submitted to the Executive Copmmittee first.

FNECN MEETINGS 2017

DATE	TIME	VENUE	TOPIC AND MEETING TYPE
Thursday 12 th October	11.00am to 12.30pm	Early years Centre, Bentley Park	Connections that Count Meeting – Community Networks
Thursday 9 th October	12.00noon to 13.0pm	Family Day Care, Edge Hill	Professional Development – Australian Early Development Census. Presenter: Melissa Akmentins (DET)
Thursday 14 th December	TBA	TBA	End of year celebrations
