



2017 Meetings:

<p>Thursday 14 September 3:30 – 5:00 Wu Chopperen Thursday 12 October 11:00 – 12:20 – Cairns Early Years Centre Thursday 9 November 12:00 – 1:30 Family Day Care Edge Hill</p>
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Attendance: Jasmine Swain (Inclusion Support), Irene Goodrich (DET), Reesa Sorin (JCU), Sheree Arnett (First 5 Forever), Juanita Smuts (JCU student), Carola Hunter (Independent Schools), Andrew McLean (C&K), Clare Kelly (HIPPY/ Wu Chopperen), Deirdre Foulkes (HIPPY), Leanne Sarota (Wu Chopperen), Ben Walker, Deanne Beechens (Goodstart), Vicki Tier (Goodstart), Sarah Brown (Mission Australia), Donna McCulloch (Smith Family), April Schipke (D.E), Nicole Ware (Wuchopperen), Kaye Sheehan (Benevolent Society), Elsie Mullings (QLD Health),

Apologies: Leigh Quirk (Catholic Education), Kate Matthison (Natural Health), Margaret Osmond (Mission Australia), Joseph Madden (ACT for Kids), Pat Meakin (TAFE), Jennifer Hamilton (ECDP), Paula Castle (Playgroup Queensland), Chris Hanrahan (Cairns Community Kindergarten), Natasha Puddle (Catholic Education), Chris McGibbon (ECTA), Ute Haring (JCU student), Jane Harpley (C&K), Sharon Holden (JCU student), Tamara Brooks (JCU), Melissa Perry (JCU student)

Facilitator: Reesa Sorin

Notetaker: Kaye Sheehan

Meeting began at:

Item	Topic/ Presenter	Discussion/ Action
1	Welcome/ Introductions – Reesa Sorin	<p>All attendees introduced themselves to the group and what organization/service they were with.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of country occurred using the Foundations for Success video. Atherton Network is looking at developing their own welcome to country for their traditional owners.</p> <p>Reesa explained a bit about the history:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group was changed to FNECN in 2005. • It was sponsored by JCU and in Late 2016 ECN's were developed.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an acknowledgement that we can't work in Silo's.
2	Introducing the new FNECN and ECCN – Irene Goodrich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Presentation Notes for full details. <p><u>Summary of additional discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are 15 FNQ Early Childhood Community Networks. - The aim is to get better before we get bigger. - Made reference to 12 Main Cognitive Bias's. - Each Network may decide to work on different projects for the year. E.g. Transition Statements. They can be shared now with schools. There is a form parents get from Teachers. - The goal would be that each ECCN will have a facilitator/liaison person regarding transitions. Perhaps with a direct email e.g. transitions @..... There is also an Information Booklet made for parents. - There has been a lot of research on why the Early Years is important. - Making ECN's "sustainable" is the key.
3	Questions/ Discussion`	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Walker asked a question regarding Data Collection. • Irene stated that it was definitely important that we work on knowing what we are measuring and is it making a difference. • It was discussed for organisations to look at their Strategic Plan and how attendance at these meetings fit with achieving some of their goals. • The proposed format of the FNECN Meetings will be monthly. • 1 meeting will be Professional Development and the next meeting will be Agency Updates.
<p>Next Meetings: Thursday 12th October Venue: Cairns Early Years Centre, Bentley Park</p> <p>Thursday 9th November Venue: Early Day Care Centre, Edgehill</p>		