

QCAN Annual State Conference

Conference 2024

Friday 22nd & Saturday
23rd March 2024



Novotel Surfers Paradise

Corner Surfers Paradise Blvd & Hanlan Street
Kombumerri Country

CONFERENCE STREAMS

In 2024, we have three different conference streams on offer. Please read the details carefully for each stream and register for the stream that suits you best.

STREAM ONE: OSHC EDUCATOR MICRO-CREDENTIAL

This stream is SUBSIDISED and is a fast track to obtaining the OSHC Educator Micro-Credential. The stream is a single day event on Saturday 23rd March, 2024.

The day will begin with keynote speaker, Nathan Wallis, Neuroscience Educator who will provide a lively and engaging presentation to make the complex topic of neuroscience come to life.

Further information can be found in the **Stream One** section of this brochure.

The cost for this stream is \$195 (incl. GST) for QCAN members and \$245 (incl. GST) for non-members.

STREAM TWO: OSHC LEADERSHIP MASTERCLASSES & COLLOQUIA

This stream is two full days of rich dialogue and exploration of leadership and management themes relevant to both experienced and emerging OSHC Leaders.

You will participate in a World Café style Transformative Community of Practice that will take you on a journey of discovery to realise your leadership potential.

Further information can be found in the **Stream Two** section of this brochure.

The cost for this stream is \$1295 (incl. GST) for QCAN members and \$1430 (incl. GST) for non-members.

STREAM THREE: TOURS AND TOPICS

This stream is two full days of tours and topical OSHC presentations. Day one includes a full day bus tour to visit some amazing and inspirational OSHC services.

Day two provides the full conference experience beginning with keynote speaker, Nathan Wallis and culminating in an expert panel facilitated by Associate Professor Jennifer Cartmel, OSHC researcher and author of My Time, Our Place.

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KEYNOTE

NATHAN WALLIS



Nathan Wallis is a father of three and foster parent with a professional background in child counselling, teaching and social service management.

He lectured in Human Development at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand and was also a board member and senior trainer with the national body responsible for the dissemination of neuroscientific research to professionals. He has developed a reputation as a lively and engaging speaker who uses humour and plain language to make this complex topic come to life.

Nathan is a regular on Radio and Television shows in New Zealand, sharing his expertise on child development. In 2010 he founded a private training consultancy, X Factor Education Limited, with the goal of facilitating easy to understand professional development training reflecting the latest neuroscience discoveries and their practical implications for everyday practice. Since then he has been in hot demand, delivering well over 200 presentations year in New Zealand Australia and internationally.

STREAM ONE

OSHC EDUCATOR MICRO-CREDENTIAL

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Following this, you will undertake a comprehensive series of sessions which cover:

- The NQF
- Work Health and Safety
- Child Protection and Duty of Care
- Behaviour Guidance through Interactions and Relationships with Children
- Effective Supervision
- My Time, Our Place V2.0 and the Program Cycle

This stream is facilitated by **Rarni Rothwell** and **Emily McKenna**.

The cost for this stream is \$195 (incl. GST) for QCAN members and \$245 (incl. GST) for non-members.

There are only 40 places available in this stream, so prompt registration will ensure your place.

Register for Stream One [here](#).

STREAM ONE



Rarni Rothwell

Rarni Rothwell has been facilitating early childhood education and care training and professional development since 2013. She is an OSHC veteran, working in the sector for 30 years, since beginning as a humble university student many years ago. Whilst completing her Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Psychology, she relished in the unique opportunities that school age care provided to children; especially those children that didn't fit neatly into formal education.

Having successfully supported countless children over the past decades, she has devoted her OSHC career to collaborative, child centred practice, grounded in critical reflection, children's rights and action research methodologies (a social scientist at heart). Her ponderings are heavily informed by contemporary theoretical perspectives, notably critical and post structuralist theories.



Emily McKenna

Emily McKenna has been specialising in Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) specific training and quality improvement consultancy since 2020. Emily is an OSHC veteran, working in the sector for over ten years, holding various roles across her time in the profession. Her favourite role was as the Educational Leader & Coordinator at a 250-place service in Brisbane.

Emily holds qualifications in Occupational Therapy (Hons) with research focusing on meeting children's sensory needs. In 2023 she commenced her PhD candidature, with the aim of understanding neurodiversity affirming practice across the OSHC sector. Her research interests are contemporary theoretical perspectives on behaviour, children's rights and creating inclusive environments. Emily has also undertaken critical action research to understand community perceptions of quality in OSHC.

STREAM TWO

OSHC LEADERSHIP MASTERCLASSES & COLLOQUIA

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This stream is facilitated by **Robyn Monro Miller**, Director of Transformative Impact and CEO of Play Australia and **Kylie Brannelly**, CEO of QCAN and Chairperson of NOSHSA.

This stream will include provocations and expert speakers in the areas of:

- Change leadership driving performance and innovation
- Ethical decision making, critical thinking and reflexive leadership
- Leading culturally sensitive workplaces
- Supporting and promoting adult mental health and wellbeing
- Leading reconciliation
- Educational and pedagogical leadership
- Navigating politics and effective influence

Participants in this stream will also attend keynote presentation by Nathan Wallis. Day two will culminate in an expert panel facilitated by Associate Professor **Jennifer Cartmel**, OSHC researcher and author of *My Time, Our Place*.

A variety of expert panellists will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

The cost for this stream is \$1295 (incl. GST) for QCAN members and \$1430 (incl. GST) for non-members.

There are only 40 places available in this stream, so prompt registration will ensure your place. Register for Stream Two [here](#).

STREAM TWO



**Robyn Monro
Miller (AM)**

Robyn is a former child with over half a century of experience in being playful. Her early years were spent building unsafe structures in gum trees in the bushland in the south of Sydney, Australia. As a beneficiary of a happy, healthy childhood, Robyn has made her life's work advocating the same for all children.

Robyn's career has spanned 35 years, encompassing senior leadership roles in education, local government, children's services, and the charity sector. She played a significant role in the reform of the Out of School Hours Sector in Australia between 1996 and 2018. Robyn's work as an advocate has included participation on a UN working group for the development of the General Comment on Article 31 "The child's right to play".

A Board member for Play Australia and Children's Week since 2017, she has held the position of President of the International Play Association (IPA). She is currently Director of The Transformative Impact Collective, working on projects that effect positive change for children and communities.

Her passionate advocacy for children, social justice and the importance of play is reflected in her presentations that are laced with humour and a touch of playfulness.

STREAM TWO



Kylie Brannelly

Kylie Brannelly is the Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Children's Activities Network (QCAN) and Chairperson of the National Outside School Hours Services Alliance (NOSHSA). Kylie has been involved in the Education and Care Services sector in various support, advocacy and leadership roles for over 25 years.

As a National representative for OSHC, Kylie participated in the development of the Learning Framework for School Age Care, My Time, Our Place and at this level, she has also been able to advise government on pertinent policy and program issues impacting the sector. Kylie appreciates the opportunity to work together with other organisations in both government and non-government sectors to advance OSHC.

Kylie holds a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood), Master of Education (Special Education) and has an ongoing commitment to professional learning and development.

PLUS MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

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Day two also boasts a variety of expert presenters, including Deputy Director-General for Early Childhood, **Tania Porter**. Further presenter announcements will be made soon. Stay tuned!

The cost of this stream is \$895 (incl. GST) for QCAN members and \$1120 (incl. GST) for non-members.

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**Assoc Prof
Jennifer Cartmel**

Associate Professor Jennifer Cartmel is a member of the School of Human Services and Social Work at Griffith University. She has been involved in a wide range of research projects focussing on children's social and emotional learning and the workforce in children's services including child care settings and human service organisations. Her research interests include the role of critical reflection in the development of professional competencies, the interaction between educators and children in group settings, intergenerational practice and the many facets of outside school hours care services. She is an executive member of the World Education Research Association Global Taskforce Extended Education and Associate Editor for the International Journal of Playwork Practice.



Tania Porter

As Deputy Director-General for Early Childhood, Tania leads the development and implementation of policy, funding and regulatory frameworks to ensure all children from birth to 8 years are engaged in high-quality programs and services that support learning and development, and successful transitions.

An influential executive leader, with a strong background in early childhood education and more than 25 years' experience in the sector, Tania is responsible for improving educational outcomes, by leading policy development and driving key reform to benefit Queensland children and their families.

Tania is invested in making positive change and is highly motivated to achieve this through successful collaboration and partnerships—supporting all our young children, no matter their location or life circumstance, to have a great start in life.