

## Early Childhood Conference

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, Mantra at Kingscliff

### Our exciting Masterclass/Keynote presenters



- **Marte Meo International founder Maria Aarts.** Maria's renowned theory based teaching method builds capacity in families, educators and carers of young children by developing the observational and communicative knowledge and strategies that support the integral emotional and social connections and interactions between individuals. Her methods and research are utilised in many countries all over the world today.

- **Sarah Moore** is the founder and CEO of Early Education Leadership, the creator of Leadership without Limits, an in-depth program that looks to "raise personal awareness, shift perspectives and promote Conscious Leadership in order for individuals to recognise their full potential and lead in ways that create significant change", whatever your professional/personal position.



### Saturday Session Presenters Include:

**Liam McNicholas** . Liam is a Canberra-based early childhood teacher, freelance writer and advocate, particularly focusing on early learning in political and policy contexts. He is the editor of the NQF news and analysis website The Framework. Liam's session considers: **A Whole New World - The New Child Care Package.** July 2018 will see one of the biggest shifts in early childhood education and care ever in Australia. What do services and leaders need to know? What should you be preparing for? And what will it mean for children and families? This engaging session will explore all these big questions as well as giving a framework and background to why these changes are occurring.



**Annette Sax:** Annette is a Taungurung and has worked in the Early Childhood profession for 27 years. For the past 17 years, she has been the small business owner and Education and Creative Arts Director of Yarn Strong Sista Pty Ltd, an Aboriginal Education Consultancy that provides Storytelling, conducts Cross Cultural training with Teachers, and develops culturally appropriate resources. Annette is an artist, storyteller and illustrator who paints using ochre and wattle sap on canvas as well as felting on silk. In this workshop, Annette will guide educators to gain an insight into the importance of the 'Walert Walert' -Possum Skin Cloaks. Learn about Aboriginal Pedagogy culture through the contemporary story *Bartja and Mayila*, written by Dr Sue Atkinson-Lopez, Yorta Yorta Author, and illustrated by Annette. After the story Annette will facilitate a creative experience and participants will have the opportunity to make a Possum Skin Necklace using materials collected from Country.



**Mark Carthew** - An author, teacher, poet, editor and musician, Mark is well known for his books, conference and workshop presentations exploring literacy, movement, rhyme, poetry, music and drama. Mark's latest books *The Great Zoo Hullabaloo!* & *Marvin and Marigold: The Big Sneeze* were both shortlisted for this year's Speech Pathology Australia Awards ... and Book#2 in the Marvin and Marigold SERIES; *Marvin and Marigold: A Christmas Surprise* has just been released in both Australia and the UK. Mark will weave interactive games, music and movement into this session, linking all to the joyfulness of literacy and language play!



### More information on our wonderful session line-up in coming weeks!

Conference fees include registration, breakfast, coffee/tea, morning tea and buffet lunch

Full Registration – Masterclass, reception by the pool, conference-	\$500	\$400 (ECA Member)
Masterclass plus by the pool reception-	\$250	\$200 (ECA Member)
Conference plus by the pool reception-	\$340	\$272 (ECA Member)
Conference Only-	\$290	\$232 (ECA Member)
Masterclass Only – tickets not available till February	\$200	\$160 (ECA Member)
Reception only (for guests or partners of conference attendees)	\$65	\$52 (ECA Member)

\*Reception by the Pool is held Friday evening

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