

A Serious Need for Play

Exploring the role of play in working towards EYLF outcomes

with Sandra Cheeseman, Macquarie University, member of the EYLF writing team

“A Serious Need for Play” forum explores the role of play in working towards the outcomes in the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). EYLF has a specific emphasis on play-based learning and recognises the importance of communication and language as well as social and emotional development. Play-based learning is a context for learning through which children organise and make sense of their worlds, as they engage actively with people, objects and representations. It supports learning that is engaging and builds success for life.

There are a number of specialist presenters delivering sessions throughout the day including **Sandra Cheeseman, Macquarie University** who has a keen interest in early childhood curriculum and was part of the core writing team that developed the national Early Years Learning Framework.

Each hands-on workshop session includes a specialist presentation covering the key concepts and a showcase of examples to support practical application. Sessions are hosted by the Lady Gowrie Child Centre using rooms from the training centre and children's programs in Thebarton.

Keynote presentations include:

- An introduction to the Early Years Learning Framework - Sandra Cheeseman, Macquarie University
- Intentional teaching - Sandra Cheeseman, Macquarie University
- Assessment and documentation in the early years - Lady Gowrie Child Centre, Adelaide
- Powerful practice questions: creating opportunities for dialogue to explore EYLF practice areas

Workshop sessions include:

- Using dispositions as a lens for developing understanding of children
- Explore the role of dramatic play and superhero play
- Valuing the cultural and social contexts of children and their families
- Learning through play: the significance of the adult's role



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9.30am - 4.30pm

Lady Gowrie Child Centre

43 Dew Street Thebarton

\$110.00 per person

Register at www.pscsa.org.au

Places are strictly limited

Catering provided throughout the day