

7.30	REGISTRATION	Tea and coffee on arrival					
8.30	WELCOME	Welcome to Country and Official Opening					
9.00	KEYNOTE	Terri Harrison (Co-founder of Nature Nurture, UK) <i>How to promote resilience through play in nature</i>					
10.00	Morning Tea						
9.00	KEYNOTE	Niki Buchan (Early Childhood Educational Consultant, WA) <i>The healing power of nature</i>					
11.20	Change over						
11.30	BREAKOUT SESSION #1	<p>Terri Harrison (Co-founder of Nature Nurture, UK) <i>Promoting emotional development through story, song and puppetry.</i></p> <p>Join Terri as she introduces a small number participants to resources from an approach called 'Emotion Works' and discuss how they can be used to support children's emotional development when used alongside stories and song outside.</p> <p>Target audience: childcare, early and primary years educators and staff, parents, social workers and allied health professionals, staff in early intervention and community-based programs</p> <p><i>*Limited numbers</i></p>	<p>Daniel Harrison (Co-founder of Nature Nurture, UK) <i>The nature of behaviour</i></p> <p>Join Daniel (Nature Nurture Lead Practitioner) as he takes the audience through an exploration of what is behaviour, how we respond to it and why we respond in that way? He will call for reflection on existing practices and challenge participants to reframe their perceptions and understanding of what it means 'to behave'.</p> <p>Target audience: childcare, early and primary years educators and staff, parents, social workers and allied professionals, staff in early intervention and community-based programs, and any other profession working with children and young people with behavioural concerns</p>	<p>Dr Amanda Lloyd (Primary School Teacher and Director of Outdoor Connections Australia, NSW) <i>Methods for Measuring Outdoor Learning Programs</i></p> <p>Join Amanda as she highlights practical ways to implement outdoor learning and the associated methods educators can use to measure the benefits to their students.</p> <p>Target audience: early, primary, and secondary years educators and staff, researchers, outdoor education professionals, those running nature-based programs.</p>	<p>Allan Sumner (a Ngarrindjeri – Kaurna – Yunkunytjatjara man and Director of Aboriginal Contemporary Arts, SA) <i>Cultural Strengths And Finding Identity</i></p> <p>Join Allan as he explores practical methods of engaging young Aboriginal people with country. He will discuss cultural sensitivities when working with young Aboriginal people; ways to create an environment for cultural expression; how to build and nurture a connection to self, country and culture. He will also look at the issues around young Aboriginal people identifying with their culture and how practitioners can explore the idea of belonging. Allan will also use examples from a program he facilitated at Christies Beach High School.</p> <p>Target audience: upper primary and secondary educators, social workers, staff in intervention and community-based or government programs that work with young Aboriginal people.</p>	<p>Kylie Stewart (Preschool Coordinator Flaxmill P-7 School), Peter Cobb (Principal Flaxmill P-7 School), Carli Hood (Sustainability and Nature Education Coordinator Environmental Teacher Flaxmill P-7 school) and Bill Mansell (yr 5/6 teacher, Flaxmill P-7 School) (SA) <i>A playful approach to natural learning.</i></p> <p>Join Kylie, Peter, Carli and Bill as they tell their story on providing children with a playful environment that promotes emotional regulation, collaboration and overall wellbeing.</p> <p>Target audience: early and primary years educators. Practitioners with an interest in nature play in an education setting.</p>	<p>Mary Jeavons (Director of Jeavons Landscape Architects, VIC) <i>Accessible and inclusive nature play</i></p> <p>Join Mary as she discusses design issues, ideas and solutions that aim to make nature play more physically accessible and socially inclusive, to help all children engage their senses and participate more fully in play, alongside their friends and families. Mary will use examples from schools, early childhood centres and public play settings.</p> <p>Target audience: Open space managers, playspace designers and landscape architects, childcare, early, primary, and secondary years educators and staff seeking to naturalise their spaces.</p>
12.30	Lunch						
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AUGUST 8 CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

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3:40	Afternoon Tea							
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