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IEU - the Union for early childhood teachers

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Welcome to the first edition of Teachers are Teachers for 2021.

In this edition, we provide a chance for you to have a say about the future of your profession, by actively participating with a number of influential organisations in your field. Continued advocacy by the IEU **leads to improvement**. Also, meet Maria Witcher, who shares her thoughts about her remarkable 40 years in early childhood education.

Send this enews on to your colleagues, and if they're not members, talk to them about **joining the IEU**.

Mark Northam
Secretary, Independent Education Union of Australia NSW/ACT Branch

Latest news from your union



Children remain at the centre of things

A child focused philosophy sustained Maria Witcher throughout her almost 40-year career as an early childhood director.

Take a look



NQF review

The National Quality Framework (NQF) is under review. You can attend an online information session on 15 March on the topic of Children's Safety, Health and Wellbeing.

Take a look



Putting pay on the agenda

IEU participated in the ACECQA National Workforce Strategy Co-design Stakeholder Group meetings in 2020. While the union was successful in getting pay on the agenda, we need your help to make it a priority.

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Thrive by Five

The IEU is a supporter of Thrive by Five – the philanthropic Minderoo Foundation's campaign to improve the affordability, accessibility and quality of the early learning system, including the need to address the wages and conditions of teachers and educators.

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IEUA NSW/ACT Branch supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart and constitutional reform to establish a First Nations voice – endorsed at the 2020 AGM.