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**Keynote speakers:**

Thrive by Five CEO Jay Weatherill

Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Learning Jodie Harrison

IEUA NSW/ACT Industrial Officer Dr Michael Wright

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## Keynote speakers

### Jay Weatherill – Thrive by Five

The Hon Jay Weatherill AO is CEO of Thrive by Five, responsible for delivering Minderoo's early childhood agenda. He was South Australian Premier for six and a half years and a minister for 16 years in portfolios including early childhood.

### Jodie Harrison (TBC) – The value of early childhood education is in the spotlight

The Member for Charlestown and Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Learning, Jodie Harrison was a union delegate before eventually working for unions, where she organised early childhood educators to fight for recognition and wages for the important work they do.

### Dr Michael Wright – ERO/Work Value Case – and the winner is ...

Dr Michael Wright is a Senior Industrial Officer with the IEU. He coordinated the IEU's Early Childhood Teachers' Equal Remuneration Order/Work Value Case at the Fair Work Commission. Before the IEU, he worked for the nurses', firefighters' and mineworkers' unions.

**Registration: 8.15am**  
**Close: 4.15pm**

## Morning workshop: Session 1

**1. Stephen Gallen** is an early childhood consultant and teacher, whose work focuses on curriculum, pedagogy and children's and teachers' rights.

Power and Purpose – how resilient teachers and resilient children can support each other. Teachers, like children, need to find meaning and purpose in our work, to be recognised. How do we support each other in this struggle?

**2. Elizabeth (Murrh) Keys** is a strong Worimi Saltwater woman who believes education through creativity promotes imagination, innovation and emotional development, the key to a balanced mind. She is the CEO of Ninang Industries and Chair of Gudjagang Ngara Li-Dhi Aboriginal Corporation.

Wayapa Wuurrk - Connect to the Earth: Wayapa Wuurrk a cultural framework weaving Indigenous meditation, art, music and movement.

**3. Jenny Finlay** is Director of Borilla Community Kindergarten, Emerald, Queensland.

Fair Work Commission ERO case witness Jenny has been working in early childhood since 1980 and is a strong advocate for social justice. She is willing to challenge the system and try new approaches to move forward within the early childhood sector.

**4. Kelsie Parter** is a proud Darumbal women with Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander heritage with a passion for working with young children of all cultures and sharing her heritage and culture with all children, family and staff at the kindy.

Our Deadly Journey: Borilla Kindergarten's Deadly Journey to truly engage in meaningful partnerships to improve the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

## Afternoon workshop: Session 2

**1. Elizabeth Keys and Phillip Bragg:** Wayapa Wuurrk - Indigenous meditation and movement; drumming workshop.

**2. Maria Gonzalez Sancho** is a physical education and language teacher, who has created a yoga program specially for children: How yoga and mindfulness can help children and teachers with their mental health.

**3. Karleen Green** is from the Mingunbul and Munungli language groups of the Bundjalung Nation of Tweed Valley. Her workshop is weaving with lamandra grass to create healing circles. Traditional weaving and dying techniques are Karleen's passion.

**Participants choose one workshop from Session 1 and one workshop from Session 2. To book, contact [marie-claude@ieu.asn.au](mailto:marie-claude@ieu.asn.au)**



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