

2020 QCAN  
Educator Symposium  
Reach for the Stars  
2020 is your time to  
**DREAM BIG!**

Make exceeding the National Quality Standard your reality. Every educator has an important role to play in each service's quest for quality. This event will inspire you to **THINK BIG**, innovate and create.

Saturday 14th March, 2020  
Royal on the Park  
152 Alice St, Brisbane





# Presenters



**Dr Jennifer Cartmel**

**Author of My Time, Our Place and Australia's leading OSHC researcher**

Dr Jennifer Cartmel is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Human Services and Social Work at Griffith University. She has had experience in teaching, research and practice with children and families in children's services including school age care, schools, preschools and integrated services. Two of her key areas of interest are workforce development and critical reflection. It is a major focus within her university teaching program and professional learning sessions for the children's services sector.



**Jan Marxsen**

**Coordinator of John Paul College, Australia's first service to receive an Excellent rating, awarded by ACECQA for a third time!**

I am Head of Outside School Hours Care at John Paul College in Daisy Hill. I have worked for the College for the last 27 years, the first 12 years as Teacher Aide in Year One and then the last 15 years running OSHC. I am a passionate advocate for Outside School Hours Care with a goal of raising its profile throughout Australia. Our Service has recently received the Excellent Rating again, which has allowed us to become the first education and care service in Australia to be awarded the Excellent Rating three consecutive times.



**Rarni Rothwell**

**Lead Trainer Queensland Children's Activities Network**

Rarni is an educational leader who spent most of her 26 year career working out of a school based service in regional Queensland. Since beginning an Action Research journey in 2010, she has relished in sharing the profound insight this unique form of professional development offers, across various formal and informal formats. Since mid-2014 Rarni has explored her fascinations including reconnecting children with nature, capacity building through risk, embedding sustainable practices and creating beautiful environments for children in a slightly different off-the-wall context. Rarni enjoys regularly collaborating, advocating and playing with her colleagues from across all early childhood education and care service types and has the pleasure of working as Lead Trainer for the Queensland Children's Activities Network.



**Saurubh Malviya**

**Director, We Belong Education and Rockstar program presenter**

Saurubh is a PhD candidate and university instructor with a passion for exploring and cultivating a holistic approach towards the development of children and educators.

After completing his Masters of Teaching, he worked as a classroom teacher for 5 years, an OSHC coordinator for 10 years and a tertiary educator for more than 5 years. His current path of inquiry has led him to investigating learning opportunities for children in OSHC settings through his PhD. As a university lecturer Saurubh has received recognition of excellence in teaching for the last 3 years. His passion for education and his unique approach to teaching has been widely recognised by his students and peers.

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**Emily McKenna**

**Educational Leader at Jindalee State School P&C OSHC, awarded overall exceeding under the revised NQS**

Emily is a qualified Occupational Therapist and has worked as an Educational Leader at Jindalee School Age Care program for a 7 years. Emily lead a successful Action Research project in 2019 on "What are the stakeholder" perceptions of quality in OSHC? and has been part of the leadership team achieving an overall exceeding rating in 2018.



**Kylie Keane**

**Educational Leader, Forrest State School P&C OSHC ACT, awarded Excellent rating by ACECQA**

Kylie has been absorbed in Playwork practice for the last 5 years and has been able to take part in study tours of both UK and US Playwork. She believes that, "Once you have an understanding of Playwork you cannot 'un-see' it. There is simply *no* other way of working with children."

Kylie's presentations will explore her journey from Educator to Educational Leader working within a Playwork paradigm and contemporary thinking and approaches to Playwork practice in the OSHC setting.

## Program

8.00	Registration Opens	
9.00-10.00	Official Opening	Dr Jen Cartmel and Jan Marxsen
	Opening Presentation with Dr Jen Cartmel and Jan Marxsen Excellence is an attitude! It is the gradual result of always striving to do better and few people are greater testament to that than Jan Marxsen. This presentation will inspire participants through conversation and reflection on one amazing service's journey to excellence.	
10.00-10.30	Morning Tea	
10.30-12.00	Rockstar program supporting children's social awareness, self-expression, emotional intelligence and powerful choices.	Saurubh Malviya
Concurrent sessions	Embedded Practice, Critical Reflection and Meaningful Engagement in QA 5 and 6	Emily McKenna and Rarni Rothwell
	Educator to Educational Leader: Playwork perspectives and inspiring leadership	Kylie Keane
12.00-12.30	Lunch	
12.30-2.00	Concurrent sessions repeated	
2.00-2.30	Afternoon tea	
2.30-4.00	Concurrent sessions repeated	

## General Information and Registration Link

The cost of this event is \$150(inc GST) per participant. This includes participation on the day, morning/afternoon tea and lunch. Tea & coffee & water will also be available. To register for this event please follow the link below:

**[www.qcan.org.au/educatorsymposium](http://www.qcan.org.au/educatorsymposium)**

No refunds will be given for cancellations. A replacement delegate may be substituted at any time with no charge.

All applications for substitution must be submitted in writing to [admin@qcan.org.au](mailto:admin@qcan.org.au) by C.O.B. 11.03.2020.

Please contact QCAN via phone 1300 781 749 or email to [admin@qcan.org.au](mailto:admin@qcan.org.au) if you have any questions.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**