

2019 QCAN Annual State Conference Delegate Brochure



**THE MANY
HATS OF
OSHC!**

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st August

**Novotel Surfers Paradise
Cnr Surfers Paradise Boulevard & Hanlan St
Surfers Paradise**

Welcome



The Queensland Children's Activities Network is proud to present the 2019 Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Conference 'The Many Hats of OSHC!' The theme acknowledges the many roles that educators play in the lives of children and families. Educators are thoughtful and resourceful as they facilitate, guide and support children and families. They take on a variety of roles as an OSHC educator including that of health and safety officer, counsellor, role model, advocate and peacemaker.

This conference we invite you to share in the amazing events that have been put together to ensure a truly exceptional conference experience. Given the previous success with the Friday and Saturday program, the same format will be used to create an inspiring and engaging event loaded with ideas and inspiration.

This year's conference includes a variety of professional learning and networking opportunities to support our fabulous OSHC sector, beginning on Friday with our Action Research Symposium. The projects that will be shared with you on this day are the result of both professional and personal journeys taken by educators over a period of 12 months. Each project is unique and reflects the ideas and interests of the researchers as well as the operating contexts of the service's they come from. These are powerful stories from peer educators – a day not to be missed!

At 5.30pm we hope to see you all for our first networking opportunity at the Welcome Reception held at On#5 Rooftop Bar, Novotel. This year the welcome reception will include a cocktail accompanied by a selection of canapés and appetisers.

The conference will be officially opened on Saturday with a Keynote Presentation by Nathan Wallis. Nathan is Inspirational and charismatic, his keen ability to translate neuroscience into every day life and practice engages all audiences.

After the keynote we will break for a short morning tea followed by a choice of five workshop sessions, some of which will be repeated to ensure maximum opportunity for participants to access the valuable messages. Our amazing presenters are detailed throughout the brochure and we are honoured to have such incredible knowledge and experience to share. We have some 'first time' speakers at this conference who will provide new insights into how we think about OSHC.

We understand that you want to attend the 2019 QCAN Conference but need to make the case to your employer in order to get approval for time and costs associated with attending. To assist you with this QCAN have produced a resource that will help you show the value that will be added to your service as a result of your attendance. The resource includes a cost/benefit worksheet which you will find attached to the email in which you received this brochure.

We sincerely appreciate the expertise that our speakers, presenters and facilitators contribute to this exciting program and look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Kylie Brannelly

Chief Executive Officer



About QCAN

QCAN is the peak body for Queensland OSHC services, actively leading, supporting and promoting quality practices within OSHC services throughout the state. The membership services and other products offered by QCAN are developed and delivered by experienced and knowledgeable SAC professionals. QCAN aims to deliver an exceptional level of professional development and support opportunities to the OSHC sector in Queensland.

Core Business: Promoting connectedness and professionalism within the School Age Care sector through membership

Vision: Excellence in School Age Care for Queensland

Purpose: To provide sector leadership and to build the capacity of the School Age Care sector through quality training, advice and resources

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Keynote Speaker



Nathan Wallis

Nathan is a father of three, stepfather to two and foster father to many more. His professional background includes early childhood teacher, child therapist, social service manager, university lecturer and neuroscience trainer. Following his time at the University of Canterbury, he founded a private training consultancy with the goal of facilitating easy to understand professional development reflecting the latest neuroscience discoveries and their practical implications for everyday practice. Nathan is an advisor for the NZ Ministry of Education, and an expert advisor for NZ Ministry of Vulnerable Children.

Since then he has been in hot demand, delivering in excess of 150 presentations every year throughout Australia, New Zealand, China, Saudi Arabia and the UK.

His increasing media profile includes – National Radio and TV appearances as a guest expert on parenting, teaching and understanding the developing brain of young people. He has filmed a Neuroscience documentary screened in 2017 and produced two DVDs exploring how the brain works and how neuroscience can better inform our day to day interactions with Brain Development for Babies and The Teenage Brain.

Inspirational and charismatic, Nathan's keen ability to translate neuroscience into every day life and practice engages all audiences.

Neuroscience and Learning: The New Age

Neuroscientific research has exploded onto the teaching scene in the last twenty years. It is estimated we learnt in the 1990's the equivalent of what we had learnt about the brain in the previous 300 years! This rate has not slowed, but is speeding up. Nathan aims to summarise this research in an easy to understand and easy to apply to practice way. How does this effect teaching and learning? How important is the connection between teacher and learner? Nathan will explore these questions in relation to the research, and in applying this research to practice.

Presenters & Workshop details



Brain Development at Primary School Presented by Nathan Wallis

With the huge emphasis in neuroscientific research in the early years, and more recently on adolescence, where does this leave those who work with (or parent) primary aged children? From the vast array of literature now available about brain development Nathan will explore with participants those aspects that most relate to the development of the primary aged child. With this research in mind we will explore how this changes how we interact with children.

Doing digital media in OSHC: Should children have access to digital play?

Presented by Bruce Hurst

Digital media is increasingly important in children's lives. Many children use smart phones, tablets, computers and consoles in their education, home life and play. For OSHC educators, how to include digital media in the program, or whether to include it at all can be a difficult question. Whilst there is no conclusive research about its effects, there is often moral panic surrounding digital media and children that raises some tricky questions.

When are children old enough to use digital media?

How much is too much?

Should digital media be restricted to educational activities?

Should children be outside in nature instead?

Do children have a right to use digital media in OSHC?

Are children capable of managing their own use of digital devices?

In this workshop, Bruce tries to bring together and make sense of contemporary research, urban myths and community expectations about children's use of digital media. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss examples and issues relating to how they incorporate digital media in their program. Together, participants will grapple with these tricky questions and also consider whether digital play is just like other types of play. This session doesn't promise any answers but it does offer the opportunity to re-examine your practice and emerge with more confidence about the place of digital play in your program.



Bruce Hurst is an education consultant, and researcher and lecturer at the University of Melbourne. He has worked for 25 years in and with Outside School Hours Care programs, and is one of the few academic researchers who specialises in these important settings for school-age children. Bruce's research has provided new ways of understanding the experiences of older primary children in Outside School Hours Care. He has a deep commitment to children's rights to speak, be heard and have excellence in their play and leisure settings. His work draws on postmodern theories of power and knowledge to provoke educators to re-think how they think about, and work with children.

Bruce presents in a way that makes complex ideas accessible. In 2014, he won the Freda Cohen Prize for his research work. Bruce is the current Deputy Chair of the Community Child Care Association.

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Playwork Practice, Educational Leadership and the FOOSHC Journey to Excellence

Presented by Kylie Keane

Kylie Keane is the Education Leader at FOOSHC in Forrest ACT, the first centre operating under a Playwork approach in the country to be awarded an 'Excellence' rating.

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 the journey of FOOSHC to excellence, her role as an Educational Leader working within a Playwork paradigm and contemporary thinking and approaches to Playwork practice in the OSHC setting.

Learning from Country – Sustainability in OSHC

Presented by Rarni Rothwell

The Land (Country) has always taught Indigenous peoples the value of maintaining good relationships with all aspects of Creation, human and non-human, and as such is even known as the first teacher in many cultures (rather than the third). Despite this ready access to rich knowledges, many services struggle to embed sustainable aspects into their programs and processes.

This session will provoke educators to shift their thinking and consider the unique role that Country can (and should) play in guiding intentional practice, and powerful learning that can occur in our individual play and leisure based contexts. Drawing on indigenous

knowledges, sustainability models and child's rights, these lessons that can be visited, each and every day, with all your stakeholders, regardless of which Country forms the foundations of your OSHC 'Place'.

Rarni Rothwell is an educational leader who spent most of her 25 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.



Presenters & Workshop details

Examining Behaviour

Presented by Saurubh Malviya



In this workshop we will share 3 major theoretical perspectives on social and emotional competencies among children. The triangulation of these approaches builds a platform that educators can use to critically reflect on their actions and behaviours thereby creating a deeper understanding of children's actions and behaviours. This fosters a healthy environment of positive interaction between educators and the children in their care and assists in enhancing the communication culture of an entire service with the intention to empower educators to gaining a deeper understanding of children as they interact positively with them.

We will further expand on this understanding and distinguish between Restorative and Punitive practices, working to acquire new language around viewing children's behaviour. This will influence the way educators perceive and engage behaviours, thereby enabling them to efficiently manage challenging situations.

This workshop also caters for a very important issue of staff members' overall wellbeing; a core belief of Saurubh's. On completion of the workshop educators will leave feeling touched, moved and inspired; for this is a beautiful arena and opportunity to transform children lives.

Saurubh Malviya 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.

Saurubh assisted his service to win several awards along with managing the service to exceed the standards of the National Quality Framework. He has consulted for various services and assisted them in achieving their goals. Saurubh's familiarity with contemporary theories on child development allows him to approach and apply distinct methodology, facilitating theoretically supported pedagogical practices at education and care services.

Saurubh's expertise in the field of education and care is widely recognised by both national and international communities. He has had the opportunity to speak at several conferences, presenting and discussing several issues concerning children's growth and development.

An Extended Look at Perceptions of Multi Age Play in an OSHC Setting Presented by Angus Gorrie



This session will build on Angus' session presented on Friday at the Action Research Symposium.

Angus Gorrie with a background in event organisation and management, and now a student of psychology, he has been working in the education sector for 9 years. Currently working as the Program Manager at Camp Hill Outside School Hours Care, Angus and his team have a passion for proactive childhood development incorporating risky play, nature play and playwork into the everyday program. In addition to OSHC, Angus has also organised and run many other events for school aged children including fishing and adventure camps.

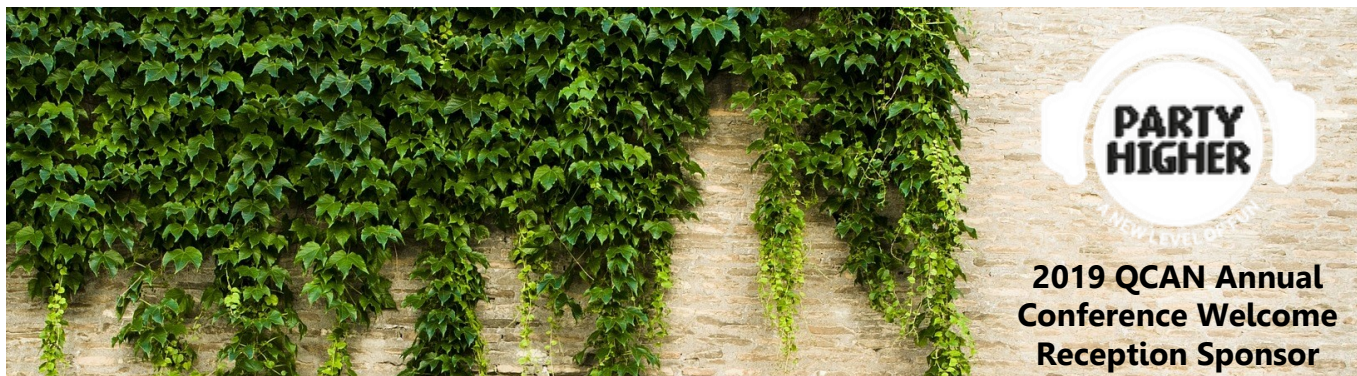
Conference Program - Friday 30th August

Action Research Symposium *(order subject to change)*

9am	Welcome, opening, housekeeping	
9.10am	How does Outside School Hours Care prepare pre service teachers?	Saints Peter & Paul's OSHC
9.35 am	How do you foster resilience in an OSHC setting?	Mooloolaba & Camp Hill OSHC
10.00am	What are the perceptions of rough and tumble play in a multi age setting?	Camp Hill OSHC
10.25am	Morning tea	
10.55am	Can we improve service quality by investing in staff well-being?	Jabiru New Farm & Bracken Ridge
11.20am	Is there an increasing responsibility for OSHC to provide quality outdoor experiences?	Grand Avenue OSHC
11.45am	How do we enrich the OSHC experience for older children?	Ironside Community ASA
12.10pm	Does a multi-tiered leadership model enhance an OSHC educator's job satisfaction?	MacGregor OSHC
12.35pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	What are the Importance/ Benefits of Community Engagement?	Newtown OSHC
1.55pm	How can we foster children's creativity and exploration of play to encourage them to provide input into the program and promote independence while upholding the rights of the child?	Mackay After School & Holiday Care
2.20pm	What are the stakeholder perceptions of quality in OSHC?	Jindalee OSHC
2.45pm	Afternoon tea	
3.15pm	How can we structure our environment to encourage children to meaningfully and effectively utilize their indoor and outdoor spaces?	Mayfield OSHC
3.40pm	How do we incorporate and promote life skills into our program for all age groups of children?	St. Catherine's OSHC
4.05pm 5.05pm	The Queensland Government Department of Education (DET), Early Childhood and Community Engagement Division together with the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) will share important updates for the sector.	
5.30pm 7.30pm	Welcome Reception - Cocktail and Canapés	On #5 Rooftop Bar

Conference Program - Saturday 31st August

8.50am	Welcome, opening, housekeeping	
9.00am	Keynote presentation - Neuroscience and Learning: The New Age	Nathan Wallis
10.30am	Morning tea	
11.00am - 12.30pm Breakout Sessions	Brain Development in Primary School	Nathan Wallis
	Playwork Practice, Educational Leadership and the FOOSHC Journey to Excellence	Kylie Keane
	Doing digital media in OSHC: Should children have access to digital play?	Bruce Hurst
	Examining Behaviour	Saurubh Malviya
	Learning from Country - Sustainability in OSHC	Rarni Rothwell
12.30 pm	Lunch	
1.30pm - 3.00pm Breakout Sessions	Brain Development in Primary School	Nathan Wallis
	Playwork Practice, Educational Leadership and the FOOSHC Journey to Excellence	Kylie Keane
	Doing digital media in OSHC: Should children have access to digital play?	Bruce Hurst
	Examining Behaviour	Saurubh Malviya
	Multi Age Play	Angus Gorrie
3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
4.30pm - 5.00pm Breakout Sessions	Multi Age Play	Angus Gorrie
	Playwork Practice, Educational Leadership and the FOOSHC Journey to Excellence	Kylie Keane
	Doing digital media in OSHC: Should children have access to digital play?	Bruce Hurst
	Examining Behaviour	Saurubh Malviya
	Learning from Country - Sustainability in OSHC	Rarni Rothwell
5.00pm	Conference concludes.	



Welcome Reception

Join QCAN & guests on Friday evening for our Welcome Reception with a cocktail & canapés!
It will be an evening of great food and great company.

Location: #5 Rooftop (Level 5)

Novotel Surfers Paradise

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

\$25.00 a ticket

(Cash bar available)

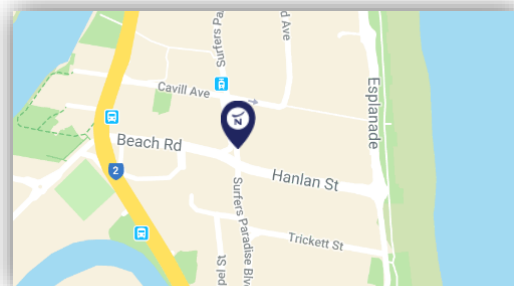
Book your place when registering online for the Conference.

Our Welcome Reception Sponsor PARTY HIGHER will keep us entertained on the night!

General Information

Conference Venue Information

Novotel Surfers Paradise
Cnr Surfers Paradise Boulevards &
Hanlan St Surfers Paradise
Conference event located on Level 1



Parking

Parking is available in the Paradise Centre, located directly next to the hotel (entrance off Hanlan St). Pricing is \$8 for a single exit or \$17 for a multi exit pass for 24 hours. Guests will need to bring their ticket to reception to have it validated prior to departure.

Travel Information

Airport: Novotel Surfers Paradise is only 22km from the Gold Coast Airport and 97km from Brisbane Airport. Con-x-ion Coaches can take you to the Novotel Surfers Paradise from both the Brisbane and Gold Coast Airports. Go to www.con-x-ion.com to book online or phone 1300 873 517. Their transfers are based on independent travellers on a coach, so multiple stops along the way may mean commuting time is a little longer.

Train and/or Tram: The Airtrain is available from Brisbane airport, stopping at Helensvale Station where you can catch the Gold Coast Light Rail to Novotel Surfers Paradise. Tickets for Airtrain can be booked online at www.airtrain.com.au You can plan the best possible journey for the Gold Coast Light Rail online at www.ridetheg.com.au here you can also find ticket machine availability or you can use your Go Card to travel. The light rail is also great for delegates travelling within the Gold Coast to the event.

Bus: Gold Coast bus timetables and routes can be found here www.metrocity.com



General Information

Market Place

There will be many OSHC related sponsors and trade exhibitors at the conference. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the latest products and services available to the sector. Buy on the day or take the ideas back to your service – the choice is yours! This year you will be issued with a Trade Passport. Delegates who visit each of our Market Place Displays and get their passport stamped will go into the draw for a great prize.

Program Cancellation Policy

Queensland Children's Activities Network reserves the right to cancel or vary conference sessions due to minimum numbers not being reached or due to circumstances out of our control.

Diary

In 2019 all financial members of QCAN will receive a complimentary 2020 diary. Extra diaries can also be purchased and collected at the conference. Conference delegates have the opportunity to pre order A4 spiral-bound copies of the QCAN 2020 diary at the discounted price of \$25 (inc. GST (recommended retail \$35 inc. GST). Postage and handling charges apply for diaries not collected at conference. There will only be 100 of these diaries for sale so ensure you order quickly to avoid disappointment

Welcome Reception Cocktail Party Friday 30th August 5.30pm - 7.30pm

The Welcome Reception will include a cocktail on arrival and a selection of appetizers and canapés. The cost for this event is \$25 per person. This will be held on the Level 5 Rooftop Bar located on Level 5 of the Novotel Surfers Paradise. (1 cocktail each on arrival, Cash bar available.)

Conference Registration Fee (inc. of GST)

All prices are inclusive of GST. To be eligible for the Early Bird rate, registration and payment must be submitted by Friday 2nd August 2019. Full registration includes all presentations and keynote over the weekend. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on Friday and Saturday. All delegates receive a delegate satchel with promotional items, advertising/vouchers and a conference workbook including competitions to win great prizes.

No refunds will be given for cancellations after Friday 2nd August 2019. A replacement delegate may be substituted at any time with no charge. All applications for cancellation or substitution must be submitted in writing to admin@qcan.org.au

Member discount rates apply only to full organisational and group members. The discounted fee will be available to those who apply to join QCAN when registering for the conference and are financial members prior to the conference.

Conference Registration Type:	Members	Non Members
Full registration Early Bird – Friday 30th & Saturday 31st August	\$600	\$800
Full registration Standard – Friday 30th & Saturday 31st August	\$750	\$1000
Single day registration Early Bird – Friday 30th or Saturday 31st August	\$410	\$550
Single day registration Standard – Friday 30th or Saturday 31st August	\$485	\$650

Registration & Payment Form

Service Details

(If more than four delegates from this service are attending please attach a list of additional attendees.)

Service Name:

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Cheque made payable to Queensland Children's Activities Network

(Postal Address: QCAN, 66 Woodend Road, Woodend Q 4305)

☐ Direct Deposit

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Total Amount Payable (inc GST): \$ _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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To register for the conference please follow these 2 steps:

1. Return this completed form to admin@qcan.org.au for invoicing
2. Follow this link to complete your registration

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019QCANCONFERENCE>

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