

# ONE DAY WORKSHOP

PRESENT-

Sue Lewin and Sharron Lindh

LIMITED PLACES



## Workshop One

### Title:

Sustainability: Connecting with the land through music and dance.

### Abstract:

*'Beneath the concrete, beneath the street, beneath the houses and the places people meet.  
There is the soil, the clay, there is the sand,  
Beneath the cities and the towns, there is the land.'*

This interactive music workshop will explore traditional and original songs and dances of the land and its creatures. As children spend more time indoors, they can be disconnected from the source of their food and necessities, and the cycle of natural life.

We will introduce :

- Ways to encourage and develop positive connections to the earth and a desire to look after the land in which we live.
- Understanding of the sources of our food.
- Ways to imbed indigenous perspectives into the early years curriculum
- All of these will be introduced through the medium of songs and dances.



## Workshop Two

### Title:

*'When you're in the rainforest, underneath the trees, Leave only footprints, take away only memories,'*

### Abstract:

We live in a country which is known for its bush and beach and yet more and more children have little connection to the land itself. If children and adults alike are so far removed from all creation, how can we truly embed love and deep respect for our Earth Mother? As children eagerly learn technology, we must first guide them to their own unique and natural connection to the Earth and all living things. Respect is shown by understanding where things come from, our beautiful Mother Earth gives us all the ingredients we need to create the sustainable lives we lead today.

This hands-on workshop explores how to assist children to connect with living things and the environment, by encouraging a sense of belonging, place and future. Sharron and Sue will lead you through stories, songs and dances which encourage and help us ponder ways to help our children learn about keeping this land safe and well and why it matters.

This will be done through:

- Links to EYFS – Belonging. Outcome 2 'Children connected to their world'
- Current literature on sustainability
- Concepts of embedding first nation perspectives in the curriculum

**Biography** Sue Lewin is an early childhood teacher, singer and songwriter who has produced 8 music CDs for young children, which include traditional songs and dances from around the world as well as original pieces. Her children's musicals 'The Little Pirate's Adventures' and 'Dancing the Boomchacha Boogie' have both been staged in London with casts of 200 children. Sharron "Mirii" Lindh is a proud Gamilaroi Wiradjuri woman. Her 25 years' experience within Early Childhood and Primary Education has enabled her to build her own business, Indigenous Insights. Sharron's positive approach to life is infectious as she shares her desire to teach all who come in contact with her. Sue and Sharron (with Peter Stewart) have just released a new CD for young children, 'Stand and Grow- Warrahabu Buwanhabu'. Let Sue and Sharron take you on a musical journey honouring our Mother Earth. [www.earlychildmusic.com.au](http://www.earlychildmusic.com.au)

## REGIONS:

Cairns: 11th June

Townsville: 23rd July

Mackay: 10th September

Emerald: 8th October

## TIME:

9:00am Registration

9.30am to 1.00pm

## COST:

\$70 Incl GST Per Person

## REFRESHMENTS

Lunch will be supplied.

## REGISTRATION:

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