

# Lady Gowrie Qld - Brisbane

## EVENING WITH

**VENUE: VICTORIA GOLF COMPLEX**  
**Herston Road, Herston 4006**

**TIME: 6.00 to 6.30 Canapes, Beverages & Networking**  
**6.30 to 8.30 Presentation**

**COST: \$77.00 incl GST**



### **RHONDA LIVINGSTONE - TUESDAY 14TH MAY 2019**

#### **'More than cool tools – embracing technology with intention'**

There is no denying that digital technologies are an ever-present and pervasive part of children's contemporary lives and, increasingly their identities as learners. When embedded with intention, digital technologies can be innovative and effective tools in strengthening opportunities for teaching and learning, extending the curriculum and supporting learning outcomes for children.

Come and join in a night of rich conversation in which we explore what contemporary research is telling us about young children and digital technology and unpack the recommendations from the *Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for the Early Years (Birth to 5 years)*. Engage in healthy debate as we explore the possibilities, potential and challenges of digital technologies and consider how digital activities may be incorporated in meaningful and intentional ways appropriate to the needs, expectations and experiences of your education and care community.

**Rhonda Livingstone** is the National Education Leader, ACECQA and brings a wealth of experience to this role, having worked in preschools and long day care centres and as an assessor of programs and services for both the Queensland Government and the Crèche and Kindergarten Association of Queensland. Rhonda's extensive involvement in the National Quality Agenda reforms saw her contribute to the development of the National Quality Standard and its Guide, assessment and rating tools and processes, and the training and testing program for authorised officers. Rhonda has also worked as a Senior Advisor, Excellent Rating with ACECQA and as a sessional education academic with the Queensland University of Technology.



### **CATHARINE HYDON - MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2019**

#### **Making meaning: the practice of ethical curriculum decision making**

On any given day educators make hundreds of curriculum decisions. From where children put their belongings to the equipment and resources on offer, educators decide to take actions that support the program with the broad aim of fostering children's learning. But how do we know if these decisions are meaningful? Can some of these decisions erode what is important to children and result in programs that do not support children to live well now and into the future? Curriculum decisions are more than just deciding what to do - they are about choosing what is meaningful to do. Educators are faced with the possibilities many choices when they design programs – the challenge is to make decision that connect to the children we work with equip them to be the very best they can be. What is meaningful for one service may not be meaningful for another.

This session will explore the 'messy complexity' of principled curriculum decision making and how educators can collaborate to offer children a meaningful and ethical curriculum that helps us all to live well.

**Catharine Hydon** is the Director at Hydon Consulting. Over the last 10 years she has worked as an independent education consultant to a range of organisations and government to support the articulation of quality and inspire change. Catharine has extensive experience in the early childhood sector beginning as a teacher in a sessional kindergarten program in the northern suburbs of Melbourne. Since then Catharine has lead a range of services and projects for children and their families.

Catharine has a Masters in Early Childhood Education specialising in early childhood practice, policy and governance, the delivery of integrated services and the exploration of innovative programs to engage vulnerable children and their families. Catharine draws on this study and her ongoing practice research to consider how theory connects and informs practice.

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**Registration closes Friday 3rd May 2019**



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