

FDCA 2025 MELB2025

NATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY 23 OCT 2025

TIME	REGISTRATION DESK	EXHIBITION HALL
14.30 - 17.30	Registrations	
18.00 - 20.00		Welcome Function

FRIDAY 24 OCT 2025

TIME	GRAND BALLROOM				
8.40 - 8.45	Housekeeping				
8.45 - 8.55	Welcome to Country				
8.55 - 9.05	CEO Welcome				
9.05 - 9.30	VIP Address				
9.30 - 10.30	Keynote Address - Nathan Wallis - Understand your Brain: The First 1,000 Days				
10.30 - 11.10	Morning Tea				
TIME	ROOM A	ROOM B	ROOM C	ROOM D	ROOM E
11.10 - 12.10	Perry Campbell, Senior Manager National Projects, ACECQA Place-based Service Delivery	Siobhan Kennedy-Costantini, Director, Science Minded The Science of Temperament and Emotion Regulation: Practical Tools for Fostering Self-Regulation and Understanding Diverse Behavioral Needs	Kerry Smith, Adjunct Research Fellow, Griffith University Engaging in Play - The Play Cycle Theory in Family Day Care Settings	Trish Osgood, Be You Consultant, Be You Supporting Leaders to Support Educators: Creating Responsive Approaches to Educator Wellbeing	Nicole Halton, Director & Lauren Jackson, National Children's Services Manager, Inspired EC Connect, Reflect, Embed: Our Journey of Exploring The Child Safe Standards and what they look like in Family Day Care
12.10 - 12.20	Short Break				
12.20 - 13.20	Laura Hewitson, Field Coordinator, Foundations Family Day Care Streamlining for Success: Making the Most of Technology and Automation in Family Day Care Management	Samantha Dellamarta, Facilitator & Olivia Brown, Safeguarding Training Australia To follow, or not to follow? Tips for applying professional boundaries in Family Day Care	Paula Pittam, Director of Family Day Care Programs, Department for Education South Australia, Jemma Henley, Inclusion Professional Team Leader & Uncle Tamaru, Aboriginal Consultant, Gowrie SA Walking alongside: Our relationship with Kauwanu Tamaru teaching us about Kaurua language and culture	Ben Mueller, Director & Principal Accountant, FDC Tax Tax and Accounting for Educators	Australian Government Department of Education Workshop Title to be Confirmed
TIME	GRAND BALLROOM				
13.20 - 14.20	Lunch				
14.20 - 15.50	Plenary Workshop - Nathan Wallis - Engage Your Brain: 2-7 Years				
15.50 - 16.20	Afternoon Tea				
16.20 - 16.50	Keynote Address - Meena Singh, Acting Principal Commissioner & Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People in Victoria				
16.50 - 17.00	Day One Wrap Up				

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Nathan Wallis
Neuroscience Educator



Dr Jana Pittman
Dual Olympian



Anne Hollonds
National Children's Commissioner



Meena Singh
Acting Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People & Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People in Victoria

SATURDAY 25 OCT 2025

TIME	GRAND BALLROOM				
9.00 - 9.05	Welcome				
9.05 - 10.05	Keynote Address - Dr Jana Pittman: Change the Beat of Your Drum				
10.05 - 10.45	Morning Tea				
TIME	ROOM A	ROOM B	ROOM C	ROOM D	ROOM E
10.45 - 11.45	Kylie Clark, Director, Kids Family Day Care Stress-Free Programming Achieving Quality Without the Complexity	Stephanie Hoy, Family Day Care Educator, West Country Family Day Care Scheme Setting the Foundations for Children to Become Experts at Play	Kristine Eldridge, Nominated Supervisor, Campbelltown Family Day Care Innovative Leadership – Creating Leaders in Family Day Care	Marie Armstrong, Director, Early Years Care Collaborative Art for Wellbeing - Process Over Product	Rebecca Karlake, Manager - Integrated Children's Services & Natasha de Jong, Family Day Care Field Officer, Ballarat Family Day Care Connections with the Community in Family Day Care
11.45 - 11.55	Short Break				
11.55 - 12.55	Beverley Egan, Director, We Belong Family Day Care Digital Media in a Family Day Care Setting	Victoria Edmond, Director, Big Hearted Education Swingin' the Pendulum Back to a Simpler Time	Natashja Treveton, Managing Director, Inspired EC & Jackie Bennett, Co-Founder, Connecting the Dots Through Culture Embedding First Nations Perspectives and Cultural Awareness in Family Day Care	Sylvia Arotin, CEO & Founder, Guide and Grow How to Get Kids to Listen - The Power of Conscious Communication	Ashton Posch, Family Day Care Educator, Busy Butterflies Education and Care Celebrating Play and Finding Joy in Neurodiversity in the Family Day Care Environment: Neurodiversity Affirming Practice
TIME	GRAND BALLROOM				
12.55 - 13.55	Lunch				
13.55 - 14.55	Keynote Address - Anne Hollonds, National Children's Commissioner				
14.55 - 15.00	Conference Wrap Up				

SATURDAY 25 OCT 2025

TIME	GRAND BALLROOM
19.00 - 23.00	Conference Gala Dinner - Including the 2025 Excellence in Family Day Care Awards presentation

PULLMAN HOTEL - MELBOURNE - ALBERT PARK
23-25 OCTOBER 2025