



# EARLY EDUCATION FEDERATION

Bethlehem Tertiary Institute, Christian Early Childhood Education Association of Aotearoa, Early Intervention Association of Aotearoa/NZ, Steiner Education Aotearoa NZ, Hospital Play Specialists Association of Aotearoa/NZ, Montessori Aotearoa NZ, National Association of ECE Directors in Universities, NZEI Te Riu Roa, NZ Kindergartens – Te Putahi Kura Puhou o Aotearoa, NZ Playcentre Federation, Te Aho O Te Kura Pounamu/The Correspondence School, Te Wananga o Aotearoa, The Open Polytechnic NZ, World Organisation for Early Childhood Education OMEP Aotearoa/NZ.

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*The symbol of the Early Education Federation is a woven mat. This represents the weaving together of diverse groups with their own unique philosophy and structure - united by similar aims, promoting quality Early Childhood Education and supporting families/whanau in Aotearoa New Zealand.*

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### *Membership*

The following organisations were members of the Federation during this year:

- Bethlehem Tertiary Institute
- Christian Early Childhood Education Association of Aotearoa
- Early Intervention Association of Aotearoa NZ
- Steiner Education Aotearoa NZ
- Hospital Play Specialists Association of Aotearoa/NZ
- Montessori Aotearoa NZ
- National Association of ECE Directors in Universities
- NZEI – Te Riu Roa
- NZ Kindergartens – Te Putahi Kura Puhou o Aotearoa
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### *The Council*

#### **Council members**

Council members were elected for the year at the Annual General Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Delegates who attended meetings as representatives of the Federation member organisations during the year were:

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| •BTI                     | - Thelma Chapman, Melody Stuckey                     |
| •CECEAA                  | - Thelma Chapman, Melody Stuckey                     |
| •EIAANZ                  | - Susan Foster-Cohen,                                |
| •SEANZ                   | - Juvena Jalal                                       |
| •HPSANZ                  | - Marianne Kayes, Nicky Woollaston                   |
| •MANZ                    |  |
| •NA of ECD               | - Sue Cherrington, Mary-Jane Shuker                  |
| •NZEI/TRR                | - Charmaine Thomson, Sandie Burn                     |
| •NZK                     |  |
| •NZPF                    | - Susan Bailey, Sean McKinley                        |
| •TAoTKP/TCS              | - Annie Malir  |
| •TWOA                    | - Tracey Mansell                                     |
| •The Open Polytechnic NZ | - Liz Everiss, Sonja Rosewarne                       |
| •OMEP A/NZ               | - Diti Hill-Denee, Amanda Higgins, Catherine Vaughan |

#### **Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**

At the Annual General Meeting in September 2018, Tracey Mansell was elected as the Chairperson. The Deputy Chairperson position was not filled during this year.

#### **Secretariat Sub-committee**

Secretariat Sub-committee members elected at the 2018 Annual General Meeting were Susan Bailey, Liz Everiss and Annie Malir. The committee, Liz and Annie (Susan was no longer a delegate by this time) met with the Secretary on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2019. A report from the sub-committee will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September.

## **Council Meetings**

Four meetings of the Council were held during the year, one in September 2018, one in December 2018, one in March 2019 and one in June 2019.

Prior to each meeting the Secretary sent out the agenda for the upcoming ECAC meeting when it was available. At each meeting delegates discussed items on the agenda for the ECAC meeting the following day and developed questions and issues to raise.

At the 2018 Annual General Meeting, it was agreed that at the end of each Council meeting, delegates would identify a topic for in depth discussion at the following meeting. Topics over the last year were:

- The Home-based ECE Review
- Members' responses to the draft Strategic Plan for ECE
- Review of Vocational Education

Members continued to bring their Top Three Issues from their organisations and shared common issues and concerns at meetings.

### **Issues discussed at Council meetings**

The main topic for discussion at Council meetings throughout the year was the Early Learning Strategic Plan. Issues of importance in the discussions were:

- Support for the principles that sit behind it and the long term view, but concern re the slow roll out of key aspects of the plan.
- Issues arising from the 100% qualified certificated teachers goal, eg. current shortage of qualified certificated teachers.
- Lack of government leadership in planning for provision of services.
- Centralising salaries for early childhood teachers.
- The need for more targeting of funding to ensure better outcomes for children.

Other ECAC agenda items raised for discussion were:

- Education Workforce Strategy
- National Early Learning Priorities
- Family and sexual violence information sharing guidelines
- Education Review Office draft indicators

### **Venue for meetings**

The Federation was fortunate in that National Association of EC Directors' delegates were able to arrange a venue for each meeting over the last year on the Victoria University campus, at no cost to the Federation.

## **Communications**

The Secretary sent out regular memos and emails reporting on outcomes of meetings, notifying members of upcoming meetings and issues for discussion.

News Updates containing a collation of recent announcements, media releases, upcoming events and links to relevant articles and research, were sent out to members on a 6 weekly basis throughout the year. Seven News Updates were sent this year.

Delegates also continued to share information about current or upcoming events, documents, and articles via email throughout the year.