



The Family Day Care Carers'
Association of NSW Inc



Carers supporting carers

The
FAMILY DAY CARE
CARERS" ASSOCIATION
Of NEW SOUTH WALES Inc.

proudly presents its
Annual Conference
And
Training Forum

“The Conference”

Saturday 22th
and
Sunday 23rd
August 2009

Rooty Hill RSL Club'
Cnr Sherbrooke & Railway Sts
Rooty Hill NSW 2766

SATURDAY

11.30am – Registration

12 noon – Lunch/Rhonda Bignell (CEO, Family Day Care Australia)

1.30pm – AGM/GM

3.30pm – Afternoon Tea

3.45pm – Talkfest with Bronwyn Guy, Sue Perdriau, Rhonda Bignell (CEO, FDCA) and Lorna Hughes, NCAC.

5.00pm – Free Time

6.00pm – Dinner - Guest Speaker - Lorna Hughes / Auction – Don't forget to bring your money with you

SUNDAY

7.00am – Breakfast

8.30am – Registration

9.00am – Workshop 1

10.30am - Morning Tea

11.00am – Workshop 2

12.30pm – Lunch/Raffle

1.30pm - Close

Rhonda Bignell, CEO FDCA:

Rhonda Bignell was appointed to the position of FDCA CEO on 8th December 2008. Rhonda was the past CEO of St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) and prior to St John Ambulance Australia, she was the General Manager of two NSW Councils, one covering a large metropolitan local government area, the other was a Council in a large and growing rural centre. Earlier, her six year tenure as Director of Human Services for Liverpool City Council provided Rhonda with experience in a large multicultural community with a mix of long term migrants and new arrivals.

During her career, Rhonda has had direct responsibility for children's services, including long day care, family day care, pre-school, vacation care and outside school hours care. She has a strong commitment to working closely with Family Day Care stakeholders as we all work together to position family day care as the premier choice in child care for Australian families.

Lorna Hughes, National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC)

The presentation will provide a description of the achievements of family day care since the introduction of Family Day Care Quality Assurance (FDCQA) and recent results. There will also be time for discussion and questions about 'where do we go from here'.

Lorna started working with children in 1970 and after 18 years in centre based care joined and fell in love with family day care. Over the next 15 years she undertook the various roles of play leader, CDO and later scheme manager. Since joining NCAC in 2002 Lorna has travelled extensively throughout Australia giving presentations on FDCQA and talking to carers and staff about quality outcomes for children.

Road Safety for Family Day Care – Cherie Marshall, Road Safety Education Consultant:

Cherie is a Road Safety Education Consultant with the Early Childhood Road Safety Education Program. In this workshop participants will discuss road safety issues relevant to Family Day Care and explore innovative road safety ideas and experiences to use with children, all in the context of the NSW Children's Services Regulation and Accreditation System.

Everyday Craft and Resources – Kim Clarke:

Kim is a Carer with Blacktown FDC Scheme. She has been a carer for 13 years and developed this workshop to assist Carers with providing cost effective craft activities and resources by using everyday items from around the house.

Tiny Hands Talk – Judy Fife:

Judy is a trained Consultant with Tiny Hands talk a private company founded in April 2006. Prior to working with Tiny Hands talk Judy worked at the Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children. Each person attending this workshop will receive a folder with copies of all the signs they have learnt and information about the benefits of using sign language with all children. Signing can be used with babies and all age children and is lots of fun as well as beneficial for co-ordination, alleviating frustration when trying to communicate and also encourages language development, plus it gives a taste of another language as all signs are Auslan vocab - the language of the deaf community in Australia.

Please complete and detach this form and return to

**The Conference Convenor
The FDC Carers Association of NSW Inc
C/- PO Box 3589, Wamberal NSW 2260.**

Registration Form

Name:

Address:

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Membership No.

Conference Options

(Please tick options)

CONFERENCE:

ALL MEALS, CONFERENCE, DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Members: (Early Bird) \$185.00 pay by 25/7/09. []
After 25/7/09 \$195.00 []

Non Members: (Early Bird) \$218.00 []
After 25/7/09 \$228.00 []

Or Dinner only: \$60.00 []

SUNDAY CONFERENCE ONLY:

Members: (Early Bird) \$85.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES MEALS) pay by 25/7/09 []
After 25/7/09 \$95.00 []

Non Members: (Early Bird) \$118.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES MEALS) pay by 25/7/09 []
After 25/7/09 \$128.00 []

Any special dietary requirements (non-dairy, vegetarian, etc)

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Mobility access requirements Yes / No

Carers requiring receipts prior to the conference will need to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with payment.

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY 5/8/09

ACCOMMODATION: Rooty Hill RSL Club & Resort

Twin Room with Breakfast = \$165.00

**I am sharing with / allocate me someone to share with
(Delete which is not applicable)**

Single Room with Breakfast = \$140.00

NB: Accommodation costs are additional to Conference Costs. They are NOT included in Conference Costs

Conference Cost	\$ _____
Accommodation Cost	\$ _____
TOTAL COST	\$ _____

Credit Card Payments:

Visa **Mastercard**

Name on Card:

Card Number: _____ **Expiry Date:** _____

Amount: \$ _____ **Signature:** _____

Carers may also pay through the following bank account;

BSB: 112-879

ACCOUNT NO: 104 677 323

ACCOUNT NAME: Family Day Care Carers Assoc. of NSW Inc.

Carers should also put their name and/or Membership No. on the payment form.

Workshop Preferences

Please list your preferences from 1 (most preferred) to 3 (least preferred), for each workshop

WORKSHOP ONE 9.00 – 10.30

- Tiny Hands Talk
Judy Fife**
- Road Safety for Family Day Care
Cherie Marshall**
- Everyday Craft and Resources
Kim Clarke**

WORKSHOP TWO 11.00 – 12.30

- Tiny Hands Talk
Judy Fife**
- Road Safety for Family Day Care
Cherie Marshall**
- Everyday Craft and Resources
Kim Clarke**

Some workshops have limits on participants. Workshops will be allocated upon receipt of full payment or instalment. When workshop places are filled, carers will be allocated their next preference.

Registration must be received by

5/8/09.

Association's Refund Policy	TRAVEL ASSISTANCE
<p>Refunds of registration fees will be returned to carers requesting same up to 30 July 2009, after deducting an administration fee of \$20. No refunds will be forthcoming after this date – unless under exceptional circumstances. Such requests will be considered by the executive and should be supported by documentary proof (ie medical certificate etc)</p>	<p>The FDC Carers' Association Inc. has limited funding put aside to assist carers with long distance travel. This funding will be apportioned firstly to carers who have attended the conference for the whole weekend, the remainder will be apportioned to any other travel claims. Carers are requested to retain all original travel receipts if they intend to apply for conference travel assistance. Application forms will be available at the conference.</p>

For further information relating to the conference, contact Bronwyn Guy 02 4822 3394 or Deb Sargeant, Conference Convenor 02 9626 6633.

Explanation of how the travel grant works:

- **When travelling by car:**

Grant applies to actual cost of fuel only. (ie Fill your car with fuel immediately before departure. That cost does not relate to the conference. Receipts for all fuel purchased on route to conference and home again need to be submitted with Travel Subsidy Application).

You will need to refuel your car on arrival at your home destination either on 23 or no later than 24 August.

Travel after you arrive home is not a conference cost.

- **When travelling by bus, train or plane:**

Keep your receipts and submit them with application.