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CHILD CARE CONFERENCE BREAKS NEW GROUND

The triennial Family Day Care Australia Conference to be held in Hobart 20-23rd May will be breaking new ground in the new era of child care in Australia.

The Federal Government's agenda for child care in Australia, with its emphasis on quality services, and up-skilled qualifications for child care staff will be a major focus of the child care experts and practitioners who will be attending the conference.

Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Child Care, Hon Maxine McKew, will be opening the Conference at the Grand Chancellor Hotel on the morning of Thursday 21st May. A dynamic programme of child care experts, including Dr Pam Schiller, Professor Jennifer Sumsion and Anne Stonehouse who will be talking about the Early Years Learning Framework, the new approach to early childhood learning in Australia. Terry Hawkins, Adam Spencer (ABC TV), Maggie Dent (Channel 9), Andrew Mackell-Wong, Professor Susan Edwards and Anthony Seamann will also be challenging and inspiring the delegates.

Other high profile politicians speaking at the Conference will be Sophie Mirabella, Federal Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare, Women & Youth, who will be speaking on Friday 22nd May, and Senator Sarah Hanson-Young who will be speaking at the closing ceremony on Saturday 23rd May.

Family Day Care Australia's CEO, Rhonda Bignell, says that the child care industry is undergoing enormous changes with the Federal Government's agenda for reform of the child care sector – changes that Family Day Care Australia fully supports.

"Our aim is best outcomes for children, and providing children with the best opportunity to reach their full potential. Family day care provides the nurturing and learning environment to ensure that this happens. We look forward to the Conference in breaking new ground as we lead family day care into the future".

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