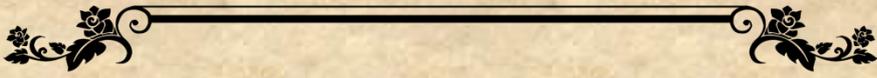




# VILLAGE WAYS



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

*"It takes a village to raise a child"*

*Dusty Hill Vineyard  
Moffatdale  
QLD*

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### **About Village Ways...**

After travelling large distances for inspirational Early Childhood speakers over many years, the team at Milford Lodge decided to start hosting their own professional development. We began hosting small events at Milford Lodge on the Sunshine Coast, on weeknights or Saturdays, which were all well received by our delegates. However, we still dreamt of hosting our very own full weekend conference.

After a few years of thinking and talking about what we felt would make an amazing experience for passionate Early Childhood educators, we finally hosted our very first two-day conference out at Dusty Hill Vineyard. The name of the conference eluded us for some time, when eventually we decided that "Village Ways" encompassed all the virtues we wished to portray. Village Ways is a 'boutique' conference. Many of our delegates have supported us since the inaugural event, and thus we look forward to Village Ways every year, where we all come back together to connect, share, reflect, laugh, and enjoy the company of our fellow 'villagers'. We hope you will come and join our village.

### **The Venue...**

Hugging the shore of Lake Barambah, Dusty Hill Vineyard is situated on the edge of Moffatdale village in the heart of the South Burnett.

Created by the same family who created Milford Lodge, Dusty Hill was started in 1996 by Frank, Margaretha, Joe & Molly Prendergast, who had purchased nothing more than a cow paddock. Both Milford Lodge and Dusty Hill, dotted with heritage style cottages and chapels, resemble villages. Whilst you are coming for the inspirational speakers, the venue will undoubtedly give our delegates a two for one deal.



### **The Programme...**

There are no electives, so the only difficult choice you will need to make will be Verdelho or Tempranillo. Our villagers enjoy the slower pace that Village Ways offers and thus our programme is designed in a way to allow delegates time to kick back.

Over the years, our night time function has also followed suit, with many delegates enjoying each other's company around the fire.

### **Registration Includes...**

Your ticket to Village Ways includes all workshops, keynotes plus transport to and from (and entry to) the Ration Shed Museum.

It also includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on both days.

Complimentary bus transport will be available to bring all delegates to the night time function on Saturday night at Prendergast's Irish Tavern, and return them at various times. This function, including mandatory samples of Dusty Hill wine, is also part of your registration. Dusty Hill is not open for breakfast, however tea, coffee and Goomeri Bakery goodies will be available for our delegates on Sunday morning if required.

Your ticket does not include accommodation or transport to and from the conference.



# Profiles



## Toni & Robin Christie

Childspace was founded by wife and husband team Toni and Robin Christie. The first Childspace centre was opened on Valentine's Day in 1994, and was situated in Christchurch at Toni and Robin's first home. Toni and Robin have two adult children, Max and Tui, who both attended Childspace centres throughout their early childhood.

Toni is the Director of Childspace Early Childhood Institute, and holds a Masters degree in Education. She oversees the professional development programmes, personnel, and edits The Space magazine. Robin, with both an Early Childhood Education and Fine Arts background, is responsible for all the design and maintenance of the Childspace environments. As a team, Robin and Toni have presented seminars and workshops to both national and international audiences on the topics of environment design, management, leadership, early childhood education curriculum and programming, infants and toddlers and storytelling and science.

We believe that early childhood is the most significant stage of every person's development and are driven to provide practical, relevant, natural and aesthetic resources and environments for all who play and work with very young children.

<https://www.childspace.co.nz/index.html>

# Profiles



## Catharine Hydon

Catharine Hydon is the Director and Principal Consultant at Hydon Consulting. Over the last 10 years she has worked at a range of organisations and governments to understand and articulate quality and inspire change. With a Masters in early childhood education, Catharine has extensive experience in the early childhood sector beginning as a teacher in a kindergarten program in the northern suburbs of Melbourne to lead roles in a range of services and projects for children and their families.

Catharine draws on her experience and ongoing practice research to consider how theory connects and informs practice. Specialising in early childhood practice and pedagogy, quality improvement, policy and governance, the delivery of integrated services to engage vulnerable children and their families.

Catharine's involvement in the early childhood sector is an important part of her commitment to the outcomes for children. She is a long-time member of Early Childhood Australia (ECA), regular contributor in ECA publications and has just completed 7 years as the Co-chair of the Reconciliation Advisory Group. Catharine is a Board Member of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority and the Early Years-10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee for the VCAA as well as a second-tier reviewer for ACECQA. Catharine is a dynamic speaker and collaborative facilitator and is skilled at engaging professionals in reflective dialogue and creative conversations.

Qualifications: Dip Teaching (Early Childhood); MEd (Early Childhood Education)

<https://www.hydonconsulting.com/>

# Profiles



## Sue & Tyler Inglis

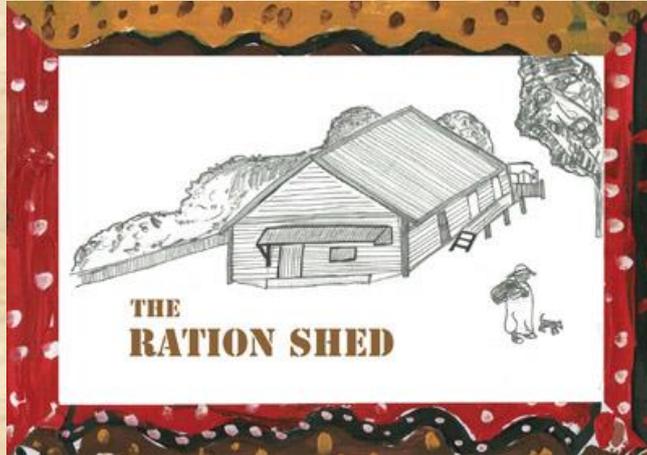
Tyler Inglis is the Bush and Beach Kindy co-ordinator at 'The Bush and Beach Kindy' in Golden Beach, QLD. Tyler leads the full day Nature Camps for children in their year before school. He is a huge advocate of nature based, free play programs and has recently travelled to Scotland to live for 8 months, where he taught in outdoor programs for early childhood and presented to groups on alternative early education. Tyler has a level 4 Forest schools leadership qualification, as well as a diploma in Children's Services. For the rest of the week, Tyler is also an educator in the centre, working alongside children from 15 months to 6 years old. He is passionate about the rights of children and speaks up regularly about the importance of us being very mindful about how we go about our work in the early years.

Sue Inglis is proud to be an early childhood educator.

Sue's career, advocating for and working alongside children, has been a source of great delight, fulfillment, and joy in her life. Sue is passionate about the importance of the early years in a child's life. She is a keen advocate of quality early childhood education, and enjoys developing meaningful learning opportunities alongside educators, children, families, and community. Sue adores working alongside families. Her own family is especially important to her, and she loves the opportunity to connect and partner with families to build amazing childhoods for the youngest of our citizens. Sue believes that children who have shared, enjoyable and purposeful learning moments in their foundational years develop a positive lens with which to view the world as they grow into their lives. Sue holds a master's degree in Early Childhood and is the leader of 'The Bush and Beach Kindy' in Golden Beach.

<http://www.pwgbchildcare.com/>

# Profiles



## Ration Shed

Cherbourg is an Aboriginal community in South East Queensland.

It was established by Salvation Army member William Thompson in 1899.

Barambah/Cherbourg was taken over as a Government Settlement in 1904. Under the "Aboriginal Protection Act" tribes from all over Queensland and New South Wales were moved here.

On the settlement, the government administration controlled almost every aspect of Aboriginal peoples' lives; the language they spoke, what they ate, what they wore, where they went, for whom they worked and, in some cases, whom they would marry. Aboriginal people, removed to Cherbourg were either placed in dormitories or lived in camps. Large numbers of boys and girls, men and women were brought up away from families in the dormitories. Anyone breaking the strict laws were severely punished – locked up in jail or sent away to other reserves like Palm Island and Woorabinda.

Traditionally, Aboriginal people ate food they hunted and gathered from the land. They ate food like kangaroo, wallaby, porci (echidna) goanna, snake and fish as well as fruits from native trees, plant roots, seeds, berries and leaves. The government controlled every part of their lives even the food people ate. Small amounts of food were handed out from a shed.

Tea, sugar, rice, salt, sago, tapioca, split peas, porridge, flour and meat, were given out in small amounts as rations. Today that same shed has been restored and is called the Ration Shed Museum and is a standing memorial to those days.

In 1968 Aboriginal people started to gain more freedom and rations ended in Cherbourg. In 1988 Cherbourg became a Deed of Grant in Trust Community (DOGIT) and in 1991 the first independent Cherbourg Council was elected. Today Cherbourg is a vibrant community with its own culture and identity. There are approximately 2000 Aboriginal people living there.

<http://rationshed.com.au/>

# Village Ways

## ~ Workshops ~



*Giving to Others begins with Giving  
to Ourselves*

*~ Toni & Robin Christie ~*

When we work and play with very young children, we are constantly giving of ourselves. We offer children constant support, reassurance, nurture, care, and education. Parents and whānau are also requiring our time and attention as they navigate their special role in the life of their child. Not to mention that many of us are also parents and/or caregivers for other family members. Caring for ourselves is not an option or a luxury – if we want to have longevity in our career with young children and families then we need to develop strategies to balance professional demands with our personal wellbeing. In this workshop Toni will explore the research and practical strategies that will help us on our journey to self-care and personal wellbeing.

*“Rest and self-care are so important. When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel.”*

### *Ethics in Action: Exploring the Ethical Decision-Making Cycle*

### *Catharine Hydon*

Since the publication of ECA's Ethics in Action in 2018 ECA has been talking with early childhood professionals around the country and listening to your insights into ethics in everyday practice. As early childhood education fights for a place in the national political agenda, educators are grappling with daily decisions that shape the ethical dimensions of our profession. The place of food in play... (yes we are still talking about this)? What is an authentic assessment...? Are graduations ceremonies OK...? Should we alert children to the political issues of our time...? And what the go with sleep time...? You have told us that opportunities to dialogue on such matters is what helps you navigate this, at times, the murky territory of ethics.

The interactive workshop will invite you into a dialogue, facilitated by Catharine Hydon, where you will encounter Ethics in Action first hand. In small groups you will participate in the ethical decision making cycle – a feature of the ECA's Ethics in Action publication and explore the great ethical issues facing our sector . There will be time to talk about your collective experience, time to listen and ponder and importantly space to help you decide how we might act into the future.

# Village Ways

~ Keynotes ~

*Catharine Hydon*

*What we have a Right to do, and what is Right to do: Professional Ethics in Early Childhood*

Choosing to act ethically is a defining feature of being an Early Childhood Professional. It is the delicate art of understanding what we have a right to do and what is right to do. It applies in equal measure to the relationships we pursue with children, families, our colleagues and importantly to the way we understand ourselves.

As the dimensions of our practice change and the nature of community life become more complex the need for an ethical frame to inform and shape our professional decisions becomes even more critical. Understanding the place of ethics in our everyday work is a means of calibrating our thinking so we can better navigate the way forward.

Catharine will share her understanding of the ECA Code of Ethics as a tool for leaders and practitioners as she explores the potential of practice that pays attention to our ethical lives.

*Sue & Tyler Inglis*

*What Really is Excellence?*

*Who are we in the Eyes of the Children?*

Sue and Tyler will be engaging a conversation about the importance of the ways in which we hold awareness of our presence, when with children. The being within the doing.

Through the way children see and feel our presence, how do we directly impact their sense of worth, identity, and belief? There are many unspoken languages of communication in which children are receiving information about their world, and themselves, constantly. Sue and Tyler will share their thoughts and experiences.

*Toni & Robin Christie*

*Rituals: A Pathway to Self-Regulation*

Rituals provide a feast for the soul. This course will excite your senses by showing you practical ways you can turn your everyday routines into magical experiences for children.

Meaningful centre rituals inspire children to willingly participate in the self-regulation process celebrating both a sense of social responsibility and a positive sense of self. This keynote or workshop includes short, inspirational video clips and is based on the award-winning book *Rituals* by Memory Lyon and Toni Christie.

# Village Ways ~ Programme

SATURDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> JULY: WORKSHOPS	
8:00am	Registration
8.45am	Welcome
9.00am	Ration Shed (via Pursers Coaches)
10.15am	Morning Tea & Networking at the Ration Shed
10.45am	Ration Shed continued
12.00pm	Lunch & Networking
12.45pm	Group A – Toni & Robin Christie
	Group B – Catharine Hydon
2.00pm	Afternoon Tea & Networking
2.30pm	Group A – Catharine Hydon
	Group B – Toni & Robin Christie
3.45pm	Discussion & Reflection



## SATURDAY NIGHT: Network Dinner

The network dinner is part of your conference ticket and includes food, complimentary wine and live music. Prendergasts Irish Tavern has a full bar for those wanting to purchase other drinks.

A courtesy shuttle is available, if required, to bring you to and from the dinner.

The shuttle will collect delegates from 5.30pm, and return until 10.30pm. Your accommodation destination can be shared with us on the booking form, should you wish to take advantage of the complimentary shuttle.

# Village Ways

## ~ Programme ~

SUNDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> JULY: KEYNOTE ADDRESS	
8.00am	Tea & coffee, Goomeri Bakery Treats available at Dusty Hill
8.30am	Catharine Hydon: <i>Ethics in Practice</i>
10.00am	Morning Tea / Play Time with BRACAS Timber
10.30am	Sue & Tyler Inglis: <i>What Really is Excellence? Who are we in the Eyes of the Children?</i>
12.00pm	Lunch / Play Time with BRACAS Timber
1.00pm	Toni & Robin Christie: <i>Rituals: The Pathway to Self-Regulation</i>
2.30pm	Competition Time!
3.00pm	Close

Due to the location of Village Ways, Sunday has an earlier finish time to allow delegates time to travel, whilst not feeling as though they are missing any of the conference. A selection of fruit, cakes and slices will be available throughout the morning keynotes.

## Getting There & Away

Dusty Hill is on Waterview Drive, off Murgon – Barambah Road, from the Bunya Highway. Closest Towns are Murgon (10min), Goomeri (15min), and Nanango (20min).

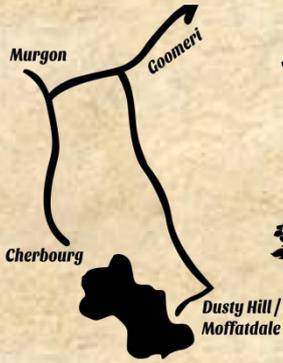
### Drive Times:

Brisbane – 3 hours  
 Sunshine Coast – 2 hours  
 Gold Coast - 3½ -4hours  
 Hervey Bay – 2 hours  
 Bundaberg - 2½ -3 hours  
 Maryborough - 1½ hours  
 Gympie – 1 hour

### Airports:

Brisbane  
 – 3 hours  
  
 Sunshine Coast  
 – 2 hours  
  
 Hervey Bay  
 – 2 hours





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## Accommodation Options



### Goomeri

Joe's Grand Hotel

Phone (07)41684171 [www.joesgrandhotel.com.au](http://www.joesgrandhotel.com.au)

Goomeri Motel

Phone (07)41684141 [www.goomerimotel.com.au](http://www.goomerimotel.com.au)

### Moffatdale & Surrounds

Yallakool Tourist Park

Phone (07)41684746 [www.yallakoolpark.com.au](http://www.yallakoolpark.com.au)

Barambah Bush Caravan Park

Phone (07)41681085 [www.barambahbush.com.au](http://www.barambahbush.com.au)

Clovelly Estate

Phone (07)38763100 [www.clovely.com.au](http://www.clovely.com.au)

### Murgon

Murgon City Motor Inn

Phone (07)41681400 [www.murgoncitymotorinn.com.au](http://www.murgoncitymotorinn.com.au)

*Other accommodation options are available in Wondai & Nanango*

*If you require assistance with finding accommodation, please contact the Dusty Hill team ☺*



# VILLAGE WAYS



Ready for a fabulous weekend?

## Booking Tickets

Our tickets are extremely easy to book and are also very reasonably priced!

Early Bird Rate: \$550.00pp +GST (Tickets must be booked by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021)

Standard Rate: \$600.00pp +GST (Tickets booked from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 onwards)

All you need to do is email us at [milfordlodge@bigpond.com](mailto:milfordlodge@bigpond.com) with the following:

Contact Name for Booking	
Contact Email for Booking	
Contact Phone for Booking	
Invoice to:	
Address for Invoice	

Delegate Name	Delegate Email	Dietary Requirements

Will you require the courtesy shuttle to and from the Saturday Night Function? Yes / No  
 If yes, please note your accommodation: \_\_\_\_\_

