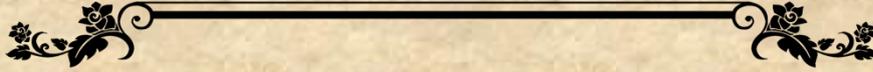




VILLAGE WAYS



Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st July 2022

"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



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 education 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 schools and early childhood services and with children and their families.

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

Catharine's involvement in the education sector is an important part of her commitment to the outcomes for children. Catharine has recently joined the Reggio Emilia Information Exchange Committee and as a long-time member of Early Childhood Australia (ECA) is a regular contributor in a number of publications and completed 7 years as the Co-chair of the ECA Reconciliation Advisory Group in 2020.

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>

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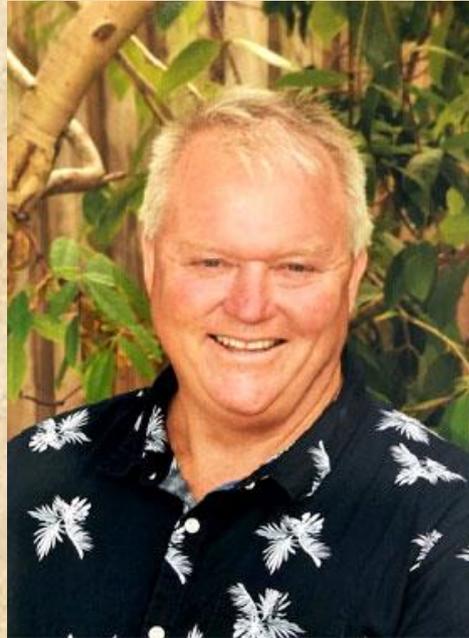
Candy Lawrence

Candy Lawrence has spent the vast majority of her life working with children of all ages. Now retired, she has qualifications in both K-12 education and Early Childhood, but has spread her wings widely, working at various stages of her life as a cook and restaurant owner, a musician, a model, a presenter of educational Maths DVDs, a farmhand, a nurses' aide and a cleaner as well as a teacher, composer and author/illustrator. She describes herself as intensely creative and deeply committed to advocacy for the children in her care, with particular interests in gifted education, social learning and the power of storytelling.

Identifying as gifted/talented, introverted, bisexual, a person of colour and a black belt in autistic masking once she gets on a stage, Candy's contribution to the world of Early Childhood is now largely focused on her publishing business, Monkey Read Me Publishing, which produces purpose-written picture books to help parents and teachers broach difficult subjects like bullying, body safety and understanding neurodiversity. However she can occasionally be lured out of the forests of Northern NSW, where she lives with her partner and dogs in a biodiversity conservation area, to present inspirational workshops on subjects close to her heart.

www.monkeyread.me

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Paul & Marion Hayes

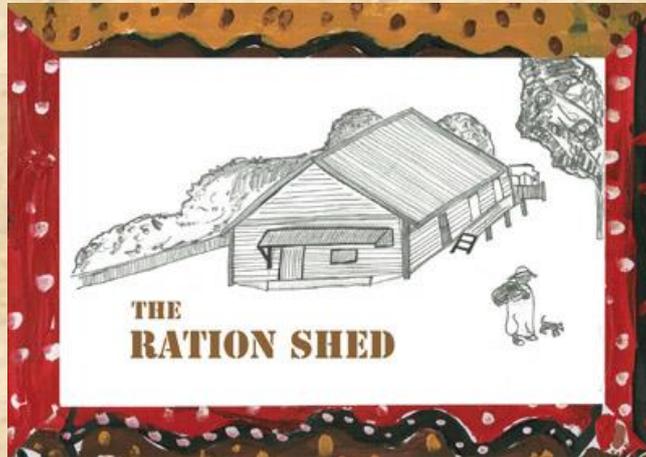
Marion and Paul Hayes began working in Early Learning Education in the late Eighties, opening their service Rainbow Valley Early Learning Centre in 1995. Throughout this time they have developed a service where children are supported on a pathway of natural learning with a focus on nature play.

We have developed a long history of inviting artists into our program to do long term projects with the children. These visits have been for many different time periods, sometimes weeks and at other times lengthy stays. The projects have been varied and have had many outcomes. We have learnt that the most important aspect is not what we create; rather, it is the relationships that are formed between the child, the artist and the materials that are being used.

We see children as rich in potential who are competent investigators, *capable learners*, protagonist in their own learning with the right to their own timeline of development.

<https://www.rainbowvalley.com.au>

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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 ~



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's 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 firsthand. 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

Coming to Know Joe

~ Marion & Paul Hayes ~

Children experience and relate to the world in multiple ways. In order to understand and support each child we must understand who this child is in front of us in our programs, uncovering the story of who they are, building on their strengths, their passions and interests. On occasion children can be overwhelmed by the big feelings they are experiencing or have sensory processing issues that overrule their ability to think through social problems. We need to find ways to *support children by providing appropriate ways to calm, support their sensory needs and provide to future strategies*

This workshop will unpack the lessons we have learned in working with an Occupational therapy Lenz within our service. Coming to know Joe is a personal narrative that takes back to the start of our journey to understand with our own son Joe.

"This attitude of coming to know is the process of understanding without judgment."

Village Ways ~ Workshops ~



Reflections on Building Cultural Capability ~ Tumble Tots & Milford Lodge ~

Following on from the success of 2021 whereby we facilitated an in-house workshop for those unable to attend the Ration Shed, we will once again be honouring the knowledge within in the room. (Covid Restrictions only allowed for a maximum of 30 delegates to the Ration Shed).

Since our very first Village Ways we have felt so privileged to have made connections with each other and services around Australia who are all at different stages on their cultural competency journey.

The teams from Tumble Tots and Milford Lodge will begin the conversation, sharing their experience, and encouraging others to share theirs. Kylie & her team are excited to share their amazing trip to the Torres Strait, as well as the many different experiences the team have worked so hard to embed within their service.

Milford Lodge will be sharing their current focus within their Kitchen Hands programme, incorporating seasonal indicators & produce, and the 8 ways.

We know that our regular delegates are more than happy to share their own experiences and are expecting this to once again to be a workshop filled with rich conversations & personal stories from our villagers.

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~ 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.

Candy Lawrence

The Smartarse is your Best Friend:

The Gifted Child as our Reflective Assistant

Understanding children's behaviour is critical to our effectiveness as teachers. Yet our training rarely encompasses education about the most challenging behaviour of all: that of the gifted child whose needs have not been met.

In this keynote, Candy Lawrence – a gifted person with experience as both a parent and teacher of the gifted – discusses the highly challenging behaviour these children can bring into your space, gives clues to help you identify these children, reveals the flaws in the mindsets we may bring to our handling of such behaviour and shows us how to flip that 'no win' position to help us become better educators and true advocates for every child in our care.

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~ Keynotes ~

Paul & Marion Hayes

“Holding space”: Working with Artists in Early
Childhood Settings

Learning to see through the eyes of an artist has enabled the educators and children at our service to deepen our own pedagogy of observing. We have learned to slow down, form relationships, value the artist’s process, to really understand what it is to play with materials to understand their properties, to dream, vision, experiment, research and to embrace the concept of uncertainty.

This keynote will dip into various projects over the years that have influenced our practice with children. Highlighting the concept of holding space, requiring, mindfulness, playfulness, experimentation, and joy.



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~ Programme ~

SATURDAY 30 th JULY: WORKSHOPS	
8:00am	Registration
8.45am	Welcome
9.00am	GROUP A: Ration Shed (via Pursers Coaches)
	GROUP B: <i>Reflections on Building Cultural Capability</i>
10.15am	Morning Tea & Networking
10.45am	GROUP A: Ration Shed continued
	GROUP B: <i>Reflections on Building Cultural Capability</i>
12.00pm	Lunch & Networking
12.45pm	Catharine Hydon: <i>Ethics in Action</i>
2.00pm	Afternoon Tea & Networking
2.30pm	Marion & Paul Hayes: <i>Coming to know Joe</i>
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.

SUNDAY 31 st JULY: KEYNOTE ADDRESS	
8.00am	Tea & coffee, Goomeri Bakery Treats available at Dusty Hill
8.30am	Candy Lawrence: <i>The Smartarse is your Friend</i>
10.00am	Morning Tea / Play Time with BRACAS Timber
10.30am	Catharine Hydon: <i>Professional Ethics in Early Childhood</i>
12.00pm	Lunch / Play Time with BRACAS Timber
1.00pm	Marion & Paul Hayes: <i>"Holding Space"</i>
2.30pm	Competition Time!
3.00pm	Close

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

Accommodation Options

Goomeri

Joe's Grand Hotel

Phone (07)41684171 www.joesgrandhotel.com.au

Goomeri Motel

Phone (07)41684141 www.goomerimotel.com.au

Moffatdale & Surrounds

Yallakool Tourist Park

Phone (07)41684746 www.yallakoolpark.com.au

Barambah Bush Caravan Park

Phone (07)41681085 www.barambahbush.com.au

Clovelly Estate

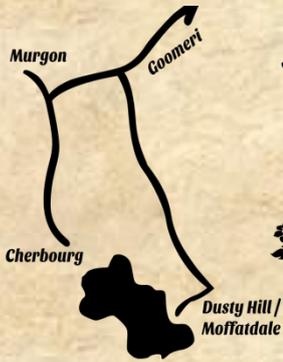
Phone (07)38763100 www.clovely.com.au

Murgon

Murgon City Motor Inn

Phone (07)41681400 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 ☺*



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Ready for a fabulous weekend?

Booking Tickets

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

Standard Rate: \$600.00pp +GST

All you need to do is email us at 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: _____

