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The ECA Learning Hub is your gateway to professional knowledge and networks. This web-based platform offers professional learning resources for early childhood educators and other professionals working with young children. It includes quality-assured video and written resources, webinars and online forums. The Learning Hub is a trusted resource that supports the important work that educators do every day.

The first webinar is titled [Supporting children's imaginative play... pitfalls and possibilities!](#)

Join two experts in children's play to find out how to support imaginative play skills without dominating or redirecting the children. This webinar is designed to provide participants with new ways of thinking about and supporting young children's imaginative play. This support can occur before, during or after play, but in each case, adults need to have an understanding of their impact. **When:** Tuesday, 5th August 2014, 4:30 pm. Register on the above website for this webinar and Learning Hub updates

Changes to Eligibility for the RPL Initiative for Early Childhood Educators

From 1 July 2014, educators in Family Day Care, Outside School Hours Care, Preschool or centre-based Budget Based Funded services will continue to be eligible for RPL grants. From this date educators in long day care services will be ineligible for an RPL grant but can continue to access RPL assessments under the Long Day Care Professional Development Programme (LDCPDP).

RPL grants of up to \$3,500 are available for eligible early childhood educators in remote and regional locations as a contribution to the costs associated with undertaking an RPL assessment for Certificate III, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Children's Services.

Early childhood educators working in long day care services will be able to use LDCPDP funding for RPL assessments.

The RPL Initiative was funded for four years and will cease on 30 June 2015.

For further information about the RPL initiative, including all eligibility requirements, please read the Programme Guidelines and Application Form available at education.gov.au/recognition-prior-learning-early-childhood-educators-0. If you have any queries about the programme or the changes please email the RPL team at rpl@education.gov.au.

MAAP- reminder <http://maap.vetnetwork.org.au/>

Mentoring Australian Apprentices Program (MAAP) is aimed at matching young Australian trainees with experienced mentors to increase workplace participation, strengthen retention rates and to support and raise apprenticeship completions.

MAAP are currently seeking enrolments from all services who would like to participate in the program and attend free training sessions that will be held in September in the South, North and North West. For further information email Brett.Geeves@vetnetwork.org.au or download EOI forms from [ECA MAAP Project](#)

Website of the month

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Dates to Remember

August

20 Statewide & AGM - Launceston

September

4 – 7 ECA National Conference

17 Round-table - The Grange, Campbell Town

October

Training & Assessment Guide Implementation Workshop (TBC)

November

19 ECA Statewide - Hobart

Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASbA) Update

There are currently 24 ASbA places available state wide in 2015 to suitable applicants currently in year 10 & 11. Over 40 parents and students attended the Hobart information evening and 25 in Launceston. The Burnie night will be held on the 22nd September after students have had the opportunity to participate in the NW Career Awareness Program being conducted through the Guaranteeing Futures Program.

**Annual General Meeting
ECA - Tasmania Branch Inc**

Wednesday 20 August 2014
The Launceston Tramsheds
Commencing at 10.30am

The meeting agenda, appointment of proxy forms, role descriptions and nomination forms for office bearers and representatives are all attached to this email.

Cheers
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