



Role of the Early Childhood Australia Northern Territory Committee

Early Childhood Australian (ECA) is the national peak body for children with a vision that all children are thriving and learning.

ECA has five key purpose statements:

- Speak up for young children
- Collaborate for impact
- Champion 'beyond quality' in early education
- Lead and inspire
- Be sustainable and effective

The ECA NT Committee

The intention and role of the committee is to promote ECA's vision and purpose and support ECA's membership and advocacy by identifying key issues, priorities and policies that influence young children. The committee is a key source of professional support and development for ECA members in the Northern Territory.

Committee Activities

- Promote membership across the Territory by hosting and supporting key events throughout the year
- Participate in key stakeholder forums and advocate on matters that relate to the ECA purpose
- Promote networking through the facilitation of forums and Special Interest Groups that relate to ECA's vision and purpose
- Undertake Territory projects/programs and assist with federal projects/programs (by agreement with ECA) within the Territory as is required
- Participate in the annual Leadership Forum and National Council meeting
- Encourage Territory members to vote in ECA elections and attend the ECA annual general meeting
- Host the ECA Annual Conference when it is scheduled to be held in the Territory

Election and Membership of the Committee

- Members of ECA can join the committee by being elected by Territory members through annual election cycles
- The term of a member on the committee is two years and members can serve up to two terms consecutively
- The chair of the committee is selected by the committee members once the committee is formed.

Being on the ECA committee provides members with opportunity to have influence and advocate on key policy and practice issues relating to young children in the Northern Territory.