

PRESENT: Mesdames: Sullivan; Campbell; O'Connor; Preece; Prendergast,  
Harrington, Scott, Howitt, Hammond, Seaton, Henderson,  
Kenworthy, McKenzie and Dr De Souza.

APOLOGIES: Elizabeth Dau

The Chair, Judy Henderson, prefaced the Meeting with a welcome to the  
Committee to Barbara Seaton, representing the CCAE.

The Minutes of the Advisory Committee 6th August 1987 were passed as a  
true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1.1 Toy and book Library

nothing to report at this time

1.2 Representation on the Advisory Committee

welcome extended to Barbara Seaton.

1.3 new "C Group" operation

this arrangement is going well, a small well attending group, staff  
are able to cope with the short break between sessions.

2.0 Correspondence:

Letter sent to the ACT Health Authority in response to the "People,  
Health and Strategies Paper"

Dr De Souza commented that she had no concerns with regards the  
operation of the Narrabundah Health Centre.

3.0 Sub-Committee Reports:

3.1 Education:

The Committee were very pleased with the success of the Child Abuse  
Workshop. Thanks were expressed to Coleen Enright and Jenny Kenworthy.

The possibility of NECEC trialling the Australian version of "Talk  
about Touching" in 1988 is being investigated.

School visits for children attending Narrabundah Primary in 1988 have  
been organized.

3.2. Placement and Review:

The Committee have begun the review of children for 1988 placements.

3.3. Finance:

Minutes of meetings held on the 3/8/87, 14/9/87 and 12/10/87 were  
presented.

Opening balance at the meeting of the 12/10/87 was \$3232.31, income  
of \$306.24, expenditure of \$818.88 leaving a closing balance of

① \$3419.57.

Henny Howitt reported that the new C group fee was the same as the old B group(three session)fee.

On display was the new equipment purchased by NECEC over the past few months to the value of \$700 approx.

There was brief discussion on the contributions for 1988, the term discount as was to be discontinued, the fees be set at \$84 per year that is a 50c per session flat rate. The fee envelopes to be sent out twice yearly with reminders also going out twice yearly(terms 2 and 4)

\$127 was raised at the Child Abuse Workshop by the catering.

3.4. Health and Nutrition:

Minutes of the 7/9/87 were presented to the Advisory Committee.

The Party night has been cancelled due to a poor response, but this will be organized again for early 1988. An outcome of this is a "Todays Child" leaflet will be produced for AECA.

The Preschool will be participating with the Health Centre in their "Teddy Bears Picnic" on Friday 30/10/87 as part of Childrens Week.

The visit from Michael Rigo, Dept. of Territories Transport Division, was very successful. A follow up visit from him in 1988 to address the children has been planned.

3.5. Research and Evaluation:

Notes of the Meeting 12/8/87 were presented to the Committee.

Jenny Kenworthy reported on the progress of the Toy and Book Library evaluation with the CCAE Students, this was well underway, questionnaires has gone out and replies back in. The students had spent quite some time on site gathering the relevant information and had had discussion with the Staff.

Consideration is being given to NECEC partaking in a national study linked with the Institute of Family Studies(Melbourne)

The Assessment Tool for the under 3's is being looked at.

Assessment Tool ownership, this matter is nearly at resolution stage with AECA expressing a desire to sell the package, the Schools Authority selling the Tool to AECA for them to sell.

NECEC has applied for a Curriculum Development Grant, titled "The developpment of expressive language through imaginative play" value \$1123.17.

3.6. AECA

Jenny reported on the LGCC Directors meeting held in Canberra 7th and 8th September.

4.0 Any other business:

4.1. \$6 Preschool Fee:

Brief general discussion followed on this topic, it was pointed out that the Parent Committee would have the same responsibilities and that the Schools Authority would collect the fee. Several replies to letters sent by Parents of NECEC were tabled.

4.2. Continuous Intake:

A question was asked if there were to be any changes in the enrolment policy for 1988, there are to be no changes in 1988 any changes will be implemented in 1989. The responses that had been received expressed diverse opinions on the matter.

4.3. Drummey Court Case:

It was reported to the meeting that the matter is proceeding, that one case against Mr Drummey has been adjourned until December 2nd and that Mrs Drummey is to appear in court on the 16/11/87.

5.0 Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 24th November 1987 at 3.00pm

# **AUSTRALIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION INC**

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Topic**

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### **PREVENTATIVE CHILD ABUSE FOR THE UNDER THREES**

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**Date: Wednesday 17 August 1988**

**Time: 8 p.m.**

**Place: O'Connell Education Centre, Stuart Street, Griffith**

**Guest Speaker: ALLISON GRAY  
Social Worker  
Child and Adolescent Unit  
ACT Health Authority**

**Following the most successful seminar organised by NECEC last year on Child Abuse, many participants expressed an interest in further exploring the issue as it relates to younger children.**

**Allison Gray has an interest in this area and will discuss:**

- the signs and symptoms of child abuse in young children**
- alerting parents to the signs**
- how staff can help themselves and colleagues cope with the problem**
- avenues of assistance and support for staff**

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