



2016 ACA VIC CONFERENCE



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE CONFERENCE  
Crown Conference Centre Melbourne  
19 & 20 August 2016



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### Stacey Currie

According to the usual script, Stacey should be living on the streets, in jail, on drugs or dead. She experienced family breakdown, child abuse, teen pregnancy, homelessness and domestic violence. But this remarkable woman has defied the odds in a spectacular way and is now helping other young vulnerable mothers create a better life for themselves and their children.



### Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists. He is currently the Managing Director of the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre, which is committed to exploring and understanding the role of new and emerging technologies in the lives of young people.



### Anthony Semann: Semann and Slattery

Anthony Semann is one of the Directors and founders at Semann & Slattery, with 15 years work as a researcher, consultant and manager with a broad range of government, non-government and private organisations. His skills and expertise have seen him work with organisations across Australia and overseas including Columbia University (New York) as well as in France and New Zealand.



### Rob Gell

Rob is a coastal geomorphologist; who began his career teaching Environmental Science and Physical Geography, and for more than 30 years presented television weather.

He now works as an environmental and communications consultant and is a Director of the mobile media business bhive Group Pty Ltd, of sustainability consultancy World Wind Pty Ltd. and water tank supply company GreenCo Water Pty Ltd. He is also a published author and a photographer.

## Panel Session: Early Childhood Education and Care Panel Discussion – Where do the kids fit in?

The Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) sector in Australia has experienced unprecedented levels of change in recent years. The introduction of a National Quality Framework, qualification requirements, ratio changes, funding changes – the list goes on. Anthony Semann, Director at Semann and Slattery, will facilitate a panel Q&A discussion of ECEC sector experts as we explore this topic, providing attendees with a range of unique views on challenges and opportunities for the future, including where the kids fit in.