



## **REAIE Network Group: *Thinking Differently Together***

*Date of Network Group Meeting: 31.8.23*

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### **Summary of Information**

#### **Thinking Differently Together @ Bluegum Community School Hornsby**

Reflections on the Reggio Conference were shared.

Before welcoming us, the team at Blue Gum gathered to create a mind map of possibilities for the evening. There was a sense of vulnerability. They had no idea what to present.

Rather than present something specific they wanted to offer their **authentic selves** and see if there were things we would like to hear about.

Space and architecture influence each other and the use of different spaces. The heritage Blue Gum building is incredibly beautiful. Beauty impacts the way we use the spaces and builds culture.

- Supervision
- Grouping of children indoor / outdoor tricky
- Language evolved - culture of the language used 'be with us,' culture of care
- Regulations and using non-purpose built spaces - the challenge of gates and fences - trust

#### **The balance between working together and still needing autonomy.**

Whilst the Blue Gum team could have focussed on their beautiful, aesthetic place they chose to bring us themselves. They presented their relationships and the process of being together. We need one another.



Date of next Meeting–  
*West, Virginia Aghan*

21 November 2023

Network Leader – *Victoria Kirkwood, Deb Garrett, Paula*

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

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Meeting Of: *(Thinking Differently Together)*

Meeting Date/Time: 31.8.23 6-8pm

Minute Taker: Victoria Kirkwood      Convener: Virginia Aghan, Deb Garrett, Paula West, Victoria Kirkwood

Apologies: Anna Cimarosti, Natalie Cordukes, Emma Cullen

Present: Virginia Aghan (Childcare Environment Consultants), Deb Garrett (Metamorphosis), Paula West (Early Childhood Consultant), Victoria Kirkwood, Miriam Jones (International Grammar School Sydney), Alma Fleet (IEC Macquarie Uni / Semann & Slattery), Jill McLachlan, Emma Packer, Susie Godfrey, Caroline Arthur, Sue Hercus, Manooki Wijayanayake, Victoria Parish (Blue Gum Community School Hornsby), Jo Krabman, Claire Shamock, Liz Cohen, Linda Henderson (Northern Nursery School), Alana Patten (Hornsby South Public School), Helen Smith (Flinders Christian Community College), Mel Elderton, Su Garrett, Katie Van der Donk (Explore and Develop Annandale), Ainslie Breckenridge, Deborah Thomas, Chemau Hoch (Redlands), Deborah Cook, Marian Glass, Sandy Ireland, Mia Wu (Highfields Preparatory & Kindergarten), Lisa Davies, Shelley Laycock, Enza Puscas, Caroline Surendra (Abbotsleigh Early Learning), Chantelle Denyer, Cecilia Greer, Brad Kirk, Sabrina Shields (Barker College), Michelle Doran, Tiana Doran, Tara Kissick (Turner Road Preschool), Kate Hodgekiss (Engaging Curriculum Solutions), Danielle Leet (Early Learning Uniting), Tinna Locker (Gib Gate), Courtney McConnell, Sara Zappia (Abbotsford LDC), Sandra Nino (Camperdown Sunshine Kids), Jenny Ritter (William Clarke College), Rowena Robinson (Casual), Marcelle Thomson (Explore and Develop Norwest), Li Qian Wang, Yu Wang (Only About Children), Shevawn Saeonayhre, Dee Viswalingam (Handprints Killara).

### Discussion

### Action

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<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES:</b> Moved.    Sec.    Carried	
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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**CORRESPONDENCE IN -**

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT -**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Meeting Closed  
Next Meeting Tuesday 21 November**

**Star Gazer Lawn  
Barangaroo**

*Certified as true and accurate record of proceedings* \_\_\_\_\_

*Victoria Kirkwood*



