

## Elephants in the room? What elephants?



**Keynote Speaker:** Dr Karen Martin

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**Time:** 12.00 noon - 2.00pm

**Venue:** Delissio Bar and Restaurant  
Theodore Street, Curtin

**Cost:** \$50 per person

(includes a two course meal and beverages)

Have you ever wondered why other educators don't see the world as we early childhood educators do? For example, why do they devalue play and how is it so misunderstood as not real learning? We know this isn't so but how many times do we have to justify the importance of play. Could it be that terms like 'play-based pedagogy' are part of this? But then, what else could we call it? More to the point, why should we wait for someone else to tell us what to call it, to tell us what to believe, to tell us what to do? If you think so, and you believe that it's time to 'name the elephants in the room' (and some old chestnuts) then come along and we'll 'going on safari' (or gathering nuts in November instead of May).

Dr Karen Martin is Associate Professor of Early Childhood at Southern Cross University, Lismore. She is a proud Aboriginal woman and a proud early childhood professional. She has worked in policy and curriculum development at regional, State, National and International levels. She has taught in all sectors of education from long day care to community preschool, compulsory schooling, Vocational Education and Higher Education. Karen's interests are in naming, reframing and claiming using hindsight, insight and foresight.

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