



## Early Years Conference

Today's Children - Tomorrow's Future

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# 4-5 August 2016 @ Pullmans International, Cairns

The 2016 Early Years Conference – Today's Children Tomorrow's Future – Strengthening collaboration and practice across the early years is a collaboration between Mission Australia, the Benevolent Society, QLD Department of Education and Training – Early Childhood Education and Care, the Department of Communities Child Safety and QLD Health, The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) and The Cairns Institute, James Cook University.

This holistic and cross sectional collaboration will create a unique opportunity to have a strong state and regional focus on the importance of birth to 12 in regards to evidence based planning with a community collective impact.

## Keynote Speakers

**Professor Tom Calma**, 6th Chancellor of the University of Canberra & the first Indigenous male Chancellor of an Australian university

**Professor Frank Oberklaid**, Director, Centre for Community Child Health, The University of Melbourne

**Associate Professor Bev Fluckiger**, School of Education and Professional Studies, Griffith University

**Penny Dakin**, National Program Director, Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY)

**Dr Lane Strathern**, Developmental Pediatrician and Neuroscientist from the University of Iowa, USA

**Special Guest:** Jay Laga'aia will MC and perform at the conference dinner. Jay Laga'aia is a much-loved actor & children's entertainer.

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