



**O.M.E.P WA INC.**  
**World Organisation for**  
**Early Childhood Education of WA**

**ABN 78 016 574 811**

Oganisation Mondiale pour l'Éducation Préscolaire  
Organización Mundial para la Educación Preescolar

## **MINUTES**

**Committee Meeting held at 91 Preston Point Road, East Fremantle on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015, at 7:00 pm.**

### **1.0 MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dawn Butterworth, Bryce Butterworth, Sandra Hesterman, Ann Taylor, Jayne Kaiko.

### **2.0 APOLOGIES**

Jacque Hollier, Lis and Poul Mathiasen, Elemer Vajda.

### **3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved:** Anne Taylor

**Seconded:** Dawn Butterworth

### **4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES -**

- 4.1** Materials for PNG. They left Dawn's place on 27 May. The material is now on its way to PNG. The money received from DFAT needs to be acquitted by end of July. Besides the many donations from individuals, Nation Council of Women and Mel Maria OMEP Australia donated \$1200 towards the PNG project. With this money materials were purchased from Modern Teaching Aids. These included 3 2 sided easels, 6 x 2lt paints, paint brushes, paper, jars of finger painting, water trolley trough, sand toys, sand play toys as well. OMEP WA contributed \$500 worth of toys from the Playroom Osborne Park plus a generous donation from the store. Photos of these were sent to the committee members.
- 4.2** Classical Guitar Orchestra - Final planning (potential numbers, setting up of hall, afternoon tea, someone to take tickets at the door, prices for children). There is an estimated audience of 60 -100 people. Adults price \$20 , children 0-14 free. Sandra and Jayne will be at door. The program sheet is the ticket entry. We will plan for 100 people. Committee members to arrive at 12:30 to start to help set up. Ann is in charge of kitchen and will delegate duties. Committee members were allocated food to bring on Sunday. A range of sweet and savoury foods will be brought. Marianne to phone the *West Australian* and advertise in the *What's on* section. Flyers should be put some coffee shops around the church. Ann will contact the local radio station ,101.7, and have the event advertised.
- 4.3** World Play Day at Kwinana KEYS decided to have an expo on the actual day of World Play Day. It was a successful event but not one that was appropriate for us to be involved in. Varies topics that were of interest to families was covered by speakers as well as some planned activities.

### **5.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **5.1 Inwards**

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| 5.1.1  | 9 May  | Jereome Toonen. Errors in the flier, 3 's'in classical and conductor's name incorrectly spelt. Sent list of orchestra members and the program. |
| 5.1.2  | 15 May | Glyn Geen request for tickets  |
| 5.1.3  | 20 May | Derek Smart request for tickets  |
| 5.1.4  | 21 May | Cathy Cowcher, re sports u niforms.  |
| 5.1.5  | 21 May | respond derek Smart  |
| 5.1.6  | 27 May | Svetlana Elliott re tickets and inquiry re child prices.   |
| 5.1.7  | 30 May | Alison Kohn re tickets   |
| 5.1.8  | 1.June | Gueiseppe Cricsito ticket request  |
| 5.1.9  | 3 June | Ingrid Vajda tickets   |
| 5.1.10 | 4 June | Janni Goss ticket  |

#### **5.2 Outwards**

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| 5.2.1 | 10 May | Susan Wlaker re sports uniforms |
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5.2.2	18 May	Mel Maria re sports uniforms for PNG
5.2.3	20 May	responded to Glyn Geen
5.2.4	21 May	Mel Maria, track down Education assistant re sports uniforms.
5.2.5	26 May	Cathy Cowcher re sports uniforms
5.2.6	27 May	responded to Svetalan Elliott
5.2.7	30 May	responded to Alison Kohn
5.2.8	2 June	responded to Gueiseppe Cricsito
5.2.9	4 June	responded to Janni Goss

**Moved:** Jayne Kaiko

**Seconded:** Sandra hesterman

## 6.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WA is the strongest chapter in the country. Response to national meetings via teleconference throughout Australia is poor. Most people on line are from WA. NSW is the keenest chapter. Vivi Germanos-Koutsounadis spearheads the NSW chapter which is having resurgence. Vivi is an International Council for Women advisor and will be attending UN meetings. The Council is currently working on the Rights of Mothers Working and their Children. From this came the Resolution Rights of Asylum Seeking children. The resolution was seconded by France. OMEP has amended the original resolution to include a mention of young children and their rights to care and education. Vivi requested that the amended resolution be presented to the OMEP World Assembly. See full text of resolution in appendix 2. This resolution may have more amendments when it goes to the UN and The OMEP World Assembly. Dawn has submitted the names of observers to the World Assembly. Sandie Wong from NSW will observe 1. Other observers are Mary Vajda and Sandra Hesterman. OMEP Newsletter is with the publisher. Should be distributed soon.

## 7.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

**7.1 Financial Report** 4 June 2015

### Statement for May 2015

Opening balance: \$ 5,375.85

No transactions for May 2015

Closing balance 31 May 2015 \$ 5,375.85

### Move Accounts for payment:

<b>EXPO Printing</b>	\$ 75.00	printing of music fliers
<b>Playroom Osborne Park</b>	\$538.95	play material for Poppendetta

**Moved:** Bryce Butterworth

**Seconded:** Jayne Kaiko

## 8.0 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

No change to membership. Mary to bring brochures and membership forms to Guitar concert on Sunday.

**Moved:** Bryce Butterworth

**Seconded.** Jayne Kaiko.

## 9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

**9.1 Movie Fundraiser:** Hold movie day sometime in August. Stay with the Cygnet. It is important that a 'good' movie is chosen.



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**9.2** Plans for Global Hand Washing Day, Someone at UWA is an expert on hand washing – Jayne to investigate and find out the name of the person. Jayne to ask Principal at her school if an OMEP hand washing event can be held at her school.

**9.3** Christmas in July. It is supposed that this will still be on 27 June, tentative time 6:00 pm. Need to check and confirm with Lis and Poul.

**9.4 Other business**

9.4.1 World Mud Day may be something that we may be able to support in the future.

9.4.2 Lis made a presentation on publishing children's stories at Murdoch University. Students got a lot from it. It was a successful event. The university had to pay the Education Department to cover the cost of a relief teacher for Lis. Initially Lis offered the fee back to OMEP WA but this is not possible this year. If the program is to continue next year, the University will invite Lis to present during the school holidays, not during the school term.

9.4.3 Sustainability Award discussed. Debated if we should go with a Sustainability Award or not. The general consensus was that it is still possible to go ahead with the award this year (initial proposed date is 6 Sept) but for it to succeed the committee needs to be behind the project. Committee members need to read, consider and hold an informed discussion of the circulated papers. See appendix 3. *Little Green Steps* can be invited to judge the applications and decide on the winner. Information about the award can be placed on their web site. Another mode of getting the name of OMEP into the public arena.

**10.0 NEXT MEETING:** Volunteer house - north of the river. Not possible in July, the Mathiasen's not present at meeting and Marianne away on leave on day of meeting, **2 July**. Next meeting will be south of River at the Vajda's, 84 Allen St East Fremantle.

**11.0 Meeting closed 9:27.**



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## APPENDIX 1

### 2015 Calendar of Events

June 7	Sunday 2:00 pm Classical Guitar Concert. St David's Anglican Church, corner of Simpson and Bombard Sts Applecross .
June 12	Friday World day Against Child Labour
June 27	Christmas in July. Lis & Poul Mathiasen, 23 Austin Way Padbury.
July 2	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting, northern suburbs.
July 27	Monday OMEP World assembly Day 1
July 28	Tuesday OMEP World assembly Day 2
July 29	Wednesday OMEP World Conference EduTours & PlayDaze
July 30	Thursday OMEP World Conference Day 1
July 31	Friday OMEP World Conference Day 2
August 1	Saturday OMEP World Conference Day 3.
August	MOVIE
August 6	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting, southern suburbs.
September 3	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting, northern suburbs
September 6	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. <b>Sustainability Award?</b>
September 8	International Literacy Day
September 21	International Day of Peace
October 1	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting, southern suburbs
October 15	Global Hand Washing Day
October 24	Beginning of WA Children's Week
October 25	Sunday: Children's Week Family Fun Day Whiteman Park
November 5	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting, northern suburbs
November 20	Universal Children's Day
December 3	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting, southern suburbs
December	Westminster Book Launch?

OMEP WA meetings: held every first THURSDAY of the month from February,

OMEP Aust teleconferences: Every Second Tuesday of every second month.  
12 May; 14 July; 8 September; 10 November



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## APPENDIX 2

Resolution to the OMEP International body from OMEP Australia

### THE RIGHTS OF ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN

Proposer:

Seconder:

Concerned that continuing armed conflicts, economic destitution and political repression in many countries force thousands of civilians to leave their homeland and risk their lives by crossing borders and seas in unseaworthy boats to seek a safe haven.

Concerned that in the process, their human rights are gravely affected by psychological and physical trauma, harsh punitive treatment and deprivation of freedom with indefinite detention on isolated onshore and offshore facilities by different countries which are signatories to the various United Nations (UN) Conventions that have been enacted to protect the rights of all human beings, especially children who are most vulnerable.

Acknowledging that thousands have lost their lives by drowning in the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean, many being children.

Noting that each country deals with the asylum seekers according to their immigration and border protection laws.

Bearing in mind that all States need to recognise the binding International Conventions on Human Rights, particularly:

- . The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989)
- . The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
- . The United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 of 31/10/2000
- . The United Nations Convention against Transnational Crime (2000)
- . Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air  
Supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Crime (2004)

Emphasising the extreme importance of the early years in young children's development and wellbeing,

The WORLD ORGANISATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - OMEP

URGES its affiliated National Councils to bring to the attention of their national governments:

- the need for full compliance of existing laws, policies and practices with UN Conventions and other relevant international instruments and standards particularly in the application of such laws, policies and practices affecting children who migrate from their country of origin;

- that the best interest of the child shall be the primary consideration in any situation;

- that asylum seeking children should not be subjected to punitive, arbitrary, indefinite immigration detention but be treated in accordance with the international principles and standards provided by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of The Child and the Guidelines on the Applicable Criteria and Guidelines and Standards Relating to the Detention of Asylum Seekers and Alternatives in Detention issued by the UNHCR, and that all young children in detention should receive developmentally appropriate early care and education services.



## APPENDIX 3

### OMEPAWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE

#### Background

The OMEP award for Sustainable Practice is open to early childhood settings who provide education and care services for children from birth to eight years including schools, child care centres, community kindergartens, pre-kindys and family day care. The award is designed to influence and promote sustainable practices within the curriculum and to highlight early learning settings that demonstrate their commitment to learning for sustainability. The award aims to challenge educators to reflect on their current everyday practices and to develop collaborative projects that involve children, families and community. Early childhood is a pivotal time to engage children in learning about and developing positive attitudes on sustainability. Sustainability is embedded in the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) in Outcome 2 – ‘Children are connected with and contribute to their world’ (DEEWR, 2009, p. 29). The National Quality Standard incorporates in QA3: Physical environment that ‘The service takes an active role in caring for its environment and contributes to a sustainable future (ACECQA, 2011, p. 83). Both documents encourage sustainability to be embedded in day to day living and for children to be supported to become socially and environmentally responsible.



#### The Project

Gather together a team (staff, families, children and wider community) to demonstrate embedding sustainability as part of everyday practices and happenings. Choose a topic to focus on (refer to page 2) and share the journey with children as they are involved in education for sustainability. Written documentation and photographs will be included to demonstrate the learning journey. Use the application form on page 3 to submit your project.



**Application Form due June 26, 2015**

**The Award**

A panel of independent judges with Sustainability backgrounds will select a winner based on the following criteria:

- How the project or journey was started and the progression and achievements shared?
- How sustainable practices are embedded in the curriculum?
- How educators supported children to be involved in learning about sustainable practices?
- How has progression and achievement been shared with families and the community to keep motivation and engagement of all stakeholders?
- Suitability of the chosen topic to the project?

The winner will be awarded with \$?? from OMEP and be featured in the media and on the OMEP Australia website.

**Topics**

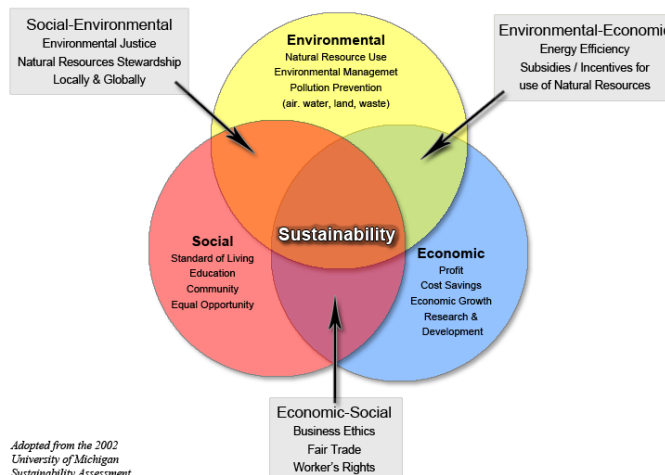
Education for sustainable development includes a wide range of areas and is not just restricted to environmental or green issues. For your project choose from the following topics:

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental

Some topics overlap in more than one area. Examples of areas for each topic can include:

Economic	Social	Environmental
Recycling Conserving (water, power, paper...) Resource efficiency Enterprise (growing herbs and selling)	Equal opportunity Human rights Diversity Gender equality Respect for individuals Poverty Workforce and labour	Lifecycles, growth and change Weather and climate Materials and waste Ecosystems and local environments

*The Three Spheres of Sustainability*



**APPLICATION FORM**



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On completion save as PDF and email this application to: [omepwa@gmail.com](mailto:omepwa@gmail.com)  
Applications close 5:00pm Friday June 26, 2015

**Details**

**Name of Organisation:**

**Address:**

**Contact Person:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

School

Childcare Centre

Pre-Kindy

Family Day Care

**Certification:** In submitting this application, I certify that all photos submitted have approval of the person photographed or their parent/guardian to be used in this application and may be uploaded onto the OMEP Australia website.

**Name**

**Date**





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**THE PROJECT**

**Title:**

Project Topic:  Economic  Social  Environmental

**Telling the story (500 words maximum)**



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**Linking the learning to the curriculum (300 words maximum)**



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**The children's involvement in the project (300 words maximum)**



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**Sharing the project with families and the wider community (300 words maximum)**



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**Photographs and documentation (300 words maximum)**



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