



2010 National Winners Announced

The national winners of the first ever HESTA Early Childhood Education and Care Awards were announced in Adelaide on Friday 1 October.

Individual Excellence in Early Childhood Education & Care Award

This award recognises the achievements of individuals in the provision of outstanding early childhood education and care. The pursuit of excellence in early childhood education and care professionals is vital to ensure that childhood services in Australia are World's Best Practice and are focused on putting the needs of the children above all else.

Winner:

★ **Raeline George** ★

Forrest Primary Outside of School Hours Care

Raeline received \$5,000 travel voucher and \$5,000 education grant, courtesy of ME Bank.

Finalists:

Zabia Larue
Bellambi Point Preschool

Kylie Nunan
Salamander Child Care Centre Inc.

Kristina Lisica
Illawarra Area Child Care Ltd.

Katrina Gregory
Miller Community Pre-school and Early Childhood Intervention Services

Innovation in Early Childhood Education & Care Award

This award recognises the achievements of individuals or teams who have created innovative products, services or processes that benefit children by enriching their experience or improving the quality of their care whilst in attendance at an early childhood service in Australia. This award recognises the spirit with which individuals or teams currently operating or working in the early childhood education and care (ECEC) sector embrace their profession and aims to provide assistance in further developing the innovation described in the nomination. The award also seeks to recognise the hard work and dedication of those nominees who have successfully implemented a product, service or process described in the nomination.

Winner:

★ **Jan Wright** ★

Tregear Presbyterian Preschool and Early Intervention Service

Jan received a \$10,000 development grant, courtesy of ME Bank.

Finalists:

Linda Saunders
Aurora early intervention program for young deaf children and their families

Rachel Hodson
BucklePodz

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