

Meet our champions!

Suzy Tucker – Director/Nominated Supervisor, Griffith East Preschool Inc.

I have a Diploma of Teaching Early Childhood (1984) and Certificate IV Frontline Management (2014).

I started teaching in 1984 in a local Primary school – K-1 class. In 1986 I started as a part time teacher at Griffith East Preschool, which was a 2 unit centre at the time. In 1992, I became the Director.

With the Preschool Growth Program in 2010, we were able to build a third unit, thereby increasing children's attendance and also the number of early childhood educators.

Over the years, I have held roles of classroom teacher, Director/Teacher, Educational Leader and am now a non-teaching Director full time. There are currently 20 staff working at our centre.

I am also a mum of 3 grown children and Nanna to 8 grandchildren.

I have lived and worked through many changes over my career and perhaps the biggest have been the introduction of the EYLF, NQF and NQS. It takes a lot of juggling, creativity, initiative and dedication to bring a service through the changes required to meet the needs of so many groups – Regulatory Body, Department of Education, families, educators and community but it is always a team effort and it is very important to be able to listen and hear everyone's needs. Our service have been through the A&R process twice. Both experiences were vastly different, however we have maintained an Exceeding rating twice.

