



## Visual art in early childhood

*REM are thrilled to welcome Dr. Gai Lindsay to Palmerston North. Gai recently completed a PhD that explored the visual arts beliefs and pedagogy of early childhood educators. Before entering academia, Gai worked as a preschool teacher, director and early childhood consultant for 23 years. She currently lectures in the Early Years Degree at the University of Wollongong.*



**The art versus craft debate: A proposal to douse the flames of conflict!**

Consideration about the role of the educator; the image of the child; the environment; and art materials and processes are located at the intersection of educator pedagogical

knowledge, educator visual art content knowledge and educator mindset, forming a tool for self-reflection, provocation and evaluation of practice. It is hoped that this presentation may help to diffuse the flames of conflict surrounding the art versus craft debate to instead invite non-dualistic and respectful dialogue about how children's visual art learning and growth may be effectively nurtured.

**You are invited to join us at the The  
Coachman,  
in the Hunter room, Palmerston North  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**6.00pm opening with nibbles - 6.30pm start of  
presentation**

**Cost: \$45 pp**

**Please register at:**

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