



# Challenging *McFuture:* childrearing reform!

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In conversation with: **Robin Grille**,  
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*Motherhood; How should we care for  
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publisher of **byronchild** magazine.



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## Synopsis:

What does childhood have to do with sustainability? Breakthroughs in the social and biological sciences confirm that early childhood experiences are crucial to creating the kind of society we are becoming. Childhood emotional health holds the key to a peaceful, just and sustainable world in the future. However, intimate family life is being increasingly outsourced, and forced to fit itself into the fast paced market driven economy, resulting in frightening implications for children's wellbeing and therefore society as a whole. What are some alternative social and personal directions to the destructive work/spend, overwork/over consumption cycle trapping so many parents – patterns that are contributing to environmental degradation and ultimately destroying the planet? Can we affirm our human right to be architects of our own lives and reclaim our intimate relationships with our children? This dynamic trio will take you on a transformative journey into the heart of humanity, through the past, present and future of childhood, where we will discover together how to shape our collective destiny.

## Speakers' Biographies



**Robin Grille** is a psychologist and psychotherapist in private practice, with extensive experience working with individuals, couples and families. He is known for his articles on child development and parenting issues which have been published extensively in Australia and overseas. Robin's groundbreaking new book: *Parenting for a Peaceful World* (Longueville Media 2005) has been acclaimed by parents, health professionals and educators in Australia and internationally. Robin sits in a policy-setting committee of the Australian Association for Mental Health. He lives with his wife and daughter in Sydney's northern beaches. To find out more about Robin Grille's work, visit his website [www.our-emotional-health.com](http://www.our-emotional-health.com)

**Anne Manne** is a writer and social commentator, who has been a columnist for *The Australian* and *The Age*. Her longer essays on feminism and family life have appeared in *The Australian's Review of Books*, *Quadrant Magazine*, *Arena Magazine*, *Arena Journal* and the Monash University Journal *People and Place*. Her recently released book: *Motherhood: How should we care for our children?* (Allen and Unwin, 2005) discusses the controversial issues surrounding feminism and motherhood, the debates over early institutional childcare, the problems reconciling work and family life, the impact of the new globalising capitalism on the changing landscape of childhood, and proposes different, new policy directions for family policy. Prior to writing full time, Anne taught in the Politics Departments of Melbourne and LaTrobe Universities. She lives in Melbourne and is a mother of two.



**Kali Wendorf** is a writer, public speaker and social ecologist. She is the founder, editor and publisher of **byronchild**, the national family life magazine. **byronchild** is both a journal and a platform for the thriving community that believes in and initiates social change and political reform. Addressing the social, cultural and political aspects of family life and its larger effect on the planet and human evolution, **byronchild** is now an established and outspoken member of the independent press. **byronchild** works through various modalities besides the written word: the magazine's enlightening perspective is constantly promoted in workshops, public dialogues and presentations and on radio. The magazine's advertising policy is to represent only ethical business and other values-related organisations and individuals.

Kali is inspired by the practical application of spiritual awakening to social change, sustainable business practices and innovations in community learning. She lives with her two children and husband in northern New South Wales. Her website is [www.byronchild.com](http://www.byronchild.com).

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