

Blayney Playful Discoveries

Playgroup suburb
Blayney

Volunteer Name
Tahlia



Venue type

- Community Centre
- Church
- Park
- School
- Preschool
- Other

How many playgroups do you run each week? Currently one on a Tuesday each week, we are looking at expanding to two sessions with one dedicated to mums & bubs under 9 months.

Average attendance
Adults: 16 Children: 28

How many years has your playgroup been operating?
One year- March 2025.

How many years have you been leading your playgroup?
Since the beginning.

How do you advertise your playgroup? Primarily through our social media- private facebook group and public Facebook/insta pages as well as posters in the community, the school newsletter and the school sharing our posts on Facebook.

What makes a good playgroup thrive? Engaging activities, a smiling face and a feeling of community and inclusivity.

What creative and fun activities do you do at your playgroup? We LOVE sensory play and messy play activities - our mud kitchen is a big hit.

Do you do any fundraising for your playgroup? Last year we were selected by Greater Bank to participate in their community funding initiative and received first prize of \$2000. Currently we are in the running for another community grant through our local supermarket. My tip is look online and keep an eye out locally for any grants available to community groups.

Please share with us the impact of playgroups: Playgroups hold a special place in early childhood and community life.

For children, playgroup provides a gentle introduction to learning through play. They learn to share spaces and materials, explore new ideas engage in a social environment and develop communication skills.

These early experiences help lay strong foundations for later learning and wellbeing.

For parents and carers, playgroup offers an opportunity for connection and reassurance. Creating a welcoming space where families can connect with others in a similar stage of parenthood and share experiences. For many parents, especially in our rural community playgroup helps reduce isolation and offers a space to build supportive friendships.

For me, facilitating playgroup is deeply rewarding. As an Early Childhood Educator it allows me to share my passion for early childhood learning while supporting local families during the most important stages of their child's development. It is a privilege to watch the children grow in confidence and curiosity each week and see friendships form amongst the group.

Describe your playgroup in 3 words? Fun, Creative, Wholesome.

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