

# Howlong Playgroup

Playgroup suburb  
**Howlong**

Volunteer Name  
**Temeka**

## Venue type

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

**How many playgroups do you run each week?** Two seasons in Howlong and Brocklesby hosts a session once a week under our banner.

**Average attendance**  
Adults: 8      Children: 8-10

**How many years has your playgroup been operating?** 39 years.

**How many years have you been leading your playgroup?** 6 years.

**How do you advertise your playgroup?** We use Facebook, print outs and our local grapevine and community websites.

**What makes a good playgroup thrive?** Having an open welcoming space with no pressure to be there every week. Activities and things to look forward to.

**What creative and fun activities do you do at your playgroup?** We do a new activity each week, based on world days, seasons or events. We try to do a variety and include sensory play.

**Do you have any templates or resources that you have created?** If yes, please share. We have a few cool ones I'd have to dig them out. We use lots of free websites to find them as well or make/modify our own.

**Do you do any fundraising for your playgroup?** Can you share any tips? We usually host a BBQ at our local IGA or do a raffle. Our community op shop and pharmacy also fundraise for us.

**Do you have any tips for engaging with volunteers?** Take the pressure of. Many hands make light work and people don't have to do as much as they think.

**Please share with us the impact of playgroups:** It's been huge here, we've had one child go from non verbal to huge leaps in speech, brought many friends together, created ongoing community relations the kids get older and move into sports and schools. For me it's let me be fun and creative and reach out to support other mums.

**Describe your playgroup in 3 words?** Community, laidback, and welcoming.

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