

# Murrumbateman Playgroup

Playgroup suburb  
**Murrumbateman**

Volunteer Name  
**Anh**

## Venue type

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

**How many playgroups do you run each week?** Once a week, on Thursday 09.30 - 11.00.

**Average attendance**  
**Adults:** 10-15 **Children:** 10-20

**How many years has your playgroup been operating?** Over 3 years. It probably has been ran for longer, but my understanding is that there has been some up and down, opening then closing, during the setting up stage and working out a location.

**How many years have you been leading your playgroup?** 9 months

**How do you advertise your playgroup?** Mainly via Facebook (we have our own playgroup FB page, but I also advertise on Community notice boards, different community group pages), via WhatsApp groups, and on Murrumbateman Community Association webpage.

**What makes a good playgroup thrive?**

A sense of pride and warmth, attendance, something different and personal, variety of activities and toys, location, generosity, donations, free costume borrowing and the post playgroup coffee.

**What creative and fun activities do you do at your playgroup?** Messy play, crafts, painting and colouring, sports days, little fun experiments or workshop like activities, reading, singing, small sprint races, small obstacle course race or group parachute activities. Other carers day, dress up and end of term morning tea.

**Do you do any fundraising for your playgroup?** No, the playgroup is free, no money or cash involved. It is led by me, so the administration behind it is simple (next to none) which allows me to focus on marketing/ engaging/ planning for a good set-up and be present with my children and everyone else at the playgroup.

Do you have any tips for engaging with volunteers? Building relationships with parents/carers.

**Please share with us the impact of playgroups** Children: Fun, socializing, learning, exploring opportunities for children They get to meet other children who likely will go to their same school year. Many of them will go to this public school, so it prepares them well for that feeling of familiarity. Parents: It is a socializing outlet but also a calm playing environment for the parents. We have a nurse visit our playgroup every two to three weeks, (who does weigh, checking blue books, etc) so the playgroup also provides something from a healthcare aspects as well.

**Describe your playgroup in 3 words?** Relaxed, wholesome, community.

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