



TO: PLAY AUSTRALIA members and non-members.
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SUBJECT: NEXT 2 DAY TRAINING PROGRAM IN 2013

The next 2 Day Training Program to be run by PLAY AUSTRALIA will be held on **Wednesday 11 September & Thursday 12 September 2013** at Recreation House, Westerfolds Park, Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe.

Please forward this information to your Parks, Recreation, Engineering and Children and Family Services staff, and any other staff with a responsibility for playground design, maintenance and management.

The Standard on Play Equipment AS4685 has now been in place for 7 years and risk management responsibility requires that all managers of playgrounds become familiar with it's content, given that it is now the basis for playground management practice throughout Australia.

There is to be a new Standard introduced shortly with some significant differences which will replace AS4685, and which will be addressed during the program.

This program will also include key details of all other Standards pertinent to playground management in particular AS/NZS 4422 which deals with ground surfacing, and AS./NZS 4486; 2 key documents critical to effective playground management and the recently published Standard on Spacial Nets.

Paul Grover, Risk Assessor of Play DMC will present during the program; and we will discuss "The Good Play Space Guide - I can play too",

Please register On Line at www.playaustralia.org.au under Upcoming Events, and a Tax invoice will be sent to you. If you require a Tax Invoice, with a Purchase Order Number, please get your PO Number and email Barbara at PLAY AUSTRALIA for a new invoice.

For further information contact Barbara Champion, Executive Director on prav@netspace.net.au or barb@playaustralia.org.au

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PLAY AUSTRALIA TRAINING PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2013

The next 2 Day Training Program for people in the playground industry responsible for playground development, design, management and safety will be held on **Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 September 2013** at Recreation House, Westerfolds Park, Templestowe.

Play Australia has developed this Training Program to enable quality advice and support to be accessible to everyone responsible for playground development, design, management and safety.

The program will deliver the information required to meet the increasing concerns re safety of children and young people in playgrounds and play spaces whilst strongly supporting the on-going development of exciting and challenging experiences for all children.

Particular attention will be given to Australian Standards relevant to the effective risk management of playgrounds, especially AS4685 on Play Equipment and the recently published Standard on Spacial Nets.

There is to be a new Standard introduced shortly with some significant differences which will replace AS4685, and which will be addressed during the program.

The program will provide the skills and knowledge required to enable people responsible for the management and operation of playgrounds to carry out their responsibilities appropriately. Presenters will include people with leading expertise from across Australia.

Enrolments are invited from all sectors of the play industry.

The cost of the program will be \$660.00 incl. GST per participant for PLAY AUSTRALIA members and \$770.00 incl. GST for non-PLAY AUSTRALIA members.

If you or members of your staff wish to attend this program please register On Line at www.playaustralia.org.au under Upcoming Events, and a Tax invoice will be sent to you.

If a Purchase Order number is required, please obtain this from your finance officers and forward to PLAY AUSTRALIA for the issuing of a further Tax Invoice.

Please note that registration will be confirmed following receipt of payment.

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AIMS OF THE PLAY AUSTRALIA TRAINING PROGRAM

The objectives of this program are to enable participants to:

- apply the new and current Australian Standards to the design of equipment and facilities;
- manage the development and operation of effective maintenance programs; and,
- enable participants to access ideas and support to assist in the creative processes in playspace development.

The program is designed for people working in the government and non-government sectors, involved in the design, operation and management of play equipment and playspaces.

A range of training methods will be utilised to ensure that the program meets the needs of all participants. Information presentations and on site case studies will be included.

The presenters are the leaders in their field and have unrivalled expertise and experience in the key areas of Australian Standards, design and maintenance of play equipment and facilities.

Cost of the program is \$660.00 incl. GST for members of Play Australia per person, and \$770.00 incl. GST for non-Play Australia members per person.

Benefits to participants

- Increased knowledge and commitment to the importance of safety for children and young people in the use of playgrounds and play equipment;
- Increased ability to better manage playgrounds and to protect organizations from liability;
- Increased knowledge, and inspiration for innovation in design and development of play opportunities for children, in particular, on issues relating to access to playgrounds for all groups of children;
- Increased number of people trained across the state and particularly in rural Victoria which will enable competition and affordable and accessible services as required;
- An improved capacity to share good practice across the play community;
- An ongoing communication flow of current information on Australian Standards and relevant safety issues to persons accredited and working in the area.

Feedback from participants will be requested as a key part of the on-going monitoring and review process of the program

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE PROGRAM

RISK MANAGEMENT

- ◆ Philosophy of risk management
 - ◆ Injury causation and prevention principles
 - ◆ Injury data
 - ◆ Legal issues and liability/risk management
 - ◆ Difference between a risk and a hazard
- ◆ Hierarchy of rules and regulations
 - ◆ PRAV Best Practice policy
 - ◆ Australian Standards for playgrounds
 - ◆ Equipment not approved for schools
 - ◆ Early Childhood requirements
- ◆ Different types of playgrounds
- ◆ Playground areas-siting, layout and functional design
- ◆ Fall zones and ground surface issues
- ◆ Playground equipment – design specifications
 - ◆ Functional aspects of equipment
 - ◆ Common safety problems with equipment
 - ◆ Structural strength, height of equipment, entrapment, protrusions, sharpness
 - ◆ slip hazards, tripping hazards, falls from platforms, safety in a complex
 - ◆ Equipment item names
 - ◆ Guidance
 - ◆ Describing the problem
 - ◆ Use of the collected information
 - ◆ Safety Audits
 - ◆ Record Keeping
 - ◆ Installation
 - ◆ Supervision
- ◆ Access for all issues
- ◆ Standards and/or Regulations re disability
- ◆ Detailed design issues
- ◆ Role of shade
- ◆ Standards details of play equipment
- ◆ How to conduct a safety audit
- ◆ Structure and detail of a safety audit report
 - ◆ Assessment of play precinct, siting and layout, access, diversity and age suitability, play equipment combinations
 - ◆ Assessment of play value of equipment
 - ◆ Details of equipment
 - ◆ Compliance
 - ◆ Opinion
 - ◆ Recommendations
 - ◆ Hierarchy of timelines
 - ◆ Use of photographs

MAINTENANCE

- ◆ Use of inspections
 - ◆ Safety assessments
 - ◆ Pre design approval
 - ◆ Post installation
- ◆ Costs
 - ◆ Need to plan
 - ◆ Key maintenance items
 - ◆ Timetable for staff
- ◆ Issues for inspections
 - ◆ Damage
 - ◆ Wear
 - ◆ Protrusions
 - ◆ Ground surface
 - ◆ Overall surrounds
- ◆ Issues for inspections
 - ◆ Site – fences, gates, accesses, pathways, seats, rubbish bins, signage, taps, toilets
 - ◆ Ground surface
 - ◆ Equipment : Structure – footings & stability, bending, breaking, warping, cracking, loosening of parts.
 - ◆ Surface finish – protective coating missing, rust or other corrosion, cracks or splinters,
 - ◆ Wear, openings, gaps
 - ◆ Connections- loose, missing, protruding, wrong
 - ◆ Edges – sharp points or edges and protrusion.
 - ◆ Pinch or crush points – exposed mechanisms, junctures or moving components.
 - ◆ Mechanical devices and other moving parts – worn bearings, lack of lubrication, seizure or excessive motion, unduly noisy motion, missing covers.
 - ◆ Guard or hand rails – missing, bent, broke, loose.
 - ◆ Access – missing or broken rungs, steps or treads, loosening.
 - ◆ Swing and other seats – missing, damaged, loosened, sharp corners, insecure fittings.
 - ◆ Ground cover-distribution, compaction, debris
 - ◆ Components-wear, missing, damaged, loose
 - ◆ Trees and plants-damaged, limbs, seeds, cracks
 - ◆ Drainage, amenities, paths, obstructions
- ◆ Steps to Better Maintenance
 - ◆ Consider timing issues
 - ◆ Understand why maintenance is important
 - ◆ Know the relevant Standard
 - ◆ Schedule inspections regularly- daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly
 - ◆ Note special requirements of manufacturer
 - ◆ Use a checklist or prompt
 - ◆ Record findings, observations and actions
 - ◆ Have appropriate spare parts available
 - ◆ Isolate or remove unserviceable equipment
- ◆ Ongoing management of asset : replace, repair, remove, costs associated

PLAY VALUE

- ◆ The importance of play
- ◆ Major categories of play behaviour
- ◆ Types of playgrounds
- ◆ Design issues
 - ◆ Needs of children
 - ◆ Opportunities for diversity of play needs
 - ◆ Access for all
 - ◆ Environment
 - ◆ Landscape elements, trees and planting
 - ◆ Supervision
 - ◆ Use of sand, sandpits and digging patches
 - ◆ Variety of textures and surfaces – sand and grass, wood and concrete, metal and rope, sun and shade
 - ◆ Selection of equipment – durability, flexibility, opportunities for exercise, social interaction, privacy, diversity of ages, fun, challenging,
 - ◆ Costs
- ◆ How children with disabilities use playgrounds
- ◆ How to plan a playground
 - ◆ Process
 - ◆ Master planning
 - ◆ Priorities
 - ◆ Materials, use of CCA treated pine
 - ◆ Possible partners, supporters and sponsors
 - ◆ Key issues
 - ◆ Safety
 - ◆ Shade
- ◆ Design issues in detail
 - ◆ Needs of children
 - ◆ Opportunities for diversity of play needs
 - ◆ Access for all
 - ◆ Interactive play
 - ◆ Environment
 - ◆ Landscape elements
 - ◆ Supervision
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 - ◆ Safety