



promoting the value of play

South Australia

A message from the South Australian Chair Simon Bradley



Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Play Australia – SA Branch (PASA) Newsletter. The cooler weather has come however the days are still relatively still dry and sunny so we are still able to experience and enjoy the wonderful outdoors which South Australia provides.

We continue to coordinate Networking Events for members and non-members, showcasing some amazing playspaces in Adelaide.

It was with great sadness that we had to cancel the Networking Event “Thinking Differently About Play” on 5 June 2017 which was to feature Stuart Lester and Wendy Russell from the University of Gloucestershire. Stuart’s contribution to the study of play has been enormous and the world-wide play community will miss him. I passed on our condolences and thoughts to Stuart’s family from PASA and the wider play industry here in Adelaide.

We have our Annual General Meeting in association with our next Networking Event on the 27th July 4.00pm at The Ranges Early Learning and Care Centre, 137 Mt Barker Road, Stirling. The AGM will commence at 5:00pm. Further details are provided below. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

We have finally completed the inaugural PASA Strategic Plan 2017-2020. This Plan has been endorsed by the National Body of Play Australia and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting. This Strategic Plan will be PASA’s process of defining our direction and making decisions on allocating our limited resources to pursue this Strategy. It will also extend to mechanisms for guiding the implementation of the Strategy.

PASA Committee member Amanda Balmer continues to present South Australia with expertise and proficiency on the National Board of Play Australia. Please go to the Play Australia website for further information on the National Board. The South Australian Branch now have our own section within this website for your benefit. I encourage you to visit this site.

If you are not already, I would encourage you to become a member of Play Australia. Play Australia is the only membership organisation of its kind in Australia. It provides members a unique opportunity to access specific information in relation to playgrounds and play experiences for children, families and the community.



AGM & EOI FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Would you like to help shape the future of play provision in South Australia? If so, PASA is calling for Expression of Interest to join its Committee.

PASA was created in 2014 as a branch of PLAY AUSTRALIA and is committed to promoting the value of play and increasing play opportunities for children, young people and families. PLAY AUSTRALIA promotes the value of play and advocates healthy play opportunities for children and the community throughout Australia.

The Committee is seeking members from any sphere of the play industry such as Government, health, risk, child care, suppliers, designers or manufacturers.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting Committee please forward your nomination (attached with this Newsletter) to: Alicia Clutterham, Secretary of the PASA at alicia.clutterham@marion.sa.gov.au

Expression of Interest for Committee Members closes on 21 July 2017.

For further information on becoming a PASA Committee Member please contact: Simon Bradley, Chair PASA on 0438 045 747 or at s.bradley@muraybridge.sa.gov.au

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Networking Event: Jervois Street & Forbes Children Centre



On a sunny winters afternoon on the 22nd June we headed to the City of Marion for our latest networking event. Our first project case study was a public community park called Jervois Street Reserve in South Plympton. The park has recently won a commendation award from Parks and Leisure Australia and a Minister for Health Excellence in Public Health Awards. Alicia Clutterham Manager of Open Space and Planning at the City of Marion provided a detailed overview of the project background and process. The strength of the project was evident in its strong consultation process that valued childrens voice and active participation. Council recieved over 100 hand drawn plans of what this park should look like. Community partnerships also benefited the project with the Rotary Club of Edwardstown contributing financially to the family facilites area . Peter Semple councils landscape architect explained that the final design provided cross generational attractions that would support community interaction and wellbeing. What was once planned to be medium density housing is now a green social hub for future generations. The constructoin budget was \$900,000 supported by the City of Marion, DPTI and the Rotary Club of Edwardstown.

A quick drive south landed us at the door of Forbes Children Centre. The site has recently undergone a nature play revamp to its existing outdoor learning spaces. The design process involved consultation with the educators and wider community. The Reggio Emilia pedagogy practice was seen as fundamental in the design outcome in parallel with the nature play design principles by PSIA in collaboration with Climbing Tree. Directors Kim Cook and Cathy Hopkins kindly led us through the Babies and Toddlers learning environment and the preschool area. A rich diversity of play experience and speical features have been provided using natural materials. Rocks and log challenges are evident and are graduated to ability. Creative and sensory play oppoutunities are dotted throughout the space allowing children to explore and stimulate their sensory and cognitive capabilities. Quiet play refuges are provided to allow for children to escape the gross motor enviroments to reflect and rest before seeking the next adventure. The landscape is laced together with a strong palette of native plants and mature trees which have provided instant nature to what was once a very harsh open courtyard.



Upcoming Play Australia training and professional development



PASA -AGM

27th July 4.00pm at The Ranges Early Learning and Care Centre 137 Mt Barker Road, Stirling.

The Ranges ELC undertook an extensive redesign of their outdoor space to better utilise the natural environment for the children who attend this centre. Working in conjunction with one of their parents from Brown Falconer the new playspace provides plenty of opportunities for open ended play.

PASA Networking Event (Rescheduled)

Thursday 7 September Event hosted by City of Onkaparinga- 9:30am-11.30am Site 1 Frank Hilton Reserve, Gulf Parade at Maslin Beach, followed by a quick drive and coffee break at Port Noarlunga Bakery and a short stroll to Site 2 Jubilee Adventure Playspace. Event to finish at approx 11.30am

Register online for these events playaustralia.org.au

For more information please contact Alicia Clutterham alicia.clutterham@marion.sa.gov.au

Welcome to our newest SA members

- + City of Norwood
- + Dirtwork Landscapes



Considering becoming a member

Play Australia is the national peak membership play organisation in Australia. It provides members a unique opportunity to access specific information in relation to playgrounds and play experiences for children, families and the community. Play Australia members come from all different walks of life. Many are involved in the development of playgrounds, equipment or just the love of play for children.

For more information on membership services, resources, news and events, or to contact Play Australia, please visit PlayAustralia.org.au



Please pass this newsletter on to a colleague or a friend who is interested in play!

