



# *The Play Lady*

## Games from the Playground

games of the past  
games of the present  
multicultural games  
traditional games  
schoolyard games  
Indigenous string games  
home-made toys

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I have almost 30 years' experience in researching, collecting and supporting children's play. I aim to highlight the value of play through my work and the activities I provide. The traditional games of childhood can provide common experiences between people of all ages and cultural backgrounds. Play, like music, is an international language.

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Cultural Heritage, Deakin University, Melbourne, 2010

Graduate Certificate of Applied Science (Environmental and Heritage Interpretation), Deakin University, Melbourne, 1993

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Honorary Associate and member of the Children's Folklore Reference Committee, Museum Victoria

Co-editor, *Play and Folklore*, published online by Museum Victoria

Memberships:

- Play Australia
- The International Play Association
- The Association for the Study of Play (TASP)
- The Australian Folklore Network
- The International String Figure Association

### EXAMPLES OF PROJECT WORK

Field researcher for *Childhood: Tradition and Change*, a nationwide study of children's play, funded by the Australian Research Council and conducted jointly by the University of Melbourne, Museum Victoria, the National Library of Australia, Deakin University and Curtin University, Perth.

Consultant to Melbourne Museum, Carlton:

- Traditional games program for the Children's Museum.
- Aboriginal String Games component of the Bunjilaka Cultural Centre's Indigenous Australians outreach kit.
- Childhood Chants for the Australia Gallery's soundscape.

Consultant to Urban Initiatives landscape architects:

- Community consultation for the new Jubilee Park play space, Frankston.
- Specialist consultant for design of outdoor play spaces at a new school for children with autism.

Consultant to Tract Landscape Architects:

- Provide a detailed overview of the relationship between children's play activities and the design of various types of play spaces and play equipment.

Ongoing documentation and study of children's play in Australia and overseas.

Playground surveys for primary schools, with special focus on the relationship between play and place.

Programs/presentations for schools and historical/cultural organisations based on children's play and traditional games from different countries and cultures.

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