

## South Australia

### A message from the South Australian Interim Chair Simon Bradley



Welcome to the latest edition of the Play Australia - SA Branch (PASA) Newsletter. Winter has settled in but it is still a busy time for everyone in the play industry.

We have reached the end of the financial year and the end of the Interim Committee of PASA. I believe the Interim Committee can look back with a sense of achievement since our humble beginnings in 2014. We are holding the inaugural Annual General Meeting of PASA on 6 July 2016 in association with a networking event at Our Lady of La Vang. I encourage you to attend both the networking event and AGM to participate in the election of next year's Committee.

We continue to work with Play Australia (National) and are very proud to be the first Branch of Play Australia outside Victoria. We look forward to similar Branches developing throughout Australia and will provide support and guidance when required.

I would like to thank my fellow Interim Committee Members for their contribution in progressing PASA so far in such little time. It is a joy to work with like-minded colleagues in the promotion of the value of play throughout South Australia.

I welcome anyone to forward your nomination form to join the PASA Committee. Please note that nominations close 1 July 2016 (attached to this Newsletter).

If you 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. Play Australia members come from all different walks of life. Many are involved in the development of play grounds, equipment or just the love of play for children.

## Getting the Balance Right

Great news, 'Getting the Balance Right' risk management guide for play is now available as a free download. Play Australia has developed a comprehensive guide to the assessment of risk and benefits in play provision and Australian Standards.

The guide has 2 parts;

Part A: Risk benefit Assessment

Part B: Australian Standards AS:4685-2014 Ready Reference

Getting the Balance Right gives a truly 'best practice' approach to the design and management of play environments. An approach that not only demonstrates an effective knowledge of the standards, but also asks the right questions about what makes a play environment great, in terms of play value.

It is available for download by all Play Australia members at no cost by logging into the website using your login and password and accessing the document in the Resource Library. Non members can purchase the guide using Paypal, credit card or EFT, see our website for details

[www.playaustralia.org.au](http://www.playaustralia.org.au)



A Guide to the Assessment of Risks and Benefits in Play Provision and Australian Standard 4685:2014

## Update from Catherine Hunt of DECD regarding Preschool Outdoor Learning Area (POLA)

The Preschool Outdoor Learning Area (POLA) Project is part of a suite of State Government investments into the early years.

The POLA project will provide more opportunities for children to play outdoors, be active and learn new skills through the construction of 20 outdoor learning areas in pre-schools across the state over a four year period.

The sites will be demonstration sites to provide a wider range of play possibilities for our children that promote learning and development, are challenging, engender a feeling of security and wellbeing and build a sense of community.

The project objectives are to:

- demonstrate the principles and values of authentic engagement with children, families and the local community
- strengthen communities through the design of culturally appropriate environments
- redevelop the outdoor environments in each of the sites to demonstrate the philosophy and practice of nature play in outdoor learning environments
- develop a space that fosters interaction, autonomy, explorations, curiosity and communication and places for children and adults to research together
- illustrate how and why the curriculum and the children drive the environment - to understand and promote the relationship between the outdoor learning environment and children's learning and the pedagogical practices that enhance children's learning.

Preschool sites participating in the project will be concept leaders and support other educators to actively engage children, families and the local community in connecting with nature.

Upgrades have been finalised at:

- Wandana Child Parent Centre
- Sturt Street Children's Centre
- Madge Sexton Kindergarten
- Campbelltown Preschool
- Melaleuca Park Kindergarten



Further information about the project is available on the [DECD website](#)

## Calls for EOI - Play Australia SA Steering Committee Members

Would you like to help shape the future of play provision in

South Australia? If so, Play Australia South Australia (PASA) has a number of vacancies on its Steering Committee.

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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.

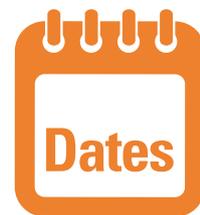
The Steering Committee is seeking members from any sphere of Government, health, risk, child care, suppliers, manufacturers and designers.

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

Expressions of Interest for Committee Members close on **1 July 2016**.

For further information on becoming a PASA Committee Member please contact: Simon Bradley, Chair, Interim Steering Committee on 0438 045 747 or at [s.bradley@murraybridge.sa.gov.au](mailto:s.bradley@murraybridge.sa.gov.au)

## Upcoming PlayAustralia training and professional development



### PASA Networking Event & AGM - Our Lady of La Vang

The next Networking Event and Annual General Meeting will be held on:

**6th July: Our Lady of La Vang 11-19 Malcom Ave, Flinders Park 4-6pm**

A guided tour of Our Lady of Valang, a Catholic Special School completed in mid 2013 accommodating approximately 60 students varying in ages between 5-20 years.

All are welcome to join Play Australia SA on the school tour and also attend the AGM. Play Australia members are invited to participate in the election of next year's committee.

**10th August: St Kilda Playground St Kilda Rd - 9:30am and followed by Playford Alive Town Park Tour - 11am**

A discussion of the importance of landscape architects role in playspace design. St Kilda playspace is an iconic and nostalgic play destination and has seen a recent upgrade with custom dynamic play elements. City of Salisbury will provide a guided tour of the renewal process and newly installed equipment.

The tour will then make its way to Playford Alive to the Town Park an iconic new heart to an emerging northern community, our hosts for this leg will be by Aspect Studios & City of Playford.



### Considering becoming a member

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**Discounted membership available to new South Australian members, \$100 for the first 12 months!!!**

For more information on membership services, resources, news and events, or to contact Play Australia, please visit [PlayAustralia.org.au](http://PlayAustralia.org.au)



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





*promoting the value of play*

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# Nomination Form

## Play Australia South Australia Committee Member

1. Name:

Organisation:

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2. Please indicate background, experience and skills you believe you can contribute the Interim Committee?

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Early Childhood Sector

Education

Risk Management

Playground Supplier

Industry Specialist

Chairperson

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Strategy/Planning

Health

Local Government

Landscape Architect

Urban Design

Secretary

Other

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3. Please provide a short synopsis on what attributes you will bring to the Steering Committee *(please attached additional sheet if required)*

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Thank you for your nomination  
Please return to [alicia.clutterham@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:alicia.clutterham@marion.sa.gov.au)