



promoting the value of play

South Australia

A message from the South Australian Chair Simon Bradley



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Play Australia – SA Branch (PASA) Newsletter.

We had our Annual General Meeting on the 27th July 2017. At this meeting we welcomed a new Committee. Thank you to The Ranges Early Learning & Care Centre for allowing us to host the AGM. As part of my Chairperson's Report I acknowledged the then Committee members, Alicia Clutterham, Peter Semple, Amanda Balmer, Carman Wilson, Linda Scholz and Craig Johansen for their commitment, professionalism and enthusiasm in developing and promoting PASA for the past year. I would particularly like to thank Alicia for her coordination and commitment as the Committee's Secretary since our formation in early 2014 and is unfortunately stepping aside from this role. Linda has resigned from the Committee and I wish to thank her for your valuable contribution to the Committee over the past year.

For the past twelve months I am very proud of the achievements of the PASA Committee. These achievements include:

- Development of quarterly Play Australia – SA Branch Newsletters
- Coordinating numerous Networking sessions, showcasing innovation in play throughout metropolitan Adelaide
- Development of the inaugural PASA Strategic Plan 2017-2020
- Continuing to build relationships with other like-minded industry groups and associations such as Nature Play SA; Parks and Leisure Australia, the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects; and Landscape Architects in the Public Sector.

Late last year PASA called an Expression of Interest for PASA Interim Committee Members. After the review of a high number of quality nominations I am pleased to announce the PASA Committee:

Simon Bradley (Chair)	Deb Aukland (Secretary)	Amanda Balmer (National Board Representative)
Carman Wilson	Alicia Clutterham	Peter Semple Craig Johansen Jane Barrett

I welcome the Committee and I look forward to working with you in promoting the value of play throughout South Australia.

I am extremely proud to announce that at the AGM we launched PASA's inaugural Strategic Plan 2017-2020. This Plan was endorsed by the National Body of Play Australia which not only celebrates our successes, but defines our direction for the next three years. It also extends to mechanisms for guiding the implementation of the Strategy. The Strategic Plan 2017-2020 can be found on the PASA website.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE - Jane Barrett

My professional playground journey started in 2010 when I joined Proludic Pty Ltd as the representative for South Australia. It was my role to introduce Proludic's range of play and sport products to councils, landscape architects and schools in SA and to oversee the implementation of successful projects. With two young children of my own it was an ideal time to start working in the playground industry as I had a lot of practical experience as a playground user. My older, cautious child and my younger, over-confident child gave me a unique perspective on understanding the developmental stages of children. They helped me understand more deeply about selecting appropriate play equipment to suit a range of age groups of children.

During my seven years working with Proludic in SA I've been involved in some key projects that I'm really proud of. These playgrounds include Princess Elizabeth Playground on South Terrace, Semaphore Playground on The Esplanade, Blake's Crossing Adventure Playground and Hilltop Playground at Unley Oval. The Tidlangga Playspace and Pocket Orchard was recently awarded the Parks and Open Space Award of Excellence in the AILA (South Australia) Landscape Architecture Awards program.

I continue to be motivated by the children I see standing on the other side of the temporary fence during a playground construction asking "How much longer until the playground is open?" I feel very lucky to be involved in the creation of wonderful play spaces for our children, and get the most satisfaction from being able to complete a project from start to finish.





Networking Event: Frank Hilton Reserve and Jubilee Adventure Playspace, City of Onkaparinga

On the 7th of September 2017 a well represented group of play enthusiasts made the long awaited journey to the City of Onkaparinga. Paul Harding Council's in house Landscape Architect was our host for our first stop at Frank Hilton Reserve. Paul provided an insightful background story on the reserves journey from a local landfill; the process of remediation to now a well-loved beach reserve and playspace. The council picked up several awards for this project recognising its determination to recreate a social and recreational destination from a contaminated site.

The playspace design needed to take careful consideration of the juxtaposition of the remediated site and utilised the grading of the land to position the playspace and supporting infrastructure. A terraced lawn with picnic shelters and a barbeque to provide an ideal location to overlook the playspace and provide passive protection from the local road. The designer used a nautical theme to provide sense of place, as well as an imaginary play experience using play structures that represent a sunken ship and a crow's nest supplied by Proludic. The playspace also integrated nature play elements as a test case for future projects which has been well received.

Our next port of call after a well earned coffee break was the iconic Jubilee Park playspace at Port Noarlunga. Council has continued to develop this destination playspace over a number of years with the latest stage completed in early in 2017.

Amanda Balmer from WAX Design provided an overview of the latest development with further insight from Paul Harding regarding the story behind the 10m tall fibreglass giraffe.

The key aim behind the latest stage of works was to provide more inclusive & creative play opportunities that also integrated standard play experiences with nature play elements. The designers engaged with council representatives at the commencement of the project on best practise in creating an all abilities playspace. Through this process the designers were able to open up for consideration alternative, more inclusive and beneficial experiences than would otherwise have been achieved.

With some early construction issues relating to the river bursting its banks the playspace has dried off now and it's only the kids getting wet using the water pump. The addition of more inclusive play experiences has greatly enhanced the appeal of this destination playspace and has been greatly welcomed by locals and visitors of all abilities.



Upcoming Play Australia training and professional development



THINKING DIFFERENTLY ABOUT PLAY

27th NOVEMBER 2017 10:30 am - 3:00pm
at City of Charles Sturt 72 Woodville Road, Woodville.

Unique opportunity for you to hear from one of the worlds leading researchers on play, Dr Wendy Russell. How it matters and Why it is Everybody's business. A chance not to be missed by anybody with an interest in play, play spaces, healthy communities or child development.

PASA First Networking Event 2018
Thursday 15th February 2018
Morialta New Nature Playspace 11am-1pm
Come along for BBQ Lunch
Further details to be provided closer to the date

Register online for these events playaustralia.org.au

For more information please contact any committee member.

Welcome to our newest SA members

- + District Council of Mount Barker
- + City of Victor Harbor
- + Adelaide Hills Council



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



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