



promoting the value of play

South Australia



Marshmallow Park:
Image courtesy of City of Adelaide

A message from the South Australian Chair Simon Bradley



Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Play Australia – SA Branch (PASA) Newsletter. I am pleased to announce that we have engaged Georgia McPeake as our inaugural Marketing & Events Manager in SA. Funding for this part time position has been sourced from Play Australia. Georgia has already generated marketing inspiration and event management expertise and we look forward to working with her.

South Australia is continuing to produce inspiring and innovative outdoor playspaces. In recent months, wonderful new playspaces have been developed within our schools, early childhood centres, and in our parks and reserves.

Play Australia recently launched its new 'Play Recognition Program' in 2018 to really celebrate the work of people and projects that promote the value of outdoor play for children, families and communities across Australia. The Play Australia 'Play Recognition Program' will acknowledge Play Australia members for outstanding achievement and excellence in their field of work in the promotion of the value of play in a non-competitive environment. Nominations will be encouraged from people and projects from different contexts, environments and business endeavours with high and low budgets. Please visit the Play Australia website for further details.

A reminder that we have our AGM on Tuesday the 24th of July 2018. This AGM will incorporate a tour of the recently opened Marshmallow Park with the City of Adelaide & Aspect Studios. Further details are provided overleaf.

I would also like to acknowledge that our very own Robyn Monroe-Miller, Chief Executive Officer of Network of Community Activities was recently elected the first Australian President of the International Play Association (IPA). Robyn will serve her term as President until the 2020 IPA Conference in India. Congratulations Robyn.

Inclusion in Play

On Wednesday the 6th of June we had the pleasure of hosting a networking event at the new Livvi's Place Marion. We were fortunate to have a behind the scenes tour of the playspace which is due to open to the public in August. Partnered by the Touched By Olivia Foundation, City of Marion & the South Australian Government, the playspace was designed in close consultation with the community to accommodate all ages and abilities. After all, every child deserves the right to play!

We heard from Bec Ho, the Executive Officer of the Touched by Olivia Foundation discuss the importance of inclusive play and Jason Avery from the City of Marion took us through the design and construction of the playspace. All 28 attendees were impressed with what they saw, gained great insights and had a lot of positive comments about the design.

Thank you to the Touched by Olivia Foundation, the City of Marion and the contractors for hosting the event.

Please visit the Touched by Olivia Foundation website for further information on this wonderful initiative at:
www.touchedbyolivia.com.au



Marshmallow Park Tour, AGM & EOI for Committee Members

We have our Annual General Meeting in association with our next Networking Event on Tuesday the 24th of July from 3pm at Marshmallow Park. The AGM will follow at 4pm at the Saracens Head Hotel, 82 Carrington Street, Adelaide.

Would you like to help shape the future of play provision in South Australia? If so, Play Australia SA is calling for Expressions of Interest to join its Committee. We are 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) or any questions to: Georgina McPeake at play.sa@playaustralia.org.au

Expressions of Interest for Committee Members closes at 5pm on Wednesday 18th of July 2018.



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Talking all things Play

One of our Play Australia National Board & SA Committee Members, Amanda Balmer, was delighted to speak at the recent Parks & Leisure and Recreation SA Conference held on Thursday the 7th of June in Adelaide. Amanda discussed innovative play and the challenges around transitioning from off the shelf equipment installation to integrated and innovative play, recreation and socialisation experiences.

Play Australia National Board member & Touched By Olivia Foundation Executive Officer Bec Ho, also spoke about inclusive play.

It was great to have Play Australia presence at the conference - Amanda even made mention of the Risk Management Guide!

Read more about the Risk Management Guide by visiting: www.playaustralia.org.au.

The Guide is available for download by all Play Australia members at no cost. Non-members can purchase the Guide via the website link above.



Upcoming PlayAustralia networking events



Networking Event followed by AGM

Tuesday 24th July 2018 at 3pm

**Marshmallow Park
Glen Osmond Road, Adelaide**

Our Annual General Meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about Play Australia and ways to become involved in the organisation. The AGM will be teamed with a networking event and tour by the City of Adelaide & Aspect Studios of the newly completed Marshmallow Park. The tour will begin at 3pm, and the AGM will follow at 4pm at the Saracens Head Hotel.

Networking Event

Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 4.30pm

**Christie Downs Primary School
Elizabeth Road, Christie Downs**

Come and visit Christie Downs Primary School's new integrated nature playspace for mainstream and special needs primary school children. Event to be hosted in conjunction with Brown Falconer. More details to come.

Register online for events at: www.playaustralia.org.au

For more information email: play.sa@playaustralia.org.au

Welcome to our newest SA member + Hawthorn Child Care Centre



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, visit www.playaustralia.org.au



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





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Call for Expressions of Interest Play Australia South Australia Committee Members

If so, **Play Australia South Australia (PASA)** will be declaring 4 positions vacant for its Committee at the upcoming AGM.

Play Australia SA was created in 2014 as a branch of **PLAY AUSTRALIA**.

PLAY AUSTRALIA 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.

We are seeking members from any sphere of government, health, risk, early childhood, suppliers, designers or manufacturers.

To be eligible you must be:

- A current financial member
- Committed to participate in Play SA committee meetings
- Commit to discharge the roles of the committee

If you are interested in being part of this exciting Committee please forward your nomination or any questions you may have to: Georgia McPeake, Marketing & Events Manager of Play Australia SA at play.sa@playaustralia.org.au

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Nomination Form

Play Australia South Australia Committee Member

1. Name:
Organisation:
Phone:
Email:

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

Early Childhood Sector

Education

Risk Management

Playground Supplier

Industry Specialist

Chairperson

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 Play Australia SA Committee *(please attach additional sheet if required)*

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Thank you for your nomination
Please return to play.sa@playaustralia.org.au