



# EAST GIPPSLAND PLAYGROUPS

**PLAYGROUPS ARE A WONDERFUL PLACE TO CREATE MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME!  
THEY ARE LOTS OF FUN FOR CHILDREN AND ARE SUPPORTIVE PLACES FOR  
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS TO SHARE IDEAS AND INFORMATION!**

## **WHAT IS PLAYGROUP?**

Playgroups bring young children (0–5 years), parents, families and communities together to learn and develop through play activities and social interaction. Each parent or caregiver is responsible for the children they bring to playgroup.

## **WHY JOIN A PLAYGROUP?**

Playgroup is fun! At playgroup you get to meet other people going through similar experiences, ease the isolation that can come with caring for young children and find out about local community, health and support services. It allows families to enjoy this precious time with their kids while they develop and grow.

## **FINDING A PLAYGROUP THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU**

All playgroups are unique! Some playgroups have a structured routine: an activity, snack time, free play, story time and a song. Other playgroups can be more casual and may have different activities. The following pages provides information about playgroups across East Gippsland so that you can find a playgroup that is right for your family.

## **FREE PLAYGROUP VICTORIA FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Playgroup Victoria now provides free membership for families which includes;

- Full access to play ideas library, with over 70 downloadable activity sheets
- Monthly themed activity booklets
- Monthly e-Newsletters filled with the latest playgroup news, event opportunities, articles, interviews, and resources

To sign up, visit – <https://www.playgroup.org.au/become-a-member/>



**Playgroup  
Victoria**

This list is updated annually.

If you would like to have a playgroup added to the list or if you find any information incorrect please contact the East Gippsland Shire Early Years Officer on 5153 9500.

**August 2022**

## **BAIRNSDALE**

### **BOORAI GEGAC PLAYGROUP**

37 Dalmahoy Street  
Margaret: 5152 0843  
Monday – Healthy Cooking & Gardening  
Tuesday – Playgroup  
Wednesday – Playgroup  
Thursday – Storytime  
Friday – Kindergym  
10.30am–1.30pm

### **BUSY BEES PLAYGROUP**

Baptist Church, 134 Princess Hwy, Lucknow  
Derryn: 5153 0672  
Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday 10.00am–12.00pm

### **754 COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

Bairnsdale Primary School 330 Main Street  
Ph: 5152 4395  
Contact the school for day and time

### **CRE8TIVE KIDZ PLAYGROUP**

Christian Centre 103 Bairnsdale Dargo Rd  
Ash: 5152 5933  
Wednesday 10.00–11.30am

### **EAST BAIRNSDALE KINDER GYM**

Venue to be confirmed  
Kellie Sanajko: 0427348724  
Save the Children: 5153 7500  
Wednesday 9.30–11.00am

### **EAST BAIRNSDALE HUB & PLAY**

Kirsten Van Diggele 0499 343 021  
Monday alt fortnight 10.00am – 12.00pm

### **EAST BAIRNSDALE SPECIALIST SCHOOL**

31 Calvert St Bairnsdale  
Kirsten Van Diggele 0499 343 021  
Tuesday 9.30–11.00am

## **BRUTHEN**

### **BRUTHEN KINDER GYM**

Bruthen Primary School  
Kellie: 5152 0052 or School: 5157 5445  
Thursday 9.30–11.00am Cost \$6.00 per family

## **KIDDO – OFFERED ACROSS EAST GIPPSLAND**

Kiddo is something different and fun that every child and every parent can enjoy together. Just like children learn the alphabet before combining letters into words; basic physical literacy movements such as running and jumping are learned first, then combined into more complex movements such as sport. The Kiddo program has been scientifically designed to help nurture a love of physical activity that will last a lifetime. Physically literate kids: have a lot more fun being active, have better social skills, are happier and more confident and have improved attention and concentration levels. Contact us today! [yvonne@gippsport.com.au](mailto:yvonne@gippsport.com.au) or call 0476 000 304

### **LITTLE ANGELS PLAYGROUP**

St Mary's Parish Hall, Nicholson Street  
Kristen Dwyer: 0423 451 018  
Tuesday & Friday 10.00am–12.00pm

### **LUCKNOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PLAY 2 LEARN  
Save the Children: 5153 7501 or 04099 484 203  
Thursday 9.15 – 10.45am

### **MY TIME BAIRNSDALE**

(ASD Supported Playgroup)  
Uniting Church, 710 Lanes Road, Lucknow  
Rose: 0409 096 587  
Friday 9.30am–12.30 pm

### **PLAY CONNECT SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP**

Uniting Church, 710 Lanes Road, Lucknow  
Rose: 0409 096 587  
Wednesday 10am–12:00pm

### **SCHOOL WORKS STORY TIME**

147 McLeod St, Bairnsdale  
Ph: 5152 4086  
Friday 10.00am

### **WILD CHERRY PLAYGROUP**

28 McKean St, Bairnsdale  
Karen: 5152 1966  
Tuesday 9.00 –11.00am  
Friday – Bush playgroup 9.45– 11.45am Eagle Point

## **CANN RIVER**

### **CANN RIVER SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP**

Community Centre  
Jacque: 5154 6636  
Monday 10.00am–12.00pm

## **CLIFTON CREEK**

### **CLIFTON CREEK PLAYGROUP**

Clifton Creek Hall 1020 Deptford Rd  
Save the Children: 5153 7500  
Wednesday 9.30–11.30am

## EAGLE POINT

### EAGLE POINT EARLY LEARNING PLAYGROUP

Eagle Point Primary School, 43 School Rd  
School Office: 5156 6382  
Contact the school for day and time

## LAKES ENTRANCE

### TINY TURTLES PLAYGROUP

Baptist Church 141 Princes Hwy  
Lyn Carlisle: 0427731551  
Thursday & Friday 10.00–11:30am

### TODDLER GYM UNITING CHURCH

271 Esplanade  
Friday 10.00–11.00am Cost \$5.00

## LEAHA PARENTING HUB

18–26 Jemmeson St  
Office: 5155 8465  
Tuesday 9.00am–12.00pm

## MALLACOOTA

### MALLACOOTA PLAYGROUP

Neighbourhood House  
Cnr Genoa Rd & Mattsson St  
Marilize: 0409 555 962  
Friday 9.15am–11.15pm  
Fortnightly Friday Play 2 Learn 10am–12pm

## METUNG

### METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Metung Primary School Stirling Rd  
School Office: 5156 2259  
Friday 9:00–11.00am

### ST JOHNS METUNG PLAYGROUP

37 Stirling Rd, Metung  
Michelle: 0425 700 171  
Every 2nd & 4th Monday 10.00–11.30am  
Gold coin donation

## NEWMERELLA

### NEWMERELLA PLAYGROUP

Primary School, McLaughlin's Rd  
School Office: 51541620  
Contact the school for day and time

## NICHOLSON

### NICHOLSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Save the children: 5153 7500  
Friday 9.30 – 11.30am

## NUNGURNER

### NUNGURNER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Primary School, 455 Nungurner Rd  
School Office: 5156 3232  
Wednesday 9.00am –11.00am

## OMEO

### OMEO KINDERGYM

Omeo Hall, Day Ave  
Rowena: 0438 331 162 /5159 4323  
Friday, fortnightly 10.30am

### OMEO RHYME TIME /PLAY 2 LEARN

Omeo Hall, Day Ave  
Rowena: 0438 331 162 / 5159 4323  
Friday, alternate fortnights 10.30am

## ORBOST

### ORBOST PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Orbost Preschool 41 Browning St  
Jacque: 5154 6636  
Tuesday 10.00am–1.00pm

### ORBOST PLAY 2 LEARN

Orbost Primary School Ruskin St  
ORH MCH: 5154 6685  
Monday 10.00–12.00pm

### ST JOSEPH'S PS BEAT BOPPERS

Mary MacKillop Hall  
4–8 Raymond St  
5154 1289  
Friday 10.00–10.45am

## PAYNESVILLE

### PAYNESVILLE CHILDCARE CENTRE

55 The Esplanade Paynesville  
Kathy: 0412 862 200  
Every 2nd Friday 9.30am–11.00am



## SARSFIELD

### **SARSFIELD COMMUNITY HALL**

Save the Children: 5153 7501 or 04099 484 203

## SWIFTS CREEK/ ENSAY

### **SWIFTS CREEK RHYME TIME/KINDER GYM**

Community Centre 6879 Great Alpine Road

Rowena: 0438 331 162 / 5159 4323

Currently on hold

## TOORLOO ARM

### **TOORLOO ARM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

315 Lake Tyers Beach Rd, Lake Tyers Beach

Kerry Hughes 5156 5517

Monday alternate fortnight 9.30–11.00am

## WOODGLEN

### **WOODGLEN PLAYGROUP**

Woodglen Campus, 205 Woodglen Road,

Lindenow Primary School Office: 5157 1340

1st Monday of Month

9:30am–11:30am

