

## CHRIS BARNETT - IN PROFILE



### 1. How would you describe yourself in a sentence?

Shy, retiring and uncomfortable talking about myself.

### 2. How long have you been part of the Christian Playgroup Network?

Since May 2008, when I volunteered to attend on behalf of the Uniting Church as an "alternate" whenever Joy Williams was unavailable.

### 3. What role do you play on the Christian Playgroup Network?

I am usually the token male at the Executive meetings. My role seems to be one of bringing a perspective that is quite different to that usually associated with the "hands-on" aspects of Playgroups.

### 4. During the week I...

am based at the Centre for Theology and Ministry (Parkville) as the Children & Families Ministry support person for the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania. I also endeavour to be home as much as possible with my family.

### 5. My family consists of...

The amazing Beth and our two fantastic boys – Timothy in Gr. 6 and Ben in Gr. 4.

### 6. I am currently reading...

"Nurturing Child and Adolescent Spirituality: Perspectives from the world's religious traditions", edited by Kare Marie Yust, and have recently finished "Through the eyes of a child: New insights in theology from a child's perspective", edited by Anne Richards and Peter Privett.

### 7. What do you love doing?

I love playing with my boys (especially whatever sport is in season), spending time with Beth, being at the beach as a family and doing my job well. I really enjoy encouraging and supporting individuals and congregations that are making a difference in the lives of children and their families.

### 8. What do your friends say about you?

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### 9. Finish this sentence "If only I could..."

know how to answer the previous question!

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