

JAN BANGAY IN PROFILE

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How would you describe yourself?

My name is Jan Bangay, I am 57 years old and I responded to the invitation to invite Christ into my life 38 years ago at Ringwood Gospel Chapel youth group. I have been part of playgroups for about 30 years and a CRE teacher for 20+ years. I am a Mothercraft nurse by profession and have many years experience in the early childhood field and Mother & Baby support units.

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

I have been a member on behalf of Warrandyte Community Church playgroup from the beginning of CPN. As playgroup co ordinator I have attended many networking groups and conventions/workshops over the 5 or so years.

What role do you play on the Christian Playgroup Network?

I am a new member of the committee as the representative for the Christian Brethren churches.

During the week I... oversee the 5 playgroup sessions at WCC (one each weekday morning). I

run one of these sessions and visit or help out at the others occasionally. I visit my elderly mother or grandchild, also do gardening, go to the Gym 2 or 3 times a week, host a home bible study group, attend and fellowship at WCC with my semi retired husband.

My family consists of... my husband of 36 years, three adult children, one daughter in law and one beautiful 10 month old granddaughter. Also one very old dog.

I am currently reading... 'Australian short stories to inspire the heart of women', I find short story books good to read because I can finish one story and then it put down to come back an other time to read another. I have several books on the go that I start on holidays and don't finish so in keeping with my habit, I am starting a book about an escape from a WW2 prison camp that my father was involved with. Also I enjoy browsing though junk mail, magazines and travel books.

What do you love doing?

Traveling, socializing with friends, gardening, healthy food and new experiences and adventures.

Finish this sentence ... "If only I could... know, through enthusiastic support, that the church as a whole understands what opportunity playgroups provide as a service/ outreach ministry to the local community"