

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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*Baby Playgroups,
Beaumaris – Mordialloc Baptist
and Berwick Church of Christ*

ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP NETWORK

For many decades now, the value of playgroups in the local community has been identified and appreciated. Hundreds of Christian playgroups are scattered throughout Australia – some meeting in churches, others in local community buildings.

As people talked about wanting to be more intentional in their playgroup as a mission to their local community, a need emerged for some cohesion and networking between these groups. In 2001 a group of people started meeting and praying about how this could happen and develop. In November 2002, the Christian Playgroup Network was formally launched.



We look back with thanksgiving to God for the inspiration and dedication that launched the Christian Playgroup Network twenty years ago and for all the playgroups and churches that have been a part of the network and continue to minister to playgroup families; and we look to the future trusting that God will continue to shape the Christian Playgroup Network for his kingdom purposes.

Connect – Belong – Grow expresses what CPN is about, for churches and their playgroups, and for the children and families who are the reason the Christian Playgroup Network exists. We see this as a promise—what we aim to achieve through the ministry of CPN. For playgroup families, we see playgroup as a place where they have connected with their local church and where they feel they belong. We want to see families grow into an even deeper sense of belonging—to the church family and to God.

We exist to equip, encourage and enable healthy Playgroup ministry in local churches. Journeying together, the CPN seeks to provide support and encouragement as playgroups think, pray and develop ways of making the promise of Connect – Belong – Grow a reality. We long to see playgroups as flourishing expressions of God’s Kingdom where families find love, grace and acceptance; faith is formed, shared and nurtured; and fullness of life is experienced.

Our actions are motivated by the values of Loving compassion; Kingdom focus; Missional intent; Serving churches; and Resourcing leaders. The Christian Playgroup Network would love to support you and encourage you as part of our promise to help all CPN members to Connect—Belong—Grow.

Our Working Principles for our member playgroups are Strengthening families; Serving with humility and respect; Creating and maintaining a safe environment; Providing opportunities to experience and respond to God’s love; and Demonstrating intentional and strategic action. We encourage playgroup teams to think, pray, talk and work to make these principles a reality for the families in your playgroup.



Committee members packing special mailouts

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER, 2022, CONVENED ON ZOOM AT 7:30PM

Ordinary Business

1. To confirm the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
2. To receive and consider the Committee's report
3. To receive and consider the financial statements of the association as at 30 June 2022.
4. To elect the following members of the Committee
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
5. To elect up to 4 'Ordinary Members' to the Committee
6. To consider the amount of the annual membership fee and determine anniversary year payment.
If thought fit, to pass the following resolution:

'That the amount of the annual membership fee from 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2023 will remain at \$65, payable by anniversary year'
7. Any other business



THE CPN VALUES LOVING COMPASSION, KINGDOM FOCUS, MISSIONAL INTENT,
SERVING CHURCHES AND RESOURCING LEADERS

As we find ourselves in October, I think we are all breathing a sigh of relief and so very grateful that we have been able to resume playgroup in person.

Some of our playgroups are thriving as they meet again in spaces where families and teams can stay safe, happy and healthy. Some of our playgroups are still finding their feet as they adjust to some different ways of doing playgroup. Some playgroups have struggled to get back on their feet, whether it be a lack of volunteers to serve or families.

Wherever you find yourself in the midst of these continued challenging times, we know that you are working tirelessly to support & connect with your local families and build community.

Playgroup leaders, you are not alone in your ministry. The Christian Playgroup Network has members from churches all over Australia, reaching out to share God's love in their local community. Our membership is made up of churches that are running a playgroup or playtime, as well as organisations or individuals who have a role in advocating playgroups as a ministry of the local church. Seeing the diversity of Playgroups that belong to the CPN is inspiring. Small, large, facilitated by paid staff or volunteers, young mums or retired, multicultural and multilingual. They truly offer a place for people to connect, belong & grow.

We pray that you will continue to be supported and be inspired by the CPN as you care for the people around you, your team, and the families in your Playgroup.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16–18 'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus'

Aspects to celebrate as we look back over the past 12 months:

- The **CPN Committee held their annual strategic planning day at the end of November:** a helpful time of revisiting the CPN vision, values and goals, and discussing how best to implement them in the year ahead to equip, encourage and support our members. Our focus for 2022 was that our members would feel supported and inspired.



- **All CPN member churches** received a pack through the mail in March. A special mailout for playgroup leaders, our amazing members, as we encouraged and inspired you in your incredible ministries.
- The **monthly Zoom catch ups for Playgroup leaders** continue to be a much appreciated 1 hour of connection. A time to touch base with others in Playgroup ministry, have a laugh, be encouraged, get some inspiration or an idea. We will continue to offer these from 1-2pm on the first Wednesday AND Friday of each month during school term.
- There has continued to be great interaction between our members through **our Facebook Private group page**. Haven't joined yet? Join today to stay connected with other playgroups for ideas and encouragement as well as CPN events and resources.
- The CPN was able to offer **financial assistance to Playgroups through the Next Steps Grants**. Eighteen of our CPN churches were successful in receiving up to \$200 for a project that aligns with the CPN vision of nurturing love and grace, sharing faith, and experiencing fullness of life. It has been a real blessing to hear the Good News Stories over the last 12 months of how these funds have benefited a variety of playgroup communities.
- Over 40 churches joined us for the **NEW online workshops** in the months of July and August. It was great to see some familiar faces but also meet some new faces from churches that were able to find out about 'Starting a Christian Playgroup' and how the CPN can partner with them in ministry



- We're very excited to have **launched the new CPN website**. Check out the section just for you in the Members Only section under the Playgroup Leaders area.

I would like to thank the **committee members** for their dedication and willingness to participate, using their skills, time and passion for equipping, encouraging and supporting playgroups. They have spent many hours of their time working behind the scenes in planning and contributing to the ongoing work of the CPN in many different ways. At the 2021 AGM we welcomed Belinda Carter, Julian Barnard, Ruth Guiao and Sally Danger to the Committee. Julian accepted the Treasurer role soon after the AGM. It's been great to have them on board! We have continued to value Alyson Prescott and Hollie Boniface as they serve on the Committee.

Thanks goes to **Merryn Gray** who is paid to oversee and maintain our membership administration, as well as event promotion. Appreciation needs to be noted to **Evan Englezos** and the team at digitalteam coach <https://digitalteamcoach.com/> who is paid for his role in maintaining our website and other IT services. Merryn and Evan will continue in these roles over the next 12 months. Thanks also to Miranda Starkey for her bookkeeping.

The CPN **members** and all who support them in their playgroup ministries are the reason why the committee serves. The CPN is a network that exists to encourage, equip and support those that are ministering to families through playgroups and we thank God for the wonderful playgroups that strive to be flourishing expressions of God's Kingdom where families find love, grace and acceptance; faith is formed, shared and nurtured; and fullness of life is experienced.

Please remember that the CPN Team is always there to offer you support. If you would like further ideas, a listening ear, or assistance, feel welcome to contact us at admin@cpn.org.au

Ruth Kernick (President) on behalf of the CPN Committee, October 2022



CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP NETWORK 2021/2022 ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT

Jules Barnard

The roll-on effects of Covid have been difficult with the CPN having 30 fewer memberships to provide income than was expected, and an anticipated grant being lower than in previous years. But a huge thank you to the Christian Community Churches for the grant of \$2000! We have also finished the redesign of the website!

At the start of the financial year, we had in the Bendigo account \$15,664.39 and a petty cash of \$30.00. on 30/06/2022 we finished the year with \$14,733.85 - with a deficit of \$930.54

I have started working on other income sources to support the ministry of CPN, with the exciting opportunity of a partnership with Melbourne School of Theology (MST) and Eastern College Australia and hopefully other likeminded organisations in the coming year.

Over the past year we have welcomed Wendy as the bookkeeper for 4 months - Thank you Wendy for your time. Then following this Miranda Starkey . Thank you Miranda for taking on the ongoing role as our volunteer bookkeeper. We are really appreciative of your skills, it is a massive blessing to the CPN community and myself.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 30 JUNE 2022

	30 JUN 2022	30 JUN 2021
Assets		
Bank		
Christian Playgroup Network	14,733.85	15,664.39
Total Bank	14,733.85	15,664.39
Current Assets		
Petty Cash	30.00	30.00
Total Current Assets	30.00	30.00
Total Assets	14,763.85	15,694.39
Net Assets	14,763.85	15,694.39
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	(930.54)	(472.83)
Retained Earnings	15,694.39	16,167.22
Total Equity	14,763.85	15,694.39

PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
Trading Income		
AGM	-	65.00
CPN Training	-	87.20
Grant Income	2,000.00	-
Interest Income	1.41	4.05
Memberships	5,070.00	5,895.00
Total Trading Income	7,071.41	6,051.25
Gross Profit	7,071.41	6,051.25
Operating Expenses		
Bank Fees	10.00	-
Bless - Mailout	239.80	-
Events - AGM & Conference Fees	-	53.95
Events - SoC	254.54	-
Gifts	288.90	323.40
Legal expenses	60.10	59.20
Membership Administration	1,350.00	3,116.00
Next Step Projects	2,150.00	-
Paypal Fees	-	15.92
Post Office Box	139.96	136.00
Postage & Stationery	202.84	220.98
Stripe Fees	15.84	18.63
Subscriptions	50.00	100.00
Website/Database	3,143.00	2,480.00
Xero Software	96.97	-
Total Operating Expenses	8,001.95	6,524.08
Net Profit	(930.54)	(472.83)

Schedule 1
Regulation 15

Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012
Sections 94(2)(b), 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b)

This form is required to be provided to the members at the AGM with the association's accounts.

Annual statements give true and fair view of financial position of incorporated association

We, Jules Barnard and Alyson Prescott, being members of the Committee of the CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP NETWORK INC, certify that—

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position of the CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP NETWORK INC during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2022.

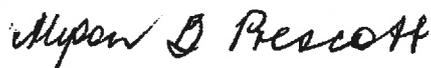
Signed:



Dated:

8/9/2022

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8/9/2022

NOTES

Thank you. This was a great gathering – Playgroup leader participant at our online workshop.

It's an honour to serve on the CPN committee. Giving encouragement and support to all our member playgroups and hearing about the fruit of their work in God's kingdom is wonderful! Hollie – Committee VP

It has been an honour to serve the CPN community this year. I have enjoyed getting to know the different playgroups and people who make up the CPN and see more fully how God is using his ministry to make his love known to young families. Jules – CPN Treasurer

The monthly zoom CPN Leader chats are the very best hour of encouragement each month! Heather – Playgroup Coordinator

Thank you CPN for all you do. Jenny – Playgroup leader

We would love to thank you for the generous grant that you blessed us with. Recipient of a CPN Next Steps Grant.

It's been great to be part of the CPN Committee this year. I have benefited from the CPN for many years as a playgroup leader so it's wonderful to give back and to spend time with such a passionate and caring team. Sally - Committee member

Blessed and thankful to be given the privilege to be part of CPN. This is another opportunity to use the talents and skills given by the Lord to me. I know it's not much but pleased to serve the Playgroup families around us. God is good and He guides us. The team are awesome, very welcoming and very encouraging beautiful people of God, with the heart of Jesus. Cheers to CPN! Ruth G – Committee member

Thanks for the wonderful support & connection you facilitate. Playgroup leader participant at the monthly zoom chats.

I have loved being a member of the Christian Playgroup Network! It means what I do as a Playgroup facilitator is recognised and encouraged! I love hearing how others run their groups and the love shown. Belinda – Committee member