



Bendigo Playgroups 2025

A playgroup is a group of parents or caregivers with their children aged 0-5 who get together regularly for play and social interaction. Some playgroups are called "Supported Playgroups". They are for families who may require extra support. At a supported playgroup families can seek out advice, find information about support services and extend their social network.

Every playgroup varies according to the needs of their families. In Bendigo most playgroups are open to all families and meet in the morning during school terms.

For more information about playgroups visit the Playgroup Victoria website at <https://www.playgroup.org.au/>

Supported Playgroups



Baptcare Supported Playgroup Salvation Army Worship Centre, 65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

For families who may be experiencing difficulties.

When: Wednesday

Cost: No cost

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🌐 www.baptcare.org.au/services/family-youth-and-foster-care/victorian-services/home-start-program



Small Talk Supported Playgroups City of Greater Bendigo region

Places are limited for this supported playgroup and session times may vary – enrolment is essential. Please contact Tiff for information.

When:

- Monday, Holy Rosary Primary School, Heathcote. 10am-12pm
- Tuesday, Kangaroo Flat, BCHS. 9.30-11.30am
- Wednesday, Eaglehawk North Primary School, Darcy St, Eaglehawk. 10.00am – 12pm
- Thursday, Huntly Primary School, 101 Brunel Street, Huntly, Victoria 3551, 9.30-11.00am
- Friday, California Gully Primary School, Staley St, California Gully 3556, 9.30-11.30am

Cost: Free

Contact: Tiffany Holschier

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✉ TiffanyHolschier@bchs.com.au



C4C Bendigo Playgroups 53 Wills St, Bendigo

See website for details.

When: Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, White Hills

Cost: No cost

Contact: Wendy Irving

☎ 03 5443 1229

✉ jwendy.irving@shinebright.org.au

🌐 www.c4cbendigo.com.au/projects/supported-playgroups-project/



Parents and Preschoolers Playgroup

Weeroona Uniting Church, Cnr Neale and Condon Streets, Kennington

Supported playgroup facilitated by church volunteers. Playgroup is multicultural, free and families bring and share morning tea. Children from birth to school age. Indoor and outdoor play, craft, songs and stories. All welcome.

When: Thursday, 10-11.30am

Cost: No cost

Contact: Fiona Shenahan

☎ 0409 439 458

Community Playgroups

Operating during term dates unless otherwise specified

Bendigo Dad's Playgroup

Bendigo Library (Activity Rm 2), 259 Hargreaves St Bendigo

All welcome.

When: Every second Saturday, 9.30 - 11.30am

Cost: No cost

Contact: Bendigo Man Prams or Bendigo Dads via Facebook

Creek Street Playgroup

Creek Street Church, 91 Creek St, Bendigo

All welcome. Christian based.

When: Monday

Cost: No cost

Contact: Coral Maxwell

☎ 03 5409 2054

✉ info@creekstreetchurch.com

🌐 www.creekstreetchurch.com.au/playgroup

Eaglehawk North Primary School Playgroup

Darcy St Eaglehawk

All welcome. Please bring a snack and water bottle for your little one.

When: Tuesday, 9.30-11.30am

Cost: No cost

Contact: Felicity Vaillard

☎ 0448 588 491

✉ fvaillard@playgroup.org.au

Elmore Kindergarten

65 Hervey Street, Elmore

All welcome. Check Facebook page for updates/activities

When: Friday 9.30-11am

Contact: Caitlyn Curtis

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✉ elmoreplaygroup@gmail.com

Epsom Community Church Playgroup

269 Midland Highway, Epsom

All welcome. Please contact us to find out more.

When: Tuesday

Cost: \$35 per family per term

Contact: Sarah Sergeant

☎ 0405 824 125

✉ sargeantsarah@gmail.com

Franks Little Friends Playgroup

St Francis of the Fields Community Centre, 46 Blucher St, Strathfieldsaye

All welcome.

When: Monday, 9am - 10:30am

Cost: Gold coin donation

Contact: Jess Widdicombe

✉ jwiddicombe@sfstratheldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Friday Playgroup

St John's Presbyterian Church,
Cnr Forest & MacKenzie Sts, Bendigo

All welcome.

When: Friday 10-11.30am

Cost: \$2 per family + a one-off registration fee of \$25 (health care card \$15)

Contact: Playgroup Coordinator

☎ 03 5443 6189

✉ bendigopc@gmail.com

🌐 bendigopc.org.au/meetings/playgroups/

Fusion Playgroup

60 Raglan St, White Hills

All welcome.

When: Friday morning

Cost: Gold coin donation

Contact: Jayne Dixon

☎ 0493 872 541

✉ jayne.dixon@fusion.org.au

Grandparents Playgroup (parents also welcome)

52-54 Derwent Dve, Long Gully

When: Monday, 9.30-11.30am

Cost: No cost

Contact: Felicity Vaillard

☎ 0448 588 491

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Heathcote Playgroup

Bunbunarik, 165 High St, Heathcote

Free play for children aged 0-5 years old and their parents and carers.

When: Once a month on Wednesdays, 10am-12 noon.

Please join the Heathcote Playgroup Facebook group for more information and to see the date of the event happening each month.

Cost: \$2 per session, with the first 3 sessions free.

Morning tea provided.

Contact: Naomi Davis

☎ 0488 011 245

✉ digitalzenproductions@gmail.com

Hope Community Playgroup

St Clements's Church, 629 Midland Hwy, Bendigo

All welcome.

When: Thursday, 9.30-11am

Cost: No Cost

Contact: Hannah

☎ 0481 020 939

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HT Playgroup

Holy Trinity Church, 14 Keck St, Flora Hill

All welcome. HT Playgroup provides a fun time for children and an opportunity for mums, dads and carers to build community and friendships as well as encourage each other on the parently journey! Please bring a hat, drink and morning tea.

When: Tuesday, 9.30-11am

Cost: \$15 per term

Contact: Cindy Bell

☎ 0429 404 125

✉ bellscottage@me.com

Kangaroo Flat Community House Playgroup

21 Woolcock Ave, Kangaroo Flat

When: Monday 10.00am - 12.00pm (from term 2 2025)

Cost: Free

Contact: Felicity Vaillard

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✉ fvaillard@playgroup.org.au

Kids, Chat and Chill Playgroup

Let's Chat Park, 126 Mitchell Street, Bendigo

A place for your little one to play, sing songs, listen to stories, experiment with bubbles, textures and nature, learn to play with others and have fun!

When: Thursday, 10.00-11.30am

Cost: No cost

Contact: Linda Nevill

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Lockwood Community Playgroup

190 Wiegards Rd, Lockwood

Lockwood Community Playgroup is an inclusive and friendly playgroup for children aged 0 to 5 years old, run by a volunteer parent. Our Playgroup is a great opportunity to meet with other parents and get to know Lockwood Primary School. Playgroup sessions are held in the big blue shed (to the right of the school office building).

When: Friday, 9.30-11am. Check out our Lockwood Primary School Facebook page for updates.

Cost: No cost

Contact:

☎ 03 5435 3224

✉ lockwood.ps@education.vic.gov.au

🌐 <https://www.facebook.com/LockwoodPrimarySchool>

Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre Playgroup

52-54 Derwent Drive, Long Gully

When: Wednesday mornings, 10-11am

Cost: Free

Contact: Felicity Vaillard

☎ 0448 588 491

✉ fvaillard@playgroup.org.au

Maiden Gully Playgroup

Maiden Gully Community Hall, 713 Calder Highway, Maiden Gully

All welcome.

When: Monday

Cost: \$2 per child over the age of 1, no cost for babies

Contact: Caitlin Walsh

☎ 0439 646 487

✉ maiden.gully.playgroup@gmail.com

Multicultural Playgroup

Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre,
52-54 Derwent Drive, Long Gully

Join LCMS for an enriching Multicultural Playgroup, where captivating stories and traditions from various cultures come alive.

When: Thursday, 10am-12.30pm

Cost: No cost

Contact: Lar Ka Paw

☎ 0482 172 252

✉ l.pe@lcms.org.au

Mums and Munchkins

Bendigo Church of Christ, 35-39 Short St, Bendigo

All welcome. Focus is adults connecting with each other whilst children play (unstructured).

When: Wednesday

Cost: No cost

Contact: Katelyn Vercoe

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✉ admin@bendigochurchofchrist.org.au

🌐 www.bendigochurchofchrist.org.au/church-life/



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Old Church on the Hill Playgroup

36 Russell St, Quarry Hill

Usually in the garden or on wet/windy days we head inside the old church.

When: Wednesday, 9.30 - 11.30am

Cost: Gold coin donation

Contact: Kate Skinner

☎ 0466 382 615

✉ kateskinner98@gmail.com

Parent Child Mother Goose

Focus on singing, rhyme and stories for attachment & bonding.

When: Tuesday at Salvation Army, Thursday at Bendigo Library

Cost: No cost

Contact:

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🌐 www.c4cbendigo.com.au/projects/parent-child-mother-goose/

Speci Playgroup

Specimen Hill Primary School,
Inglewood St, Golden Square

All welcome. Spec Playgroup is a low key, easy going free play environment with a different art/craft activity each week. Tea and Coffee is provided but please BYO snack and drink for child/ren.

When: Monday

Cost: No cost

Contact: Chloe Hickey

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Raywood Playgroup

50-52 Inglewood St, Raywood

Relaxed community run playgroup

When: Monday, 10-11.30am

Cost: N/A

Contact: Jemma Coates

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Reforming Kids Playgroup

Reforming Church, 17 Victa Rd, East Bendigo

A place for your little one to play, sing songs, listen to stories, experiment with bubbles, textures and nature, learn to play with others and have fun!

The playgroup is run by some of the women in our church but you don't have to be a church member or any particular faith group to be involved. Our aim is to create an enjoyable and relaxed space for families to connect and kids to have fun whilst learning.

Plenty of parking available on site, including disabled parking spaces.

We are also a short walk from a nearby bus stop as well.

When: Tuesday, 10.00-11.30am

Cost: \$20 per term per family or \$5 casual.

Come and try first session for free.

Contact: Aimee Grinter

✉ aimee.grinter@gmail.com

🌐 reformingchurch.org/playgroup

St. Liborius Playgroup

St. Liborius Primary School, MacKillop Room,
Liborius Centre, 379 Eaglehawk Road, Eaglehawk

All welcome. Facilitated Playgroup.

Please contact us directly for further details.

When: Thursday, 9-11am

Cost: \$3.00 per family

Contact: Ashlea Gladman

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🌐 www.sleaglehawk.catholic.edu.au/playgroup-at-st-liborius/

wonyotjarrapil Playgroup

BDAC Kindergarten, 119 Prouses Rd, North Bendigo

For Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families

When: Wednesday

Cost: No cost

Contact: Jenna McKerlie

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