

A person is seen from the back, wearing a large, textured, orange-brown costume that resembles a giant animal or a large, shaggy creature. The person is standing on a beach, and the background is a dramatic sunset with a cloudy sky in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The overall mood is warm and artistic.

The Playwork gathering 2024

Stromlo ACT

Sat/Sun 15/16 June 2024



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Will you be joining us at the Playwork Gathering for the ACT and NSW in 2024? You should be! This brochure has all the basic information for you to attend this gig.

What is it:

A residential gathering in communal huts for those from the OSHC/OOSH and the Primary School sectors to be immersed in the practice and theory of play and Playwork; and for a chance to learn and network with other playworkers.

Where is it:

It will take place at Camp Cottermouth in the ACT (see map attached).

When is it:

Saturday 15/Sunday 16 June 2024. Participants are able to join us on Friday evening for an early start, or arrive no later than 9am on Saturday

What you will need to bring:

You need to bring bedding/sleeping bags and a change of clothing in case of wet weather. All meals and referments for Saturday and Sunday are provided.

The Wicker Man

Saturday evening will feature evening dinner and an appointment to meet The Wicker Man.



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Why should you come to the Playwork Gathering?

Modern Playwork practice has its origins in the late 1940s but its inception goes much further back into the 19th century.

Playwork is a very specific way of working with children and young people, and for the last decade, this approach has been promoted as a way of working within the OSHC/OOSH sectors by a number of key individuals and organisations within Australia and from overseas.

Playwork has also now been recognised as a valid approach to working in OSHC/OOSH in the MTOP Framework. But there is more - Playwork is an approach that children themselves value and want to see more of.

This weekend residential Gathering we will show us how we can move towards making a Playwork Approach more available in our centres and schools with a series of practical and theory sessions provided by some of those that are leading the new wave of Playwork in Australia. Discussion around the campfire will also be important.

All of this will be framed with the Playwork Principals, the ethical framework for Playwork, and within current best practice.

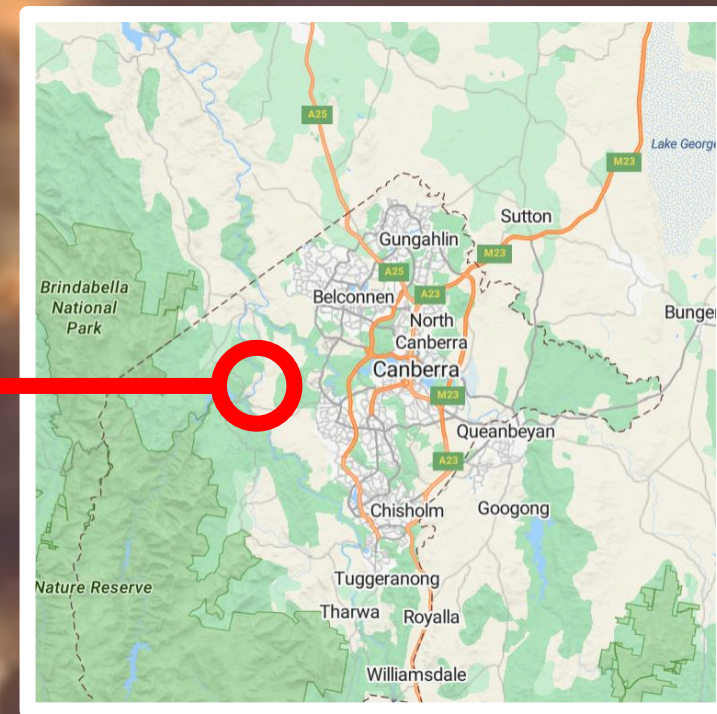
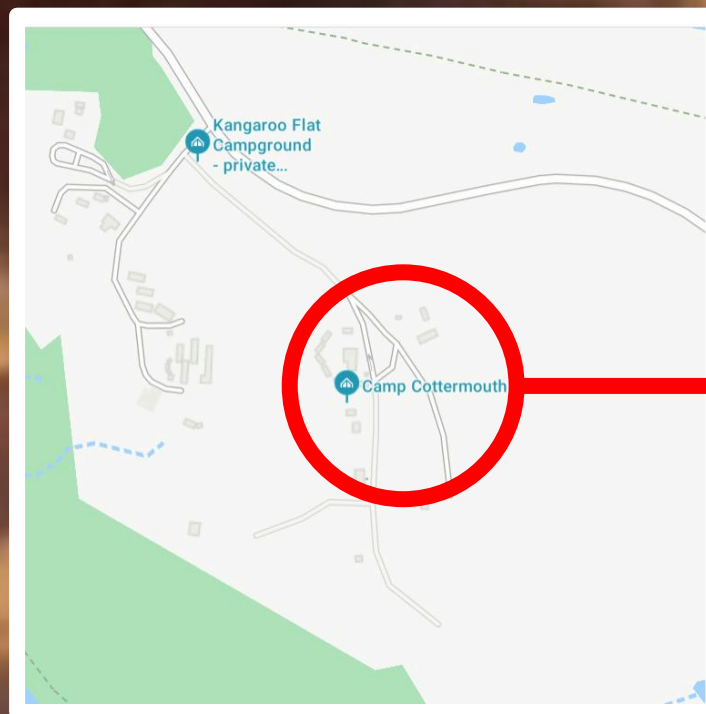


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The Playwork Gathering will take place at:
Camp Cottermouth, 1435 Cotter Road, Stromlo ACT 2611

www.campcottermouth.com.au



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Saturday

- 9:30am :: Welcome & Acknowledgement
- 10:00am :: Session 1: Marc Armitage – How we spot the barriers before they happen
- 11:00am :: Morning Break (15min)
- 11:15am :: Session 2: Scott Gibson – How we do ropes and stuff
- 12:45pm :: Lunch (1hr)
- 1:45pm :: Session 3: Daniel Burton – How we create community by playing
- 3:15pm :: Afternoon Break (15min)
- 3:30pm :: Session: 4: Keira Minchin – How we create playful school communities
- 4:30pm :: Last Break (15 mins)
- 4:45pm :: Session 5: Marc Armitage – How we think like a playworker
- 5:30pm :: Day closes
- 6:30pm :: An Appointment with The Wicker Man

Sunday

- 8:00am :: Breakfast
- 9:00am :: Session 6: Kylie Keane – How we make it all work
- 10:30am :: Break Camp
- 11:00am :: Closing Session – The Great Q&A
- 12:00pm :: Last Words/Gathering Ends



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Marc Armitage

Malarkey Playwork



How we: spot the barriers before they happen & how we think like a Playworker

We will be opening and closing the weekend with two important questions that will frame the content of the whole Gathering:

We open with how we spot the barriers that might potentially get in the way of applying a more 'Playwork Approach' to the way we work – it's a case of forewarned is forearmed; and close by asking how we think like a playworker and why that is important – which is not about pretending to be a child again.

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Scott Gibson

CatholicCare Tasmania



How we: use ropes and stuff

This hands-on session will focus on the setup and facilitation of shelter building, rope swings, rope and pulley systems, zip lines, hammocks, and cargo nets.

We will share the fundamentals of selecting appropriate equipment, securing installations, and supporting appropriate risk-taking around these highly engaging experiences. We will have ample time to play with and learn about a wide range of resources that can be used to enhance children's play in natural environments, or bring new life to existing playground structures.

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Daniel Burton

Educated by Nature

How we: create
community by playing



Let us explore the transformative power of play in building community. We will play together, and in doing so, delve into the essence of forming deep connections and holding space for deep connection.

We will take an opportunity to reimagine the role of mentors, teachers, playworkers, and facilitators in nurturing vibrant communities and unpack the 'invisible network' of support that exists to enable connection and community through play.

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Keira Minchin

Pre-service Teacher



How we: create playful school communities

In the absence of quality playspaces readily available within a child's immediate landscape, schools have the potential to act as hubs within the community to uphold children's right to play.

We will pull from my experiences as a pre-service teacher, my work in OSHC through a playwork inspired approach, and my learning during a UK based playwork study tour, to showcase how we can provide opportunities for play and playfulness in combination with the Australian Curriculum and My Time Our Place.

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Kylie Keane

Keen About



How we: make it all work

Playwork as an approach is underpinned by the Playwork Principles.

We will critically reflect upon the each of the other sessions at gathering in the context of the Playwork Principles and the importance and necessity of play policy, training, as well as coaching, mentoring, conducting Risk Benefit Assessment (RBA) and Dynamic Risk Benefit Assessments (DRBA).

These elements will give us the foundation for how we frame everything else in Playwork practice.

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