

Playgroup Booklet

2015

Playgroup locations across Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly & Wingecarribee



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Campbelltown Playgroup locations:

Community Playgroups

1.) Airds Te Kohanga Reo

Taking new members. Please register your details with Emma on **0407 372 542**.

Te Kete Kahurangi-Te Whare Marama, 4 Byrnes Way, Airds NSW 2560

Day: Wednesday **Time:** 10:30 am **Type:** Maori

2.) R.O.A.R Playgorups (YMCA)

For residents of Ambarvale & Rosemeadow. For more information please call **(02) 46281606**. Yummy Café – 80 Woodhouse Drive, Ambarvale NSW. Runs three different groups.

Day One: Tuesdays (during school term) **Time:** 10am-12pm **Cost:** Gold coin donation & piece of fruit. **Ages:** 0-3 years (Cubs). Includes stories, songs and a whole lot of fun.

Day Two: Wednesday (during school term) **Time:** 10am-12pm **Cost:** Gold coin donation & piece of fruit **Ages:** 0-5 years (Tigers). Includes grooving and jumping to the music pumping.

Day Three: Thursday (during school term) **Time:** 10am-12pm **Cost:** Gold coin donation & piece of fruit **Ages:** 0-5 years (Lions). Includes fine motor fun in the sun.

3.) Ambarvale Recreation Centre Playgroups

Located at 65 Woodhouse Drive Ambarvale NSW 2560. For more information please call **(02) 46263033** **Type:** Pre – schoolers and mothers group

4.) Ambarvale Macarthur Diversity Services

For more information please call **0417 439 610**. Macarthur Square, Level 1 Shopping Centre, Ambarvale NSW 2560

Day: Wednesday & Friday **Time:** 10am (both) **Type:** Multicultural (both)

5.) Campbelltown Aboriginal Playlinks

Associate group - Playgroup NSW individual membership benefits do not apply. For more information please call 46251061. Northcott Disability Services, Macarthur Office, CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Day: Wednesday **Time:** 10:30am **Type:** N/A

6.) Campbelltown Christian Brethren Church Playgroup

Located at Townson Avenue and Alderney Street Minto NSW 2566. Type: pre-schoolers and mothers groups. For more information contact: **(02) 98201075**.

7.) Campbelltown Grandparents MyTime

Group meets Fortnightly for Grandparents who are the primary care giver for their grandchildren. Please call 1800 171 882 for more information. Kearns Hall, Cnr of Kearns Ave and St Lawrence Dr, Kearns NSW 2558

Day: Thursday **Time:** 10am **Type:** Grandparents

8.) Campbelltown Half Pints

Please phone 0407 668 632 for more information. Hurley Park Hall, Dumaresq Street, CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Day: Thursday **Time:** 10am **Type:** General

9.) Claymore Macarthur Diversity Services

For more information please call 0417 439 610. Claymore Public School, Dobell Road, Claymore NSW 2559

Day: Tuesday **Time:** 9am **Type:** Pacific Islanders

Supported Playgroups

1.) Breakaway Playgroup

Supported by Disability Macarthur Family Support and Care. Respite playgroup for pre-school aged children who have a disability. Two days per week in school terms. Address: Lots 2 & 3, Surrey St, Minto. **Day & Time:** Tuesdays between 9:30am and 1pm, Thursdays between 9:30am and 2pm, **Cost: \$10 per day.** Phone: (02) 9603 7011.

2.) Macarthur Family and Youth Service

For families with children 0-5 (or pregnant) who live in Macarthur. Family Support, groups, playgroups after hour's service, in house respite, special needs playgroup, mobile support service, and toy library. **Day & Time:** Monday 10am -12pm & Thursday 10am – 12pm. **Located** level two, Macarthur Square. For more information call 4620 4667.

3.) Pepps Supported Playgroup

Pepps Supported Playgroups has returned from 4/2/2013 (School Terms only)
Day & Times are Monday and Wednesday 10-12 pm for 0-5yrs old and their families
Tuesday Special Skills Program by referral only.
Campbelltown Child and Family Centre Rear 69 Riverside Dr, Airds. Contact Peta Keating (Playgroup Co-coordinator) on 0488 252 228 for further information.

4.) Wheely Good Fun Supported Playgroups (In the Park)

For families with children aged 0-5 years. Free to attend and a free morning tea provided. Supported by Northcott and the Benevolent Society. There are four days the supported playgroup is run. These playgroups are organised by Northcott and the Benevolent Society. For more information **contact** Romy Calderon on **0408 025 301** or **02 4629 2002**

Day One: Monday	Time: 9:15am – 10:45am	Location: John Warby Public School Airds NSW
Day Two: Tuesday	Time: 9:30am – 11:30am	Location: Stromeferry Reserve, St Andrews
Day Three: Wednesday	Time: 9:30am – 11:30am	Location: Claymore Community Centre

Day Four: Thursday
Wagtail Street, Ingleburn

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Location: Wood Park,

1.) MDSI (Macarthur Diversity Service Initiative)

MDSI Volunteer Program - Macarthur Diversity Service Initiative. MDSI runs a very effective volunteer program. It has over 120 active volunteers who work to support various programs such as HACC social support groups, one to one in home support, English tuition, playgroups, community garden, door knocking & clerical support across the organisation. In a climate where organisations struggle to find & retain CALD volunteers. MDSI has been able to attract up-skill & retain volunteers. Some volunteers have been with MDSI for over 15years. For many new arrivals volunteering is essential to better understand Australia & a pathway to employment. If you would like to know more about MDSI's playgroups please **contact Margaret O'Dea**, Playgroup Coordinator

T: 4627 1188, **M:** 0417 439 610, **W:** www.mdsi.org.au, **E:** modea@mdsi.org.au

Facebook: [mdsi.playgroup](https://www.facebook.com/mdsi.playgroup)

Frangipani Multicultural Supported Playgroup

Tuesday's, 9:00am to 11:00am, Claymore Public School, Dobell Rd, Claymore

Little Koala's Multicultural Supported Playgroup

Tuesday's, 10:00am to 12:00pm, Minto Community Hall, Guernsey Rd, Minto

Yasmine, Arabic Multicultural Supported Playgroup

Wednesday's, 10:00am to 12:00pm, Yummy Café, Ambarvale NSW)

Little Joey's Multicultural Supported Playgroup

Friday's, 10:00am to 12:00pm, Yummy Café, Ambarvale NSW

2.) Family Resource Links – Northcott Disability Service

The Family Resource Links program is a community development project funded through Families NSW and the Aboriginal Child Youth and Family Strategy. The target population for this group is children 0-8 years old who have or may have a disability and their families. The goal of the project is to work in partnership with local services to strengthen communities and to help build community capacity. As part of this project Leanne Charles, the projects

Manager has developed exceptional partnerships with the Aboriginal and CALD communities in the local area with several supported playgroups have been set up.

Camden Playgroup locations:

Community Playgroups

1.) Camden Playgroup

Address: Harrington Park Community Centre, Fairwater Drive, Harrington Park

Time: Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00 noon

Phone: 1800 171 882

2.) Camden Baptist Church Playtime

Address: Camden Baptist Church, 90 - 92 Pindari Avenue, Camden

Time: Wednesdays in school terms 10:00am-12:00 noon

Phone: Rob Crothers on (02) 4647 0983

3.) Story Time Playgroup

Address: Oran Park Town Community Room, Oran Park Drive, Oran Park

Time: Mondays at 9:30am - 12:00pm

Phone: Karren on 0414 247 272

4.) Play Time Playgroup

Address: Oran Park Town Community Room, Oran Park Drive, Oran Park

Time: Wednesdays 10:00am -11:30am

Phone: Carolyn on 0409 380 860

5.) Play & Learn

A fun group for under school aged kids and their parents, grandparents or carers. An activity of Christ Church Anglican, Gregory Hills

Address: Thomas Donovan Park, Felix St, Gregory Hills

Time: Mondays 10:00am -11:30 during school terms

Phone: 0423 777 651 or 0431 043 642

6.) Harrington Park Pixies & Munchkins

Address: Harrington Park Community Centre, Fairwater Drive, Harrington Park.

Time: Fridays 10:00am -12:00 noon. Type: Allergy Aware. To register your interest please contact 0403 133 851.

7.) Mount Annan Busy Bees

Address: Birriwa Reserve Clubroom Hall, Fitzpatrick Road, Mount Annan

Time: Fridays 10:00am-12:00 noon

Phone: 1800 171 882

8.) Narellan Jack and Jill

Address: Jack Nash Reserve Clubrooms, Nash Place, Currans Hill

Time: Wednesdays 9:30am-11:30am

Phone: (02) 4658 0372 or 0412 191 312

9.) Playgroup Plus

A group for parents/carers of children aged 0 - 5 yrs. All welcome!

Address: Narellan Anglican Church, 172 Richardson Road, Spring Farm

Time: Thursdays 10:00am-12:00 noon during school terms

Phone: For all enquiries please phone our Church Office on (02) 4647 2195. Please leave a message.

10.) St John's Kids Time

Address: St John's Church Hall, Cnr Menangle and Broughton Road, Camden

Time: Mondays 10:00am-12:00 noon during school terms

Phone: Karina on (02) 4655 1675

11.) Currans Hill Rainbow Baby & Kids Playgroup

A playgroup for LGBTQI families and their babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

Address: Currans Hill Community Hall, Cnr Tramway and Currans Hill Drive, Currans Hill

Time: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00 noon

Phone: 1800 171 882 Email: Contact curranshill.playgroup@outlook.com

12.) Fingerprints Playgroup

Address: Camden Uniting Church, Wesley Hall, Cnr John and Mitchell Streets,
Camden

Time: Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays in school terms 9:30am-11:30am

Phone: Beck on 0400 556 613

13.) Austral Kids Korner Playgroup

Please register your interests by calling Michelle on 9606 0711. Meets **monthly**. Kids Korner Child Care. 265A Fifteenth Ave, AUSTRAL NSW 2171. **Day:** Saturday, **Time:** 10am, Type: General.

14.) Camden

Harrington Park Community Centre, 33a Fairwater Dr, HARRINGTON PARK NSW
2567

Enquires please call 0414 757 791. **Day:** Wednesday. **Time:** 10am, **Type:** General.

15.) Currans Hill PlayConnect

PlayConnect Playgroups are for children aged 0-6 yrs with Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD like Characteristics. Your child does not need an ASD diagnosis to attend. Currans Hill Community Hall, Cnr of Tramway and Currans Hill Drive, Currans Hill NSW 2567. **Call 1800 171 882**. **Day:** Tuesday, **Time:** 10am, **Type:** Developmental/Disabilities.

Supported Playgroups

1.) Bright Eyes Playgroup

Supported by Camden Community Connections and The Benevolent Society

Address: Narellan Child Family & Community Centre, Queen St, Narellan. **Time:** Mondays in school terms 10:00am-11:30 am. **Phone:** Catherine on (02) 4647 1283. **Cost:** \$2 per child

2.) Bright Stars Playgroup

Community playgroup supported by Camden Community Connections. Weekly craft, singing, stories, play and arranged outings. Ages 0 - 6 years in school terms. Address: Narellan Child Family & Community Centre, Queen St, Narellan. **Time:** Thursdays in school terms 10:00am 12:00 noon. **Phone:** Catherine on (02) 4647 1283. **Cost:** \$3 per child, \$2.50 per child for CCC members.

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3.) Playlinks Playgroup

Supported by Northcott Disability Services, Camden Community Connections and The Benevolent Society

Address: Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie. **Time:** Wednesdays in school terms, 10:00am-11:30am. **Phone:** Debbie on (02) 4640 8703 or Catherine on (02) 4647 1283 **Cost:** Gold coin donation.

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4.) Camden Playtime - Flower Pot Babies and Tots

Supported by The Benevolent Society

Address: 23 John St Camden (next door to Camden Public School). **Time:** Tuesdays in school terms, 10:00am -11:00am. **Phone:** Margaret on (02) 4629 2007.

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5.) Playgroup at Gregory Hills

Supported by The Benevolent Society. Play based activities for families with children 0 - 5 years old.

Address: Gregory Hills Information Centre, 18 McKenzie Boulevard, Gregory Hills. **Time:** Wednesdays 9:30am -11:00am during school terms. **Phone:** Eliza on (02) 4629 2000 or 0450 840 188.

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6.) Playgroup at Oran Park

Supported by The Benevolent Society. Play based activities for families with children 0 - 5 years old.

Address: Bridge Park, Ambrosia St, Oran Park. **Time:** Thursdays 10am -11:30am during school terms. **Phone:** Eliza on (02) 4629 2000 or 0450 840 188.

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7.) Flower Power Playgroup

Supported by Macarthur Diversity Services Inc.

Address: Flower Power, Mt Annan Road, Mount Annan. **Time:** Thursdays 10:00am-12:00 noon. **Phone:** (02) 4627 1188.

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8.) Inspire Playgroup

Supported by Inspire Church Macarthur

Address: Unit 6/ 14-16 Exchange Parade, Narellan. **Time:** Fridays 10:00am-12:00 noon
Phone: (02) 4647 0425.

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Organisation Links

Camden Community Connections

Manager

The Manager oversees the day to day running of CCC, as well as helping the organisation grow in order to meet the changing demands of the population.

Community Development Worker

The Community Development Worker seeks to contribute to the relief of the disadvantaged and promote the well-being of individuals, groups and communities. Programs and services are developed for people of all ages and circumstances, particularly the relief of distress, suffering, misfortune and helplessness in the Camden LGA.

Family Worker

The Family Worker facilitates the recreational, educational and developmental needs of children through services, programs and activities, and by providing information and referrals that promote community capacity, increase resilience and improve safety in the community.

Youth Worker

The Youth Worker aims to ensure that young people aged 12-18, and/or their families know about available services and resources, that young people remain connected with education, employment opportunities and their families.

Phone: 02 4626 2007, **Fax:** 02 4626 2009.

Address: 19 Queen Street, Narellan New South Wales, 2567.

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Wollondilly Playgroup Locations:

Community Playgroups

1.) Tahmoor Baptist Playgroup

We are a member of the NSW Playgroup Association running a playgroup for pre-school aged children and their parents and carers. Fees: Yes. **Phone: 1800 171 882** and **Email: admin@playgroupnsw.com.au**.

Address: Corner of Remembrance Drive and Thirlmere Way Drive, Tahmoor New South Wales, 2573.

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2.) The Hub Child & Family Centre

Two Saturday morning playgroups, both from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. located at:
At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 10 McFarland Court, Picton and Massassaga
Rednersville School, 1115 County Road #3, RR#1, Belleville – PLEASE NOTE: This playgroup has been CANCELLED until further notice as of March 18th, 2015. If interested in attending a playgroup at this location in the future though, please let us know. We would be more than willing to open it again if the numbers warrant it.

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3.) "Busy Feet" at Queen Elizabeth School (auditorium) – Please note: This playgroup is cancelled for July & August, Thursdays, 5:00-7:00pm

This playgroup focuses on children between the ages of 2-6 years old attending with parents/grandparents/caregivers, etc. It's an active playgroup featuring physical play, i.e. plasma cars, floor hockey, parachute play, balls, cooperative games and more. Snack and story time are offered at the end.

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4.) Orangeville More Play

Playgroup for children 0 - 5 years old and their carers. **Service Hours:** 10:00am Thursday,
Fees: Yes, phone: 1300 887 674 or email: admin@playgroupnsw.com.au. Address: Church,
Cnr Silverdale Road and Werri Street, Orangeville New South Wales 2570.

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Supported Playgroups

1.) Tahmoor Supported Playgroup

The Tahmoor supported playgroup provides parents and carers with support from the Child and Family Worker on topics such as child development, parenting strategies and other parenting issues. The group is friendly and welcoming to new parents and for families with children aged 0-8.

Time: Thursdays during school terms 9.30am -11.30am Tahmoor Community Centre, **Phone** Vida on 4683 2776 for more information.

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Halls for hire

1.) Silverdale Progress Hall

Silverdale Progress Association aims to provide a suitable location for meetings, private functions, playgroups, youth groups, etc. The Hall has toilets, stove, fridge, some plates and cutlery, tables and chairs and an urn. Seats approx. 50 plus people. Office Hours: Private residence **7 days** 10:00am - 6:00pm **Service Hours:** 7:00am - 12:00pm - Monday - Sunday
Cost of Service - Based on required needs. Phone: 0247741273 or email neighbourhood@wsnc.org.au. Address: 1984 Silverdale Road, Silverdale New South Wales, 2752.

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5.) Bargo CWA Hall

Do you need somewhere to hold meetings or run small groups? The refurbished Bargo CWA Hall is now available featuring a new kitchen new carpet. The Hall can be used for playgroups, Chamber of Commerce meetings, craft groups, small dance groups etc. Reasonable hire rates, contact CLW for a Hall Hire information package. Fees: Yes, Phone: **(02) 46832776** and fax **(02) 46832778**, Email: janet@communitylinks.org.au. Address: 1 Noongah Street, Bargo New South Wales 2574.

Wingecarribee Playgroup Locations:

Community Playgroups

1.) Bowral MyTime

MyTime groups provide local support for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for a young child under school age with a disability or chronic medical condition.

Bridges for Learning 25 Thompson Street BOWRAL NSW 2576 Phone: **1800 171 882**. **Day:** Monday, **Time:** 9:30am, **Type:** Developmental/Disabilities.

2.) Bowral PlayConnect

PlayConnect Playgroups are for children aged 0-6 yrs with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or ASD like Characteristics. Your child does not need an ASD diagnosis to attend. Please call **1800 171 882**.

Bridges for Learning 25 Thompson St BOWRAL NSW 2576. **Day:** Thursday, **Time:** 12:30pm, **Type:** Developmental/Disabilities.

3.) Bowral Town

East Bowral Community Centre. Cnr Boardman Road & Emily Circuit BOWRAL NSW 2576.

Day: Friday & Monday, **Time:** 9:30am, **Type:** general.

4.) Bowral/Burradoo

Berrima Pony Club Hall Moss Vale Road BURRADOO NSW 2576. Please call 0488 460

555. **Day:** Tuesday, **Time:** 9:30am, **Type:** general.

5.) Hill Top

Memorial Hall Wilson Street HILLTOP NSW 2575. **Day:** Wednesday, **Time:** 10am, **Type:**

general.

6.) Yerrinbool

Yerrinbool Community Centre Cnr Sunrise & Everest Street YERRINBOOL NSW 2575

Phone: 4883 9395. **Day:** Thursday, **Time:** 10am, **Type:** General.

Supported Playgroups

1.) Springwater Tots Aboriginal Supported Playgroup

Time and days are 10:00-12:00 noon MONDAYS 1st February to 30th March. Please ring Kelly to book in 4862 1777.

Address: Family Support 2 Holmhale St. Bowral (Cr Bowral St) unless otherwise stated.

2.) Homestart Wingecarribee run a supported playgroup

Home Start Wingecarribee works in partnership with the Mossvale Tafe's Early Childhood Department to provide a Supported Playgroup for children 5 years and under each **Tuesday**

morning during school terms. Home-Start celebrates family life with social activities such as picnics in the park, Christmas Parties and other informal get-togethers.

Coordinator: Catherine Goyen. Address: 37 Regent St, Mittagong NSW 2575 phone: **(02) 4871 3995**, P O Box 2271, Bowral NSW 2576, Fax: **(02) 4872 1185**, email: **bowral@homestartaustralia.org**, Mobile: **0411 759100**.

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3.) PlayConnect Playgroups

The PlayConnect Playgroups are facilitated playgroups run specifically for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or ASD like symptoms aged 0-6 years. The Playgroups adopt a framework that fosters best practice while responding to the specific needs of children with ASD and their families.

PlayConnect Playgroups also provide support to parents who are not able to access other ASD specific services as they are waiting on a diagnosis, or do not fully meet the criteria for diagnosis. Siblings of children with ASD are also welcome to attend PlayConnect Playgroups.

Our local PlayConnect Playgroup is run **weekly on Tuesday's from 12:30pm until 2:00pm At Bridges for Learning, 25 Thompson St Bowral**. The group is facilitated by Special Educator Megan Cuttriss. During the session, parents, carers and children participate in a variety of play activities and experiences. Our PlayConnect playgroup is provided to families free of charge.

For more information please phone **48614054** or Email **specialed@bridgesforlearning.org.au**

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4.) Warragamba Family Support Service

Phone: **02 4774 2245** Fax: **02 4774 2245** Email: **familysupport@wsnc.org.au**

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5.) Play & Chat Supported Playgroup

Time and days are 10.00-12.00 noon THURSDAYS 5th February to 2nd April. A playgroup providing help to develop parent's skills and insight into the role of play in children's learning

and social development. Early Childhood staff available for support and advice about your child's needs and any parenting or other concerns you may have. Please bring a hat and piece of fruit to share. Phone: **4862 1777**. Address: Family Support 2 Holmhale St. Bowral (Cr Bowral St) unless otherwise stated.

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6.) Web Links:

- <http://www.playgroupaustralia.com.au/nsw/go/find-a-playgroup>
- <http://thehubcentre.ca/saturday-playgroups>
- <http://thehubcentre.ca/ontario-early-years-centre/#playgroups>
- <http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/community-directory-3141/children-and-family-wollondilly/498155-scope-family-support>
- <http://www.gwsawards.org.au/uploads/ZEST%20Awards%202011%20Program.pdf>
- <http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/community-directory-3141/service-clubs-and-community-associations-wollondilly/497912-fingerprints-playgroup->
- <http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/community-directory-3141/service-clubs-and-community-associations-wollondilly/498194-camden-community-connections->
- <http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/community-directory-3141/children-and-family-wollondilly/497976-tahmoor-baptist-playgroup>
- <http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/community-directory-3141/service-clubs-and-community-associations-wollondilly/498279-silverdale-progress-hall>
- <http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/community-directory-3141/venues-for-hire-wollondilly/1160594-bargo-cwa-hall>
- <http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/community-directory-3141/children-and-family-wollondilly/498290-orangeville-more-play>