



## Bendigo Playgroups 2026

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, please check the Bendigo Playgroups Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bendigoplaygroups> or visit the Playgroup Victoria website at [www.playgroup.org.au/find/](http://www.playgroup.org.au/find/) This flyer can also be found online at [www.c4cbendigo.com.au/resources](http://www.c4cbendigo.com.au/resources)

### 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

**Contacts:**

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🌐 [www.baptcare.org.au/services/family-youth-and-foster-care/victorian-services/home-start-program](http://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

☎ 0498 642 909

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#### C4C-Shine Bright Supported Playgroups

See website for details.

**When:** Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, White Hills

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Elly Uren

☎ 0448 831 406

Lauren Brown

☎ 0439 545 392

🌐 [www.c4cbendigo.com.au/projects/supported-playgroups-project/](http://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

### Bendigo Dad's Playgroup

Strathdale Community Centre, 155 Crook Street, Strathdale

All welcome.

**When:** Every second Saturday, 10:00am - 11.30am, during school terms

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Bendigo Man Prams or Bendigo Dads via Facebook

📧 [www.facebook.com/groups/manprams](http://www.facebook.com/groups/manprams)

### 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](mailto:info@creekstreetchurch.com)

🌐 [www.creekstreetchurch.com.au/playgroup](http://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:** Monday, 9.00-11.00am

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Felicity Vaillard

☎ 0448 588 491

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🌐 [www.facebook.com/groups/735717962279849/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/735717962279849/)

### Elmore Kindergarten

65 Hervey Street, Elmore

All welcome. Check Facebook page for updates/activities.

**When:** Friday 9.30-11am

**Contact:** Caitlyn Curtis

☎ 0438 189 899

✉ [elmoreplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Ash Barbetti

✉ [abarbetti@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:abarbetti@sfstrathfieldsaye.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](mailto:bendigopc@gmail.com)

🌐 [bendigopc.org.au/meetings/playgroups/](http://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](mailto:jayne.dixon@fusion.org.au)

### Heathcote Playgroup

Bunbunarik, 165 High St, Heathcote

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

**When:** Wednesdays, 10am-12pm.

Please join the Heathcote Playgroup Facebook group for more information and meeting dates.

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Kirstie Yeomans

☎ (03) 4411 68

### 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

### HT Playgroup

Holy Trinity Church, 14 Keck St, Flora Hill

HT Playgroup provides a fun time for children and an opportunity for mums, dads and carers to build community and friendships. Please bring a hat, drink and morning tea.

**When:** Tuesday, 9.30-11am

**Cost:** \$15 per term

**Contact:** Cindy Bell

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### Kangaroo Flat Community House Playgroup

21 Woolcock Ave, Kangaroo Flat

At our playgroup, every moment is an opportunity to laugh, learn and connect. Come join us for colourful crafts, imaginative play, cosy reading time and joyful connection.

**When:** Monday

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Donna Parry

☎ 0448 357 452

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### Little Legends Playgroup

Eaglehawk North Primary School

A welcoming place for parents, carers and grandparents. Come along with your little one, enjoy a safe, nurturing space of play, music and musical instruments, art and craft and quiet book corner. For 0-4 years old.

**When:** Thursday, 10.00-11.30am

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Linda Nevill

☎ 0447 179 880

### 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. 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](mailto:lockwood.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

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

### Multi Birth Playgroup

Long Gully Neighbourhood House, 54/56 Derwent Drive, Long Gully

Come together, celebrate our children and our unique journeys as parents of twins, triplets (etc) and premmies.

**When:** Thursdays 1pm – 3pm

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Anika Banfield

☎ 0439 671 890

🌐 <https://site-flbxb7pob.godaddysites.com/>

🌐 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1968473816683981>

### Multicultural Playgroup

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

An enriching Multicultural Playgroup, where captivating stories and traditions from various cultures come alive.

### 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

☎ 0407 607 992

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🌐 [www.bendigochurchofchrist.org.au/church-life/](http://www.bendigochurchofchrist.org.au/church-life/)

### 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](mailto: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/](http://www.c4cbendigo.com.au/projects/parent-child-mother-goose/)

### Premmie Playgroup

Strathfieldsaye Community Hub, 42 Club Street, Strathfieldsaye

A caring community to support everyone. Providing a clean, sanitised space that ensures we meet the needs of compromised immunities often present in premature babies and children.

**When:** Tuesdays fortnightly, 9.30am-11.30am

**Cost:** \$5.00

**Contact:** Talissa Glazner

☎ 0439 671 890

✉ [premmieplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:premmieplaygroup@gmail.com)

🌐 <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579343012522&sk=photos>

**When:** Thursday, 10am-12.30pm

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Lar Ka Paw

☎ 0482 172 252

### Rainbow Playgroup at Woodlands Collection

9 Mitchell Street, Bendigo, VIC, Australia, Victoria  
0484 391 283 | [woodlandcollectionaus@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandcollectionaus@gmail.com)

A welcoming and inclusive space for LGBTQ+ Families, Caregivers of all genders, and their little ones to connect and play.

**When:** Thursday, 10.30am-12.00pm

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Felicity Vaillard

☎ 0448 588 491

✉ [fvaillard@playgroup.org.au](mailto:fvaillard@playgroup.org.au)

### Raywood Playgroup

50-52 Inglewood St, Raywood

Relaxed community run playgroup

**When:** Monday, 10-11.30am

**Cost:** N/A

**Contact:** Jemma Coates

☎ 0432 287 785

✉ [jemma3570@gmail.com](mailto:jemma3570@gmail.com)

### 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.

**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](mailto:aimee.grinter@gmail.com)

🌐 [reformingchurch.org/playgroup](http://reformingchurch.org/playgroup)

### 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

☎ 0487 912 330

✉ [chloe.hickey@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:chloe.hickey@education.vic.gov.au)

### 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

☎ 0416 365 288

✉ [agladman@sleaglehawk.catholic.edu.au](mailto:agladman@sleaglehawk.catholic.edu.au)

🌐 [www.sleaglehawk.catholic.edu.au/playgroup-at-st-liborius/](http://www.sleaglehawk.catholic.edu.au/playgroup-at-st-liborius/)

### Spring Gully Bush Playgroup

Muldoon Reserve Pump Track, Spring Gully

A relaxed, welcoming space for little adventurers and their grown ups. Join us for muddy puddles, bush exploring, and nature fun. Rain, hail, or shine – we're outside every time!

**When:** Tuesday, 9:30-11.30am

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Amanda Ninnis

☎ 0400 046 647

🌐 [www.facebook.com/groups/562649730001813/about/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/562649730001813/about/)

### Woodland Collection Storytime and Playtime

Woodland Collections, 9 Mitchell Street, Bendigo

Woodland Storytime and Playgroup from 10:30am onwards (including school holidays!). Open to all ages, free, snacks and drinks welcome.

**When:** Wednesday, 10.30am-12.00pm

**Cost:** No cost

**Contact:** Felicity Vaillard

☎ 0448 588 491

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✉ [woodlandcollectionaus@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandcollectionaus@gmail.com)

### 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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