



The CPN celebrates 10 years!

Saturday 17th September 2011

'Dreaming big in your ministry'

Guest speaker – Kaye Plowman

**Ringwood Church of Christ
13 Bedford Road, Ringwood
9.30 am–1pm**

**Network Event
and
Annual General Meeting**



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- 9.30 Registration, browsing resources and cuppa
- 9.45 Welcome
- 10.00 Celebrating 10 years, CPN award presented & AGM
- 10.25 Speaker - Kaye Plowman
- 11.00 Morning tea
- 11.30 Focus groups & networking
- 12.45 Closing session
- 1.00 Home time

About the Christian Playgroup Network

Our vision

“To encourage, support and equip Christian playgroup leaders to effectively coordinate church playgroups that demonstrate and communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ”

We do this in a number of ways:

- Promoting and advocating Christian Playgroups as part of the church outreach program
- Denominational Playgroup representatives meeting regularly as a committee to network
- Providing training events for Playgroup leaders and teams in metropolitan and rural areas
- Sharing Christian Playgroup information and resources
- Regular newsletters full of great articles and Christian Playgroup information
- Maintaining our informative and up-to-date website (www.cpn.org.au)

Our history

For many decades now, the value of Playgroups in the local community has been identified and appreciated. Hundreds of Christian Playgroups are scattered throughout Melbourne and country Victoria – 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. After much discussion and prayer, in November 2002, the Christian Playgroup Network was formally launched.

Ten years on in 2011 we thank God for the inspiration and dedication that launched the CPN and for all the playgroups and churches that have been a part of the network.

About the Guest Speaker

Kaye is the recently retired CEO of Playgroup Victoria and one of the founding members of the Christian Playgroup Network.

For more than 20 years Kaye has inspired and supported parents, voluntary committees, playgroup leaders and churches, with her tireless and creative work and enthusiasm.

She has also served with her husband in pastoring a church for 22 years, before he moved into mission work.

Kaye has written a number of books and resources for those involved in playgroup ministry, including ...

- Playgroups, Let the Children Play (1995)
- A series of four practical play booklets
- Playgroup Victoria's Playgroup Manual (first edition in 1998 and revised three times since)
- Five Star Playgroup training modules
- DVD's: How to Start a Playgroup, Play at Playgroup and Learning through Play
- Everyday Play (2011)



Today, as Kaye shares her passion and vision for ministry through playgroups, she invites each of us to engage in thinking about some important questions:

What if God really wants to move through playgroups?

What can happen if playgroups are a safe place and a place where the love of God is experienced by all those involved?

What are some of the keys to your playgroup being an outreach to your local community?

Committee report

On behalf of the Christian Playgroup Network committee, I am privileged to present our annual report for 2011. We meet as a committee at least once a term to pray, plan and organise all that happens to keep providing support, encouragement and resources for you, the members of the CPN.

In 2011 we have continued to contact churches with playgroups to encourage them to take up CPN membership. We currently have 113 members from our Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Christian Community Churches (Brethren), Churches of Christ, Assemblies of God, Salvation Army, Presbyterian, Uniting, Seventh Day Adventist and independent church communities, a significant increase from 2010 (over 25% growth). While the main value of numbers is that they represent real people and real churches, a healthy and increasing membership list also means that our finances are in a better state. This in turn gives us more capacity to serve our members and to prayerfully explore some ways of better achieving our vision.

Our vision is “to encourage, support and equip Christian playgroup leaders to effectively coordinate church playgroups that demonstrate and communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ,” and some of the ways we have tried to fulfil this have been:

- Membership focus, sending all new and renewing members a pack of resources and information to encourage them and make them aware of ways that they could take advantage of their CPN membership
- Maintaining the CPN website and keeping information up-to-date, and adding new resources
- Continuing to encourage, support and equip our members through the CPN newsletter, and also regular email updates
- Our denominational representatives have worked hard to connect with their churches that operate playgroups, so that the Christian Playgroup Network can continue to be an advocate for intentionally Christian playgroups
- We have clarified and renewed our Partnership Agreement with Playgroup Victoria, and are confident that the updated discount voucher for Playgroup Victoria membership will be a benefit for all our CPN members

We have continued to facilitate training for Playgroup leaders and their teams in both rural and metropolitan areas:

- regional events—Shepparton, Traralgon, Geelong, Wodonga, Horsham and Warragul
- metropolitan events—Playgroup Conference ‘Stories of Childhood’, BOOST at Greensborough and Frankston, and today’s event, ‘Dreaming big in your ministry’.

The CPN resources have also made an appearance at the Messy Church/Overflow events, Salvation Army Early Childhood Conference and EMBRACE, which were great opportunities to raise awareness of Christian playgroups and CPN.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their dedication and willingness to participate in regular meetings, using their skills, time and passion for playgroups as ministry. In addition they have spent many hours of their time working behind the scenes, travelling for events, presenting workshops and being the CPN presence on the resource table.

Most of all, I pay tribute to our members and all who support them in their playgroup ministries. CPN exists to encourage, equip and support those that are ministering to children and families through Playgroups and our goal is that families will experience the amazing love of God and respond in life-changing ways that will bring them into the community of their local church and ultimately into the life of the kingdom of God.

Dorothy Hughes – CPN President

Christian Playgroup Network Inc.

Treasurers Report for the Financial Year Ending June 30th 2011

This year's report reflects again the continued increase in income from memberships.

This steady increase has, after 4 years of deficits, finally achieved for us a surplus of \$825.26. This good result will be helpful in funding a reprint of Application Brochures next financial year.

Our Cash at Bank is \$3166.87

Statement of Financial Performance for Financial Year 2010/2011

Revenue

Membership		
Membership Subscripti	\$3,600.00	
Total Membership		\$3,600.00
Special Events		
Playgroup Conference	\$472.85	
Total Special Events		\$472.85
Recoveries		\$0.65
Resources Sold - Income		\$797.00
Interest Income		\$9.42

Cost of Goods Sold

Stock sold	-\$707.60	
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Total Revenue	\$4,172.32
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Expenses

Special Events		
Playgroup Conference		-\$371.78
Professional Fees		-\$701.80
Dues & Subscriptions		-\$50.00
Administration Expenses		
Stationery	-\$301.38	
Postage	-\$549.10	
Website	-\$154.00	
Newsletter Editing	-\$850.00	-\$1,854.48
Staff Expense		
Amen/Hosp	-\$314.00	
Conf/Seminars	-\$55.00	-\$369.00

Total Expenses	-\$3,347.06
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Net Surplus	\$825.26
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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2010

Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Cash at Bank	\$3,166.87	Creditors	\$0.00
Debtors	\$10.00		
Petty Cash	\$30.00		
Resources	\$696.45		
Total Assets	\$3,903.32	Total Liabilities	\$0.00

Equity

Current Surplus	\$825.26
Retained Surplus	\$3,078.06
Total Equity	\$3,903.32

CPN report prepared by:
 Jacqueline Louisa Berris (Treasurer)
 Date: 30th June 2011

**CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUPOUT NETWORK INC.
MINUTES**

8th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 6th November 2010 at Mooroolbark Baptist Church
153 Hull Road, Croydon

1. **Welcome** Dorothy Hughes – President
2. **Present**
As per attached sheet
Apologies
As per attached sheet
3. **Meeting procedures**
 - Members personally present may vote.
 - Motions are carried by simple majority.
 - Person presiding may vote with other members and if votes are equally divided may cast deciding vote.
4. **Acceptance of the minutes 2009 AGM**
Motion
That the minutes of 2009 AGM be accepted.
Moved: Robyn Bartlett **Seconded:** Fiona Malone
Carried
5. **Committee Report**
Presented by Dorothy Hughes
Motion
That the Committee's report be accepted.
Moved: Dorothy Hughes **Seconded:** Sonya Dyer
Carried
6. **Treasurer's report**
Presentation and adoption of the financial statements
Motion
That the Financial Statements be accepted.
Moved: Jacqui Berris **Seconded:** Loueen Swank
Carried
7. **General Business**
 - 7.1 **Election of office bearers**
Nominations were received for the following positions:

President	Dorothy Hughes
Vice President	Louisa Raggatt
Secretary	Ruth Kernick
Treasurer	Jacqui Berris
Elected members	Sue Nicholls
	Chris Barnett
	Roslyn Elms

Motion:
That the election of Committee be approved.
Moved: Dorothy Hughes **Seconded:** Lisa Hanger
Carried

7.2 Appointed members

Jan Bangay – Expert member
Allison Hellier – Expert member

8. Public Officer

Ruth Kernick will continue in this position.

9. Formal Meeting closed at 12.20 pm

Apologies:

Louisa Raggatt – CPN Exec
Cathy Kennedy – Wodonga Baptist
Fiona Black – Werribee Baptist
Tenille Santostefano – Yarra Plenty Christian Centre
Clare Tomasov - St John's Anglican Camberwell
Merry Sweatman –North Ringwood Uniting
Suzanne Hargrave –Caroline Springs Anglican
Miriam Schmidt – Kew Baptist
Pam Pegler – Wonthaggi Baptist
Danielle Forbes – Citylife Church
Kate Price – Warrandyte Community Church

Margaret Ruhl – St James Anglican Pakenham
Claire Dawe – Village Uniting Mt Eliza
Linda Mill – Ringwood Church of Christ
Alice Budiman – Life Church of Christ
Jane Lee – Bayswater Church of Christ
Gabrielle Hudson
Sue Hughes – Berwick Christ Church Anglican
Barbara Plumridge – St James Anglican Box Hill
Jane Churchland – Epiphany Anglican
Judy Wells – St Peter's Anglican Ocean Grove
St Barnabus Anglican Balwyn
Lyndell Nelson – Melton Christian Fellowship

Attendees :

Andrea Scott – Eltham Baptist
Beth Barnett – Baptist Union of Victoria
Brooke Eastwood – Heathmont Baptist
Carolyn Ledger – Women's Ministries Salvation Army
Chris Barnett – CPN exec
Dick Matthews – Mornington Uniting
Dorothy Hughes – CPN exec
Fiona Malone – Glen Waverley Anglican
Irene Wadsworth – Altona Christian Centre
Jan Bangay – CPN exec
Jane Rhyder – Montmorency Christian Community Church
Jacqui Berris – CPN exec
Jeanette Ullrich – Ferntree Gully Baptist
Joyce Lacey – Pascoe Vale South Uniting
Judi Turnham – Chelsea Church of Christ
Julie Hinds – St Hilary's Anglican Kew
June Banks – Kilsyth South Baptist
Kim Haby – Glen Waverley Anglican
Kim Sopar – Life Ministry Centre Lilydale
Kimberly Easton – Glen Waverley Anglican

Kylie Thorpe – Diamond Valley Baptist
Lisa Hanger – Glen Hill Christian Community Church
Loueen Swank – Donvale Presbyterian
Lucy Van Rossen – St Mark's Anglican Emerald
Mairi Grigis – Donvale Presbyterian
Melinda McLauchlan – Kilsyth South Baptist
Mellisa Keast – 'Godstart' project officer
Penny Low – St Luke's Anglican Vermont
Perlita Medina – Rowville Baptist
Robyn Bartlett – Mooroolbark Baptist
Roslyn Elms – CPN exec
Ruth Kernick – CPN exec
Sally Allchin – Women's Ministries Salvation Army
Sonya Dyer – Kilsyth South Baptist
Sue Nicholls – CPN exec
Valmai Dawson – Kilsyth South Baptist
Veronica Barclay – Beaumaris Baptist
Laura Moleta – Mooroolbark Baptist

(38 total attendees)

CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUPOUT NETWORK INC.
AGENDA – 9th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 17 September 2011 at Ringwood Churches of Christ

1. Welcome by Dorothy Hughes – CPN President

2. Present

The attendance sheet will be circulated to be signed by members

Apologies

3. Meeting procedures

- Members personally present may vote
- Motions are carried by simple majority
- Person presiding may vote with other members and if votes are equally divided may cast deciding vote

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2010 AGM

Motion

That the minutes of the 2010 AGM be accepted

5. Committee Report

Presented by Dorothy Hughes

Motion

That the Committee's report be accepted

6. Treasurer's report

Presentation and adoption of the financial statements

Motion

That the Financial Statements be accepted

7. General Business

7.1 Election of office bearers

Nominations were received for the following positions:

President	Dorothy Hughes
Vice President	Roslyn Elms
Secretary	Ruth Kernick
Treasurer	Jacqui Berris
Ordinary members	Chris Barnett, Jan Bangay, Janet Woodlock

Motion

That the nominations for the Committee be approved

8. Public Officer

Ruth Kernick will continue in this position.

9. Presentation of CPN excellence award

10. Formal Meeting closed

Meet the 2012 CPN Committee

President	Dorothy Hughes (Anglican)	9653 4275
Vice president	Roslyn Elms (Salvation Army)	0421 120 857
Secretary	Ruth Kernick (Baptist)	9873 7730
Treasurer	Jacqui Berris	5244 5118
Elected members	Jan Bangay (Christian Community Churches)	9876 4519
	Chris Barnett (Uniting Church)	9340 8806
	Janet Woodlock (Churches of Christ)	9702 1011

Notes

How did we go?

Have you attended a CPN event or AGM before? YES NO
If yes, how many times? 1 2 3 4 5+

How did you hear about the event?

Playgroup leader CPN newsletter
Denominational Representative Other _____

How much have you enjoyed participating in this year's CPN Conference?

Please circle (1 being 'Not enjoyable at all', 5 being 'Extremely enjoyable')

1 2 3 4 5

What aspect did you enjoy the most?

What aspect did you enjoy the least?

How would you rate the following?

Please circle (1 being 'Poor', 5 being 'Excellent')

Facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Overall organization	1	2	3	4	5
Catering	1	2	3	4	5
Value for money	1	2	3	4	5
Information about the CPN	1	2	3	4	5
Panel segment	1	2	3	4	5
Networking opportunity	1	2	3	4	5
Resources available	1	2	3	4	5

What is your

Name (*Optional*) _____

Age (*Please circle*) Under 30 30-45 46-60 Over 60

Denomination _____

Do you have any suggestions for future Christian Playgroup Network events?

Thank you for your comments; they will help in planning future events.