

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUPS IN DAREBIN DATABASE

Use the buttons below to find a Community Playgroup in your area.

[Alphington](#)
[3078](#)

[Bundoora](#)
[3083](#)

[Fairfield](#)
[3078](#)

[Kingsbury](#)
[3083](#)

[Northcote](#)
[3070](#)

[Preston](#)
[3072](#)

[Reservoir](#)
[3073](#)

[Thornbury](#)
[3071](#)

[Neighbouring](#)
[Playgroups](#)

[Language Specific &](#)
[Specialty Playgroups](#)

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au
Community Playgroups and Playgroups webpage www.darebin.vic.gov.au/playgroups Last updated: 4 September 2023

ALPHINGTON

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Details	Day & Time
MyTime Peer Support Playgroup Free. For anyone with young children who needs extra support. Run by a qualified social worker and childcare assistant.	Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington	9499 7227 info@alphington.org.au	Tuesday during school terms 10.00am to 12.00pm
Japanese Playgroup Combination of free play and structured time for groups aged 2-3 year olds, and 3.5-5 year olds.	Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington	Maimi maimiclass@gmail.com	Monday and Thursday 10.00am – 1.30pm
Playtime in the Garden Playgroup Free	Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington	9499 7227 info@alphington.org.au	Wednesday 10.00am – 12.00pm

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au

 [Back to start](#)

BUNDOORA

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
Darebin Chinese Playgroup Free. (Spoken language Mandarin only).	Darebin North East Community Hub (DNECH) 35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora	8401 6700 wsun@vicsegnewfutures.org.au	Thursday 10am – 12pm
Berry Street - Music and Me Playgroup Music based facilitated playgroup. Free.	Darebin North East Community Hub (DNECH) 35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora	Emma edunstan@berrystreet.org.au	Wednesday 10am - 11am During school terms.
Concord Playgroup \$50 per term, \$40 for concession holders	9 Cameron Parade, Bundoora	Sam enrolments@concordplaygroup.org.au Website www.concordplaygroup.org.au	Monday – Friday during school terms 9.00am - 11.00am or 11.30am - 1.30pm or 2pm – 4pm

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au

 [Back to start](#)

FAIRFIELD

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
Merri Creek Anglican Playgroup	St Paul's Anglican Church 88A Station Street Fairfield	Jenny 0429 614 243 jenny@merricreek.org	Monday 10am - 11.30am During school terms.
<p>Activities provided to help children develop fine and gross motor skills. Snack time, story-telling, singing and nursery rhymes included.</p> <p>\$5 per family per session.</p>			

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au



[Back to start](#)

KINGSBURY

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
Kingsbury Kids Playgroup \$ gold coin per visit	Kingsbury Primary School 1A Maryborough Avenue, Kingsbury	Sarah 0402 335 704 Kingsbury.kids.playgroup@gmail.com	Wednesday morning during school terms 9.00am – 11.00am

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au

 [Back to start](#)

NORTHCOTE

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
<p>Merri Bush Playgroup</p> <p>Free. However families must hold Playgroup Victoria family membership</p>	<p>Multiple venues often near Merri Creek</p>	<p>https://merribushplay.wixsite.com/merribushplaygroup or see the Merri Bush Playgroup Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/MerriBushPlaygroup</p>	<p>For up to date days and times refer to the website or Facebook page.</p>
<p>All Ways Playgroup</p> <p>For families formed with adoption/ permanent care and/ or long term foster care</p>	<p>Jika Jika Community Centre Union Street, Northcote</p>	<p>Bernadette 0414 295 508 (text is best) Bernadette_t_obrien@hotmail.com</p>	<p>First Thursday of the month 10.00am</p>
<p>Jika Jika Playgroups</p> <p>Multiple sessions- please contact the centre for details.</p>	<p>Jika Jika Community Centre Union Street, Northcote</p>	<p>9482 5100 admin@jikajika.org.au www.jikajika.org.au</p>	<p>Contact the centre for current playgroups running.</p>

Northcote Tuesday AM Playgroup For ages 0-6years. Casual/Drop-in playgroup. Free.	Gumbri (Batman) Park (corner of Saint Georges Rd & Arthurton Rd), Northcote	Join the 'Northcote Tuesday AM Playgroup' Facebook group to connect with playgroup members & to keep up to date with playgroup details from week to week: https://www.facebook.com/groups/82935388127506/	Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm All year round, except public holidays
--	---	--	--

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au

 [Back to start](#)

PRESTON

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
Melbourne Polytechnic Playgroup Free	Melbourne Polytechnic 77 St Georges Road, Preston (Building F Room F136)	Karen Karenpaterson@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au	Wednesday during school terms 9.30am to 11.30am
Preston Mosque Playgroup Free.	Preston Mosque 90 Cramer Street, Preston	Rukaya (Islamic Society of Victoria) Rukaya.taleb@isv.org.au	Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm
Wonder World Play Centre Steiner Play Group	At the End of Ford Street, Preston	Jasmine gwa20094@optusnet.com.au 0474 227 049	Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm

Playgroup leader is an experienced Steiner Early Childhood educator.
Program includes rhythm, singing, story telling, shared morning tea, play time, and interaction with chicken in a loving and warm environment. \$100 per term for 1.5 to 3 years and Free to try.

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au



Back to start

RESERVOIR

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
Ichigo Japanese Playgroup \$25 per term	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Shinano ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com	Wednesday during school terms 10.00am to 12.00pm
Merri Steiner Playgroup (Facilitated by a Steiner teacher) \$200 per term	Reservoir Baptist Church 157 Purinuan Road, Reservoir	Manjari – Enrolment Officer merristeinerplaygroup@hotmail.com	Wednesday and Friday 9.30am - 11.30am (please note days may change over term depending on level of interest)
Open Playgroup Gold coin donation per visit	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Reservoir Neighbourhood House Front Office 9462 4611 admin@reservoirnh.org.au Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/	Thursday during school terms 10:00am to 12:00pm
Geckos German Community School Playgroup \$100 per term Spoken language is German- families interested in bilingual education welcome to attend	3a Carrington Road, Reservoir (Reservoir West Primary School)	Eva 0432 304 268 Principal@geckos.org.au	Saturday 10.00am to 11.30am

<p>Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) Playgroup</p> <p>Breast feeding support and play for all ages. Toddlers and siblings welcome. Families must hold ABA membership to attend.</p>	<p>Reservoir Neighbourhood House</p> <p>2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir</p>	<p>Reservoir Neighbourhood House Front office 9462 4611</p> <p>admin@reservoirnh.org.au</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/</p>	<p>Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month during school terms</p> <p>10.00am – 12.00pm</p>
<p>St Stephen's Playgroup</p>	<p>St Stephen's Catholic Primary School</p> <p>71 Whitelaw Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Laura</p> <p>9460 3566</p> <p>office@ssreservoirneast.catholic.edu.au</p>	<p>Wednesday during school terms</p> <p>2.00pm – 3.10pm</p>
<p>African Australian Playgroup</p> <p>Free</p>	<p>Blake Street Kindergarten</p> <p>109 Blake Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Fowzia</p> <p>0432 119 430</p> <p>Fowzia.Issa@darebin.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>10.00am – 12.00pm</p>
<p>St Mark's Playgroup</p> <p>\$20 per term</p>	<p>St Mark's Anglican Church</p> <p>21 Beatty Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Karen</p> <p>0481 194 123</p> <p>Hill135@optusnet.com.au</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>9.30am – 11.00am</p>
<p>Reservoir Presbyterian Church Playgroup</p> <p>\$20 per term</p>	<p>St Andrew's Presbyterian Church</p> <p>81 Edwardes Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Suzy</p> <p>0403 316 977</p> <p>Suzy.vines@icloud.com</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>9.30am – 11.00am</p>
<p>Reservoir Playgroup</p> <p>\$7.50 per family per session. Messy and sensory play. Also provides</p>	<p>Wright Street Senior Citizens Hall</p> <p>2 Wright Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Megan</p> <p>0423 855 525</p> <p>megandelaney22@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Wednesday during school terms</p> <p>10.00am – 11.30am</p>

craft activities and quiet areas. Suitable for children aged 0-6 years.

St Gabriel's Playgroup

For children aged 1-5 years.

Free

St Gabriel's Primary School
237 Spring Street, Reservoir

Laura
9469 3513
office@sgreservoir.catholic.edu.au

Thursday
2.30pm-3.15pm

Darebin Creek Playgroup

An informal playgroup where kids can have an unstructured play in nature while parents connect. Come for a chat, a cuppa and take a breath in nature.

Darebin Creek, Reservoir

Lea
0419 878 287 (sms text message)
lea_thornton@hotmail.com

Wednesday
9 30am-11 30am
One Saturday a month

Free

My Time Reservoir

A peer support group. Provides support network and advice for families with children with additional needs. Run by a qualified Kindergarten Teacher and Behaviour therapist. Free.

Reservoir Neighbourhood House
2C Cuthbert Street, Reservoir

Loan
0466 105 940
loan@mytimevic.com.au

Thursday
9.30am -11.30am

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au



Back to start

THORNBURY

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
<p>NIMBA Playgroup</p> <p>\$2 per meeting. For families with 'multiple' births (e.g. Twins, triplets). Must be a NIMBA member, however non- members are welcome to come for a trial.</p>	<p>Clyde Street Community Hall 64 Clyde St, Thornbury</p>	<p>Kelly playgroup@nimba.amba.org.au</p>	<p>Friday, fortnightly during school terms 9.30am to 11.30am</p>
<p>Friday Morning Playgroup</p> <p>\$1 per family, per meeting</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury</p>	<p>Dan dantatton@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Friday 9.30am to 11.30am</p>
<p>Nature Play Learning Bush Playgroups</p> <p>\$160 a term</p>	<p>Theobald St entrance to Darebin Creek bushland area (Fez's Wetland)</p>	<p>Victoria n8tureplaylearning@gmail.com</p>	<p>Monday 9.30am – 11.30am Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am Friday 9.30am – 11.30am</p>
<p>Darebin & Friends Rainbow Playgroup</p> <p>Darebin & Friends Rainbow Playgroup is a safe space for LGBTIQ+ and gender diverse</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre 2A Raleigh St Thornbury</p>	<p>Cathleen cathleen.zahra@outlook.com</p>	<p>Friday 12.30 to 3.00pm</p>

families only, with children aged
0-5, to play, make friends and
support one another.

[For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email \[early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au\]\(mailto:early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au\)](#)

 [Back to start](#)

Neighbouring Playgroups (Brunswick East)

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
<p>CERES Nature Playgroup</p> <p>\$200 for 8 weeks, \$160 concession. Our Early Years Educators will connect your children with nature, allow them to explore & discover the wonders of the natural world.</p>	<p>CERES Environment Park</p> <p>Corner Roberts & Stewart Streets, Brunswick East</p>	<p>Lauren/Deanne</p> <p>studentprograms@ceres.org.au</p>	<p>Monday 10.00am – 12pm</p> <p>Tuesday 10.00am – 12pm</p>
<p>Berry Street – Play and Learn Supported Playgroup</p> <p>A free facilitated playgroup, for children 0-5 years and their parents/carers. Our playgroup encourages early childhood development and child-parent attachment through a range of activities.</p>	<p>Berry Street Northern</p> <p>677 The Boulevard, Eaglemont</p>	<p>Emma</p> <p>edunstan@berrystreet.org.au</p>	<p>Monday 10am - 11:30am</p> <p>During school terms</p>

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au

 [Back to start](#)

Language Specific and Speciality Playgroups

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
Darebin Chinese Playgroup Free. (Spoken language Mandarin only).	Darebin North East Community Hub (DNECH) 35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora	8401 6700 wsun@vicsegnwffutures.org.au	Thursday 10am – 12pm
Geckos German Community School Playgroup \$100 per term. Spoken language is German- families interested in bilingual education welcome to attend	3a Carrington Road, Reservoir (Reservoir West Primary School)	Eva 0432 304 268 Principal@geckos.org.au	Saturday 10.00am to 11.30am
Ichigo Japanese Playgroup \$25 per term	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Shinano ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com	Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00pm During school terms.
NIMBA Playgroup \$2 per meeting For families with 'multiple' births (e.g. Twins, triplets).	Clyde Street Community Hall 64 Clyde St, Thornbury	Kelly playgroup@nimba.amba.org.au	Friday, fortnightly during school terms 9.30am – 11.30am

Must be a NIMBA member,
however non- members are
welcome to come for a trial.

**MyTime Peer Support
Playgroup**

Free. For anyone with young
children who needs extra
support. Run by a qualified
social worker and childcare
assistant.

Alphington Community Centre
2 Kelvin Road, Alphington

9499 7227
info@alphington.org.au

Tuesday
10.00am – 12.00pm

Japanese Playgroup

Combination of free play
and structured time for
groups aged 2-3 year olds,
and 3.5-5 year olds.

Alphington Community Centre
2 Kelvin Road, Alphington

Maimi
maimiclass@gmail.com

Monday and Thursday
10.00am – 1.30pm

African Australian Playgroup
Free

Blake Street Kindergarten
109 Blake Street, Reservoir

Fowzia
0432 119 430
Fowzia.Issa@darebin.vic.gov.au

Monday
10.00am – 12.00pm

**Australian Breastfeeding
Association (ABA)
Playgroup**

Breast feeding support and
play for all ages. Toddlers
and siblings welcome.
Families must hold ABA
membership to attend.

Reservoir Neighbourhood
House
2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir

Reservoir Neighbourhood House
Front office 9462 4611
admin@reservoirnh.org.au
[https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-
Neighbourhood-House-
456169914403744/](https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/)

Every second and fourth Tuesday
of the month during school terms
10.00am – 12.00pm

**Darebin & Friends Rainbow
Playgroup**

Thornbury Early Years
Centre
2A Raleigh St Thornbury

Cathleen
cathleen.zahra@outlook.com

Friday
12.30 to 3.00pm

Darebin & Friends Rainbow
Playgroup is a safe space for
LGBTIQA+ and gender diverse
families only, with children aged
0-5, to play, make friends and
support one another.

For more information about Playgroups in Darebin, please call the Playgroups Officer on 8470 8347 or email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au

 **Back to start**