



# NEWSLETTER

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## Staying Connected



**Private members Facebook group** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cvptlmembers/>

Stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities to help as well as any changes to the opening hours.

**Public Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/CVPToyLibrary>

Please follow this page, and like and share our posts to help spread the word about our Toy Library.



**Your member login** <https://cvptoylibrary.mibase.com.au/mem/login.php>

Don't know your login details – email the committee and ask to have these sent to you.

- *My Library* - You can view what toys you have on loan, their due date, and their full pieces list. You can also see your upcoming roster shifts.
- *Duty Roster* - You can sign up for new roster shifts .
- *Toys* - You can search our database - 'this is a work n progress'.



## Member Survey

Your new committee has been in operation for 4 months, we have made a number of changes and welcomed many new members, but we are not finished yet. We are planning to continue to grow our toy collection and to continue to improve our operating procedures over the next 12 months.



Please take a moment to let us know how we are going so far, and what you would like to see in the future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3S7QV8W>

## Events

### AUGUST BUSY BEE

Thank you to all those members who helped at the busy bee !!!!!

The event added heaps of toys to our shelves



### PLAYTIME IN THE PARK: OCTOBER 25TH



SIGN UP NOW!!

- **Free family fun day** – hosted by TOVP - face paints, animal farm, bouncy castle, games and food trucks
- **Rayment Park Lathlain** (outside the Toy Library)
- **2pm – 5pm**
- The toy library have a table at this 'secret' event, to show case the library and some toys.

The Town is only inviting people from the neighbouring streets to keep the event local. We have the opportunity to let you know about it to get some helpers for the afternoon:

**Set up:** 1pm - meet at toy library to carry toys to park

**The Event:** 2pm-3.30pm or 3.30-5.00pm – help Sarah and Evelyn supervise activities and promote the library.

**Pack up:** 5pm to carry toys back to the toy library

This is one of the loveliest ways to fulfill your membership requirements of attending two events per year (preferably stocktake plus one other) so sign up quick to secure your spot!!



CVPTL member page



[cvptoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:cvptoylibrary@gmail.com)



Sign-up sheet at the toy library

### STOCK TAKE WORKING BEE: NOV 28-30TH



SAVE THE DATE!!

A stock take has not been undertaken in several years and this is an important step in our plans to refresh and grow our collection and service a larger community. It is a mammoth undertaking and we do require everyone to chip in. There will be morning and afternoon shifts on Saturday and Sunday as well as an evening shift on the Monday, so put this date in your diary right away and if need be you can send your brother or your mother in law in your place – I'm sure they will have a great time and enjoy the free coffee and baked goods.

**Last borrow date: Saturday November 7th**

**Toys must be returned: Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>,**

## Committee Positions

### MARKETING AND EVENTS MANAGER: SARAH MITCHELL



First and foremost, she is a mum of 2 girls... and a grandmother to a beautiful little boy. She and hubby Emigrated to Australia 11 years ago and married Gary 4 years ago.

Her day job requires her to work for the Dept of Communities (social work/child protection/adoptions) for the past 7 years and worked in the children/youth sector before that.

Being an 'older', 2nd time round mother and new grandmother, her spare time is mostly taken up all things babies and children.

However, when time permits, she loves paddle boarding, diving, and supporting Gary with his Lambretta scooter interests!

She is a keen community advocate participating in the Carlisle neighbourhood team and excited to have taken up the opportunity as toy library Marketing Manager.

Thank you, Sarah, your energy is greatly appreciated.

### SECRETARY: JEANNE EDMANDS



I'm a Mum to an adventurous & inquisitive little boy and we love spending lots of time in the garden and out in nature. My husband and I have lived and worked in the area for over 5 years, we have always enjoyed the Vic Park area and now that our family has grown we are experiencing the family activities and aspects of the Vic Park area.

We recently joined the toy library, it's been wonderful regularly exchanging toys and having the variety of toys available at the CVPTL to accommodate our son's developing and changing interests & skills. As a family, we also love the idea that we don't have so many toys just collecting dust, but that we enjoy the toys we choose and the sharing

aspect of it as well.

We enjoy "community", and hope that volunteering and contributing to the toy library will help to ensure that it will be around to benefit many more families for years to come.

### TREASURER: POSITION OPEN

We are still looking for a member to join our executive team as Treasurer. As treasurer you are not required to volunteer large chunks of your time at events or during opening hours (of course you may), but instead you are asked to keep a regular eye on our banking transactions and to log these in a spreadsheet of expenses and takings. We hope that you are someone who values the Toy Library, wants to see it grow, and is keen to join in the decision-making processes at committee meetings. We hope also that you are willing to see the role through for a couple of years for the sake of continuity, and to reduce the hassle of changing the details of our executive team with our bank and other places of registration. This is absolutely a job that you can take on while working and raising a family if you simply set aside an hour a week to look into our online banking and log what you see.

## Opening Hours

### CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



The duration of our Christmas closure will depend on volunteer availability; we are hoping to close only for a fairly short period only. Check fb group and email notifications closer to the time.

### 2021 PARTNERSHIP WITH CANNINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE (CCESC)

We are excited to report that we are arranging to work together with Cannington Community Education Support Centre to provide voluntary work placement opportunities for their students in 2021. This will be set on a set day each week in 2021.

To have your say about which weekday morning we will be opening in 2021, be sure to complete the member survey below!

## Shelving Update

Our new long span shelving has been ordered and paid for with money that we were awarded as part of the Town of Vic Park's COVID recovery grants.



Men Shed Support with shelving install....!!

Vic Park Mens' Shed has offered to help with the relocation of our current shelving and the installation of the new stuff!

(Disclaimer: Details still to be worked out with the wonderful Men's Shed)

## New Toys

### RECENTLY PURCHASED

To kick off our collection refresh and expansion we purchased some fresh new items unlike anything we already have in our library:

Over & Under Foam Play Set:



Montessori Wobble Board:



Pickler set & arch:



These items were purchased with funds from money that we were awarded as part of the Town of Vic Park's COVID recovery grants.

### WISH LIST

We will continue to purchase new and different toys, as well as replacing old and worn favourites over the course of 2021. Please have your say about what you want.....!!!!

Contact: by shout out at the library, via FB, Email, or in the above survey.

## Tips and Tricks

### **ROSTER TIPS**

- Standard and concession members are expected to sign up for at least 4 shifts per year (super fun and kids can come along).
- When signing up online, unless you're confident on opening/closing the toy library, don't choose the "coordinator" role.
- Detailed instructions are included as a pdf attachment in this email, and a link will be included in your automatic reminder email.
- All members (except casual members) are expected to take part in two events each year.

### **BORROWING TIPS**

- Choose age appropriate toys to ensure no harm comes to you child and no damage is done to our toys through improper use.
- Make sure to check if there is an accessory bag with your item when you are at the checkout.
- Count pieces & check against email receipt before playing - if there are missing pieces that are not yet listed then email the committee immediately so that you are not fined for these missing pieces.
- If toys do get lost or damaged, or are returned late, please pay your fines with a sense of pride – this is part of our fundraising process
- Please remember to clean your toys before returning them, and if in the process you notice the labelling is coming off – grab a permanent marker and remark them yourself as a service to the Toy Library, or alert the member on duty to the fact that some pieces need remarking.