



## From all of us - Merry Christmas!

On behalf of the Board, Kieran, Renaee, Karen, Gavin and myself, we would like to thank you for your ongoing contribution towards the promotion of play during 2020.

It has been a difficult year coloured by bushfires and the pandemic, however there has also been significant opportunity to grow the play conversation in Australia and to help our communities connect and play through trying times.

When I reflect on 2020, Play Australia continues to grow at a rapid rate and we celebrate many highlights that I am proud of - including:

- launching our 5 year strategic plan
- redeveloping our <u>Membership Packages</u> to bring stronger benefits to our Members nationally (launching next week)
- continuing to build the <u>1000 Play Streets</u> movement in WA, SA, QLD and VIC
- redeveloping our <u>Playground Finder platform</u> for launch in 2021
- creating a new Online Learning Series for launch in Feb 2021
- establishing a new Play Australia Branch in NSW
- redeveloping our website and approach to regular information sharing via our fortnightly eNews and social media channels

It's certainly been a big year and we look forward to reconnecting with you in 2021 to continue to promote the value of play and support all Australians to play every day.

Stay tuned for our new <u>Online Learning Series</u> commencing on Thursday 25 February 2021 – it will be a great chance for us to stay better connected more regularly!

We wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Best Wishes
Barb Champion
Executive Director - Play Australia