

TEA TREE GULLY TOY LIBRARY

# Newsletter Term 1, 2017

## THANKYOU ALL ROUND!

The year feels like it's off to a flying start, we are in February already and the kids are back at school. New Year's resolutions have been kept or broken and it feels like a New Year in the Toy Library. Welcome to those members that have just joined, we hope you enjoy the toy experiences you have. To those members that have been with us a while now, it's nice to see you again for another year.

We hope everyone had a wonderful break? The Toy Library did close, as many of you noticed. This gives the staff and volunteers time to catch their breath before the next year starts. It also gave us time to do a stock take and wash a puppet or two.....

As a part of many people's Christmas cleanouts we were given quite a few donations this year. We are thankful to those who have delivered these to us. We always accept good quality donations. Lyn has spent many hours cataloguing both the donations and some of the new toys over the holidays. There are still quite a few new toys to come, so keep your eyes

out for them. In the meantime, feel free to drop any donations into the toy library, as they are always welcome.

We would like to say a big thank you to all those people who helped make our Bunnings BBQ on the 4th December a success. A special thank you to our committee member Emma, who despite the steamy weather was at the BBQ all day. Her organizational skills also helped make it run according to plan. Well done!

On some of our toys you will notice a "I love my Toy Library" sticker. These were placed on some toys last year as a new project called "Lonely Hearts



Toys" as an initiative to encourage people to borrow certain toys that often get overlooked.

Look out for these stickers on toys, it means you can take these toys as an extra toy. Have a look around and give these games a go!

The year looks like a busy one. If you have anything that you would like to see incorporated into the Toy Library, please see Lyn or Louise. We hope that you learn and discover, socialize and most of all have fun in the Toy Library this year.



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### School Holiday Closure

The Toy Library will be closed from Thursday April 12th at 3pm and will re open Tuesday May 2nd at 10am

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Rotary Club GOLDEN GROVE

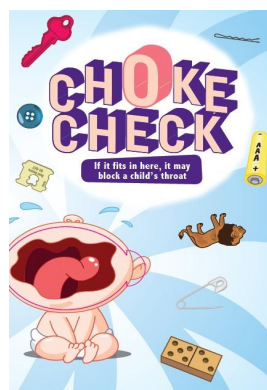
[www.goldengrove.rotaryaustralia.org](http://www.goldengrove.rotaryaustralia.org)

## PLAY IT SAFE

As parents we do our best to provide the safest environment for our children. We are told from before their births to buy this or that product to enable their protection. As soon as they are able to crawl or move about this becomes more of a challenge. A new device that can be downloaded and assembled easily may be the answer to what is a hazard in many homes - choking. The Choke Check cylinder imitates a child's throat up to the

age of 3 years. Although it is only a guide, it demonstrates what items could get stuck in your child's throat - these are many and varied and children see them from a different level to adults.

To get information or to download a copy of the Choke Check cylinder, visit either [www.productsafety.gov.au](http://www.productsafety.gov.au) or [www.recalls.gov.au](http://www.recalls.gov.au)



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# LET'S LEARN ABOUT LIZ !

**How long have you worked in the toy library?** - I have worked in the toy library for 15 months, I started in November 2015.

**What is your favourite toy in the toy library?** - Although I haven't played it yet, "The Logo Game", looks like a fun game to involve the whole family.

**Top toy library tip?** - My top tip would be, the afternoons are the best time to come to the toy library if you want to enjoy a quieter more relaxed time choosing and playing with the toys.

**What was your favourite toy when you were a child?** - When I was a child I really enjoyed playing with dolls, especially my "Cindy" doll, which was like a "Barbie" doll.

**Favourite pastime?** - My favourite pastimes include reading and spending time with my grandchildren.

**What are your roles and responsibilities in the toy library?** - I help check the toys upon return and clean before they go back on the shelf.

Use the computer to loan and return toys. Speak to prospective new members giving them all the details that surround a membership with us. Create contents lists and labels, engraving barcodes, covering boxes and the like.

**Why do you enjoy working in the toy library?** - It's a fun environment and I like to think I am helpful to others who come in, be it parents with children or fellow workers. It's always a pleasant atmosphere to work in. I like seeing happy children.

**What has changed in the toy library during your time?** - I haven't been here long enough to see any major changes.

**What AFL team do you support?** -I support the Adelaide Crows. I attend just about all home games and maybe 1 interstate game per season.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?** - When I was younger I always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher. I didn't become one, I did become a secretary instead.

**What one word would you use to describe yourself?** - Affable!



## AGES AND STAGES

### 6 months +

**Baby may be reaching and grasping toys, dropping and recovering toys and transferring toys from one hand to the other.**

#### Suggested toys:

- cause and effect toys
- rattles and rainmakers
- different textures/soft toys
- toys with music
- play gyms
- plastic mirrors





# HITTING THE HIGH NOTES

Singing and music plays a part in most cultures. It's embedded in our lives whether it be in the radio we listen to or T.V we watch, the celebrations we have or in some cases the church, government or military ceremonies that we are involved in. There are many benefits of music for the development of children, these include "intellectual, social and emotional, motor, language and overall literacy".

## Music Promotes Brain Power

From the many studies that have been carried out in this field, there is a big link between music and higher academic achievement. The brain is stimulated by music, which increases ability in language, mathematics and intelligence.

## Music Encourages Memory

Participating in music from an early age will promote the growth of brain development and memory.

## Music Improves Social Skills

Music is something that can be appreciated alone. However, it can be used as a social tool to introduce a shy child into a group. In a group, children learn to take turns and there is often a leader in a band situation. There are many social skills to learn when playing music.



## Music Develops Confidence

When a child learns music, they often have to perform. Getting up to do that takes confidence, it takes time...often many years. Learning an instrument to the best of their ability so they can stand up takes time. Music helps build that confidence...so they can say I did that!

## Music Increases Patience

Music is good for teaching patience in a world where everything is now, now, now. Children in a group, have to wait their turn with their instrument, or the music would sound awful. Taking turns is one of life's great lessons.

## Music Promotes Culture

Music is a way of handing down culture through different songs, music, and dance.



## Music Supports Constant Learning and Discipline

Like many things, if you want to get better you have to keep practicing and that requires learning and reaching out. Making learning fun and if a child enjoys music this desire to learn isn't as difficult.

## Music Assists Expression and Creativity

Music is a great way to express feelings. It can be good for the person creating it or

for the person listening to it. It can be used in different age groups to produce different affects ie sleepy music to put a toddler to sleep, "Wiggles" music at activity time.



In the Toy Library we have a variety of different musical toys to choose from. They are found in our music section, (just ask if you need directions). The best way to discover what your child enjoys is to experiment, so borrow something new next time you are in.

Below are some of the websites I found interesting, when reading about music:-

[Http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/814331/10-reasons-why-your-child-should-play-a-musical-instrument-1](http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/814331/10-reasons-why-your-child-should-play-a-musical-instrument-1)

[Http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/e-family-news/2010-music-and-children-rhythm-meets-child-development](http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/e-family-news/2010-music-and-children-rhythm-meets-child-development)

[Http://www.parents.com/kids/development/intellectual/benefits-of-music-lessons/](http://www.parents.com/kids/development/intellectual/benefits-of-music-lessons/)



## VA BENE!



Welcome to our newest toys the "Italtrike" "Ladybug" and "California Dreams (Combivan)". These strong Italian ride-ons are a fun new addition to our collection. Apart from their exciting exterior, they will encourage children 1-3 years to be mobile. They are multidirectional, making them very versatile for indoor use. Look out for them next time you are in the toy library.

