GRP Ministry
and Role Descriptions

Playgroup

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| Ministry | Playgroup |
| Vision / Purpose | Playgroups serve as a relational way to engage with young families in the local community, many of whom may not yet be connected to the church. Beyond offering a safe pace for parents, carers and children to gather, playgroups creates an avenue for ongoing connection and spiritual influence, fostering a welcoming environment for people of all backgrounds. A playgroup can become a vital support network for parents/carers and their children. |
| Operating days and times | Tuesday (during school term)9:30am-11:30am |
| Operating Site | Local Uniting Church congregation NSW/ACT |
| Target participants | Children under school age (0-5) and their parent and/or carers |
| Brief description of the ministry activities | Families can expect a warm, welcoming and relaxing environment where young children and their parents/carers can come together and engage in a variety of fun, age-appropriate activities. You may expect an informal check in process, followed by free play time, arts & crafts time, story-time and BYO morning tea. |

ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

Volunteer Team Member

* Must hold a current WWCC and have been inducted into GRP volunteer ministry
* Team members wear a name badge to be easily identifiable
* Arrives onsite at 9:00am to help with set up; remains onsite until pack up (unless there are personal circumstances)
* Supports / facilitates conversation and connection between families; actively seeks those who may seem isolated to know they are welcome to join; provides pastoral care where appropriate and refers to the team leader if families require more considered support.
* Flexible to fulfil different roles where needed; welcomer, check-in names, morning tea etc
* Helps children to feel welcome and supports their play
* Can help with leading different special activities like story time, easter egg hunt etc
* Supports the team leader to identify hazards that may arise
* Help with pack up at the end of the Playgroup session

Team Leader

Further to the above role:

* Ensures the equipment and crafts are set up
* Clear communication with Playgroup families
* Offers pastoral care to Playgroup families and volunteers
* Ensures each team member is aware of their roles
* Supports, encourages, and guides the team
* Works with the team to set clear vision and expand the ministry where appropriate
* Provides pastoral care to the team and participants where appropriate
* Provides reporting to the church/church council on the ministry

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