



What is **Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week**?

Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week is Playgroup WA's annual celebration of the important role seniors play in our families and communities.

What are the key messages for **Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week 2016**?

Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week is a time to celebrate with your family, make contact with your extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life. Let's take the time to reflect on the critical role that seniors play in teaching, supporting and nurturing children, especially as they grow.

What sort of events are held during **Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week**?

Each year, more playgroups are taking part in Playgroup WA's **Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week** – the State's annual celebration of the vital role of seniors in our families and communities. In

Participating playgroups can undertake a wide range of promotional activities including:

- * breakfast gatherings, morning teas, barbeques & sausage sizzles
- * playgroup visits
- * family picnics
- * photo competitions, artwork displays & drawing competitions
- * seminars and workshops
- * story-telling events
- * services displays, and
- * movie nights

How can I get involved in **Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week**?

There are two main ways to get involved.

First, ask your playgroup committee if you can arrange an event and register it with Playgroup WA. If you wish, you can contact us by telephone **1800 171 882** or email **hotline@playgroupwa.com.au** for further information.

Second, you can use **Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week** to celebrate within your family. You could, for example, take an extra 15 minutes a day to talk, listen and connect within your family and talk about the important role seniors play in your family's life.

Maybe talk as a family about things that make your family strong and things that can be worked on. Other ideas are: have a family movie marathon and invite a grandparent along or contact older family relatives you have not heard from for a while.

Who runs **Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week and how did it start?**

Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week is run by Playgroup WA to promote the important role seniors play in our families and communities. It aims to remind families and their young children about the vital role seniors play in our lives and encourages us to welcome older generations at playgroup! The promotional week was introduced in 2010 as part of Playgroup WA's Intergenerational Playgroup program and has become an important addition to the organisation's annual calendar.

What is an **Intergenerational Playgroup?**

Playgroup WA's Intergenerational Playgroup Program provides seniors and families with young children with the opportunity to interact through play in a range of settings.

Intergenerational Playgroups come in different guises. Some are regular playgroups with grandparents who bring their grandchildren while spending time with them. Then there are other, more specific groups, such as those within nursing homes.

So why join an **Intergenerational Playgroup?**

Modern families are more mobile than ever before with many living far away from extended family who may be interstate, overseas or in a regional area. This has left many families and seniors isolated with little contact between the generations. Intergenerational playgroups create safe and friendly opportunities for contact that may not otherwise exist.

Who funds the **Intergenerational Playgroup Program?**

Playgroup WA's Intergenerational Playgroup Program is funded through the Department of Local Government and Communities and aims to bridge the gap and foster understanding and respect between generations.

Playgroup WA has been supporting intergenerational play opportunities across the state for more than 10 years.

More information about the program can be found online at:

<http://playgroupwa.com.au/funded-programs/intergenerational-activities-service/> or by contacting Playgroup WA on 1800 171 882.

Playgroup WA is able to provide free promotional products such as posters, balloons, stickers, notepads and postcards, to assist you in celebrating your event. Please remember to register so we know you are holding an event.

How can I get more information?

You can obtain more information by emailing us via hotline@playgroupwa.com.au, or telephoning Alicia Harlow, Playgroup WA Development Officer and **Bring a Grandparent to Playgroup Week** Co-Ordinator on 1800 171 882.