



Medowie PlayConnect
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PlayConnect Playgroups are designed to help you as parents connect with other parents, find information about resources and services available for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and help your children interact in a structured and safe environment.

At Medowie PlayConnect we hope to:

- ✚ Provide a routine, safe and structured place for you and your child to relax, play and connect with others.
- ✚ Provide a place where you can come without fear of being judged if your child shows difficult behaviour.
- ✚ Help you find answers to any questions you have about Autism, strategies to support your child and Autism support services in your community.
- ✚ Connect you with people who have common interests and experiences so that you feel supported.
- ✚ Provide an environment where we can all share practical strategies and resources to help each other.
- ✚ Help you and your child make the transition to early intervention, inclusive pre-school and/or school settings.



Medowie PlayConnect Playgroup Meetings

Each meeting will last for about **2 hours**. You are welcome to come and go as you please.

On arrival you will be asked to sign in. We are hoping to do this using a **photo board** to help children adjust to new faces. For this reason we ask that you provide separate photos of yourself and your children, or allow us to take a photo of you and your child.

The activities will include craft, construction and active play. Depending on the development and interests of the children, we will also have music and story-time.

We also hope to have a range of information resources available for you as parents, as well as inviting professionals in the field of Autism to come and share strategies and resources with you. We also hope to share morning tea with you.

To help us provide you with the information, experiences and support that you need, please complete the **Tell Us About Yourself** and **Tell Us About Your Child forms**.