

Toy Libraries



AUSTRALIA

2021

Annual Report





vision

All communities can access a quality toy library

purpose

To support a growing community of Australian not-for-profit toy libraries, encouraging families to pay



what is a toy library?

A toy library enables parents and caregivers to borrow a large variety of educational toys, games, and puzzles in a process similar to that of a book library. These toys suit children from birth to primary school and beyond.

Our members operate in a variety of formats and in settings that reflect the needs and capacities of their local communities. Toy libraries are generally situated within premises shared with other community services, with some operating full time and others a few hours a week.

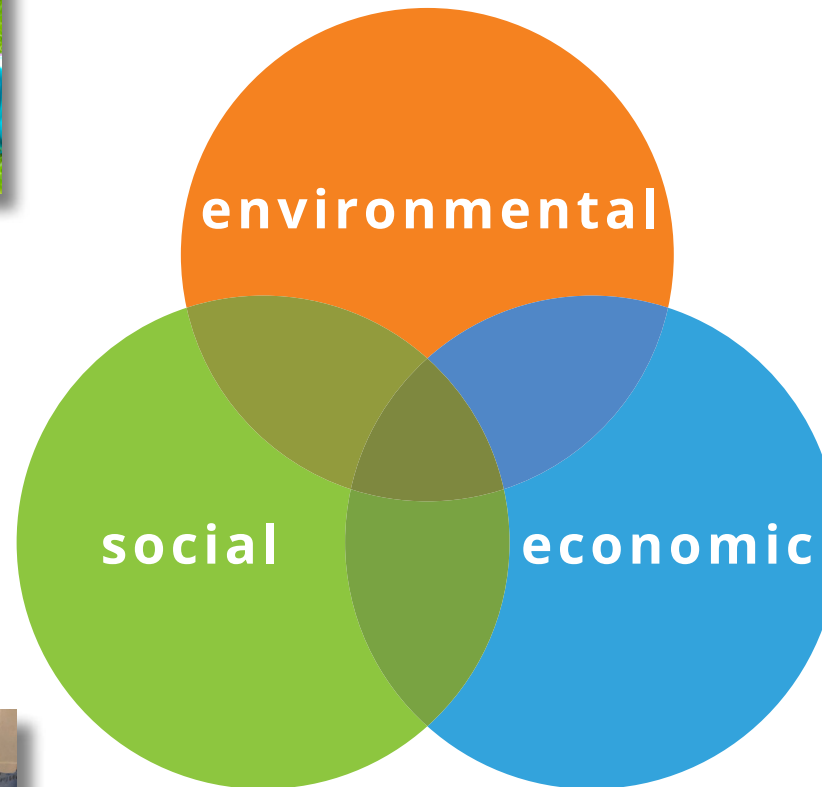
Toy libraries range from small (catering to as few as 20 families in rural towns) - to large (supporting over 500 families). Some toy libraries have part-time paid staff, but all rely on the assistance of a team of volunteers to operate; over 14,000 volunteers support toy libraries each year in Australia.

Toy libraries are generally operationally self-funding through membership fees, fundraising and corporate sponsorships; although limited grants from philanthropic sources and local government funding enable toy libraries to extend their toy collections. Toy libraries do not currently receive any ongoing funding from either state or federal governments.





- Circular and sustainable consumption
- Quality durable toys – greater lifetime play value
- Toy repair and reuse of parts



- Child development
- Families playing together
- Inclusive community
- Support networks for families
- Shared consumption

- Accessible to all regardless of financial circumstances
- Value for money
- Investment in early childhood
- Volunteering creates pathways to work



benefits of toy libraries



Member support

Increased the one-on-one support, training and networking available to members, including support to rebuild and reopen after Covid

Toy Well leadership

Took over the national management of the Toy Well program, establishing toy libraries in school-based community hubs in areas with high migrant and refugee communities

Toy Community

Made access to wholesale toy buying quicker and cheaper for members

Public profile

Built the profile of toy libraries with politicians, the media and the general public



2021-22 highlights

Member support



2021-22 highlights



Toy Well establishes a small free toy lending service in school-based community hubs, with a particular focus on migrants, refugees and families experiencing hardship.



Current Toy Well sites

- Northern Bay (Geelong)
- Dallas Brookes (Hume)
- Dandenong PS
- Doveton PS (Dandenong)

Opening 2022

- Truganina South (Wyndham)
- Davis Creek (Wyndham)
- St Dominics (Hume)
- Broadmeadows Valley (Hume)



50 years of toy libraries



Noah's Ark Toy Library for Handicapped Children opened in Melbourne in November 1971.

It had available for loan for a small charge a wide range of high-quality toys and also some articles of larger equipment. Certain parts of the equipment were recommended by professional people while other parts of the equipment were specially commissioned and constructed for use by the toy library.

Annetine Forrell who established the toy library was awarded a medal of the Order of Australia in 1983 for services to the disabled.



Member subsidies

Member services subsidised by over \$30,000 from a Facebook grant and Covid support payments

Auspicing

A New South Wales toy library used Toy Libraries Australia's DGR status to secure a \$40,000 grant to refurbish their venue

WA election commitments

Supported by Toy Libraries Australia, 12 Western Australia toy libraries secured \$150,000 in grants as part of the 2021 election

Toy Well grants

\$130,000 to expand the Toy Well program into 8 new schools with large migrant and refugee communities



funding success

2021 award winners



Large Toy Library of the Year

Gosnells Toy Library

Small Toy Library of the Year

Willetton Toy Library

Thriving Toy Library Award

Mornington Toy Library

Toy Librarian of the Year

Laura McKinnon

Committee member of the Year

Pia Akerman-Lower

Community Volunteer of the Year

Kathryn Wyatt

President's Awards

Claire Kingdon

WA sub-committee

Caris Morris, Louise Bell, Annie Weller and Heidi Sorensen



TLA committee and staff

2021-22

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INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2020	2021
	\$	\$
MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE SERVICES		
Total Income	152,477	199,794
Total Expenses	(137,824)	(193,727)
Surplus/(Deficit)	14,652	6,067
TOY COMMUNITY		
Sales	134,589	72,279
Cost of Goods Sold	(117,849)	(62,497)
Gross Profit	16,741	9,782
Total Expenses	(19,703)	(12,456)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,962)	(2,674)
Interest Income	1,563	299
Consolidated Surplus/(Deficit)	13,253	3,692

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2021

	2020	2021
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets	118,189	176,085
Non-current Assets	-	-
Total Assets	118,189	176,085
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	(43,381)	(97,585)
Non-current Liabilities	-	-
Total Liabilities	(43,381)	(97,585)
EQUITY		
Current Period Earning	13,253	3,692
Retained Earning	61,555	74,808
Total Equity	74,808	78,500

2021 financials

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**Toy Libraries Australia - encouraging families to play
and learn together in a sustainable way**