

# PLANTING, PLANNING & PLAY



## Planning Outdoor Environments in Schools: A One Day Seminar

Thursday 10 November 2016  
City of Melbourne Bowls Club, Flagstaff Gardens, West Melbourne  
(a short walk from Flagstaff Station)

A forum for discussion and information, in a lovely venue and with great food:

- current research - the role and value of outdoor play at school
- practical design for play, learning, landscape and sport
- inspirational and sustainable gardening
- successful and practical tree management

### Who should attend?

School Principals, Educators,  
School Council Reps. & Parents,  
School Planners and  
Business Managers,  
Landscape Architects,  
Architects

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#### SEMINAR PROGRAM

REGISTRATION	TEA, COFFEE	8.40 - 9.00
<b>Dr Pat Love</b> <i>Educational and Children's Independent Mobility Researcher</i>	<b>A brief welcome (and MC for the day)</b> Introduction: housekeeping	9.00 - 9.10
<b>Mary Jeavons</b> <i>Director Jeavons Landscape Architects</i>	<b>The outdoors environment in schools</b> Matching outdoor spaces to learning goals and behaviours Designing the kinds of spaces that support diverse play Access and inclusion out of doors	9.10 - 10.10
<b>Dr Barbara Chancellor</b> <i>Director Outdoor Playspace Consultancy</i>	<b>The complexities of outdoor play at school</b> What children do outside and why the research shows it's important for learning	10.10 - 11.10
TEA, COFFEE, DISCUSSION		11.10-11.30
<b>Sally Jeavons</b> <i>Director @leisure planners</i>	<b>Planning and designing effectively for sport and physical activity at school</b> Practical and technical issues	11.30 - 12.30
LUNCH		12.30 - 1.15
<b>Jane Burns</b> <i>Outreach Area Manager CERES Education</i>	<b>Optimising environmental education in schools</b> Using the school grounds as an inspirational platform for environmental education	1.15 - 2.15
<b>Matthew Daniel</b> <i>Directing Partner Tree Preservation Australia</i>	<b>The science of healthy trees</b> Healthy trees and healthy soil Removing the fear of trees through knowledge	2.15 - 3.30
TEA, COFFEE, DISCUSSION		3.30 - 3.45

# PRESENTERS

## **Mary Jeavons**

*Director - Jeavons Landscape Architects*



Mary Jeavons is a Registered Landscape Architect with over 30 years' experience in landscape planning and design and the design of play spaces. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Landscape Architects.

As the director of Jeavons Landscape Architects, Mary provides leadership to a team with a core of expertise in landscape architecture applied to public settings of all kinds, and in particular to children's spaces. Her fields of interest and experience include the design of school grounds, early childhood and early intervention centres, accessible design, public parks, play spaces, play strategies for whole municipalities, children's gardens, hospitals and therapeutic environments, bike paths, and now the Melbourne Zoo

Mary is a representative on the AS Standards Committee CS5 for playground safety, and has a sophisticated understanding of the practical implications of safety standards on children's play environments. She is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars both within Australia and overseas.

## **Dr Barbara Chancellor**

*Director - Outdoor Playspace Consultancy*



Dr Barbara Chancellor is the Managing Director of Outdoor Playspace Consultancy. With more than 35 years teaching experience in early childhood, primary and higher education sectors, Barbara now draws on her academic research and industry links to provide practical support to those responsible for provision of outdoor playspaces for children.

Barbara has conducted and participated in an extensive body of scholarly research in the fields of children's play, outdoor playspace design and management in school playgrounds, early childhood settings and public open spaces. She has several ongoing research collaborations with scholars in Australia and many other parts of the world, publishing in peer reviewed academic journals and books and regularly presenting her research in international forums.

Barbara is a long standing board member of Play Australia and the International Play Association.

## **Sally Jeavons**

*Director - @leisure planners*



Sally has 30 years experience as a recreation planner and twenty years as a director of @leisure. She has held board positions on international leisure associations over many years. She has managed local government recreation departments and has worked as an employee of state government in planning, recreation and housing departments.

Sally has undertaken extensive work in market research, community engagement, open space planning methodology, facility, sports facility planning and feasibility management and design, as well access and inclusion. She has presented and published papers widely. Sally is a life member of Play Australia, and Parks and Leisure Australia. She was the recipient of the 2009 Frank Stewart Award for excellence and outstanding contribution to the field.

Sally is typically involved in all stages of the work and methodological aspects of projects as well as overall performance of each study team.

## **Jane Burns**

*Outreach Area Manager - CERES Education*



Jane has a background in education with experience in secondary school teaching, training, and curriculum writing in schools, community groups and the not-for-profit sector. Jane is passionate about designing and delivering education programs that help schools to be more sustainable and bring value to communities. In 2016 Jane was awarded the prestigious Environment Education Victoria award, The Environmental & Sustainability Educator of the Year 2015.

Jane leads the CERES Education Outreach team – delivering the ResourceSmart Schools Program, an award-winning program in over 300 schools and early childhood settings across Melbourne. Enabling teachers, educators and young people to play an important part in contributing to local climate change solutions is at the heart of this work.

## **Matthew Daniel**

*Directing Partner - Tree Preservation Australia*



With 20 years' global experience in Arboriculture, Matthew is a leading expert in the field of organic, ecological sustainable plant health care. Matthew has developed an integrated approach through training and experience to understand how to better manage urban trees including improving their health, performance, life expectancy and recovery from damage/sickness/toxic environments.

As an arborist Matthew was invited, under a USA science visa, to participate in a skill share program on Plant Health Care in Boston. He has presented at national and international forums and initiatives leading a focus on soil and plant health as an integral part of urban forestry. In addition, Matthew is a consultant in the field of soil biology and has applied this knowledge and experience to Arboriculture. He is a passionate advocate for developing urban forests based on scientific principles and thorough data collection.

Matthew is a Directing Partner of Tree Preservation Australia and is currently working collaboratively with MSU and USDA Forest Service on an international global citizen science research project into Urban Forest soil health and measuring plant function.



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