

NEIGHBOURHOOD BACKYARDS

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This Isn't Just Play. It's a Comeback Story.

**A Documentary About Reclaiming
Childhood, Rebuilding Community,
and Rediscovering the Power of Play.**



WHAT IF THE SOLUTION WAS RIGHT OUTSIDE OUR FRONT DOOR?

Across suburban Australia, children are becoming increasingly disconnected from their neighbours, communities, and opportunities for everyday outdoor play.

Neighbourhood Backyard follows an inspiring movement that is bringing children back together, transforming local spaces, and rebuilding the social fabric of communities through the simple act of play



**"What does play
do to brain
health?
Everything!"**

**Dr Geraldine Harris
Pathways to Resilience**



RECLAIMING CHILDHOOD. REBUILDING COMMUNITY. ONE NEIGHBOURHOOD AT A TIME



MORE THAN A FILM

A Movement Coming Into Focus

Neighbourhood Backyard explores the lived experiences of children, parents, educators, researchers, and community leaders who are working to create neighbourhoods where children can thrive. The documentary examines not only play, but also wellbeing, child development, social connection, belonging, and the future of our communities.

"I think we're on the verge of a really exciting chapter in Australia's history and that is reclaiming play for our children."

Robyn Monro-Miller, Play Australia

"Joomunjie Land has helped my son dramatically... the last year, I have seen him starting to come up to me and saying, 'Mum, I've got friends.'"

— Anne Marie (Parent from Joomunjie Land NBY)



"I feel welcome because it's like a happy home here."

— Kaycee, 11 - Neighbourhood Backyard Participant

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

Watch the Documentary

Experience the inspiring stories of children, families, and communities rediscovering the power of local play.

Share the Message

Help spread the vision of neighbourhoods coming back to life through connection, belonging, and play.

Host a Community Screening

Start conversations in your school, organisation, council, or community group and inspire local action.

Start Your Own Neighbourhood Backyard

Turn inspiration into action by creating opportunities for children to play where they live, every day.

Stay Connected

Visit the documentary page to watch updates, follow the journey, and learn how you can be part of this growing movement

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