



# Bricolage Design

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## WHO IS BRICOLAGE?

**Bricolage** is design practice run by sole practitioner Elizabeth Cummins. Elizabeth is a qualified landscape architect (Bachelor of Design with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hons, RMIT 2001) and teacher (Diploma of Teaching Early Childhood, Monash University 1989).

Elizabeth worked professionally with Mary Jeavons Landscape Architects designing playspaces and working on strategy reports for local government from 1997-2004. She has also worked for KLM Gerner and Elizabeth Peck Landscape Architects. From 2008-2010 Elizabeth joined the Open Space Planning Team at the City of Darebin. In 2014/15 she worked in a temporary role as a Senior Open Space Planner for the City of Moonee Valley in Melbourne.

In 2011 Elizabeth branched out to take her own creative project direction, which has become **Bricolage**. As well as Landscape Architecture, **Bricolage**, which is a sole design practice supports a number of other related forums, publications and resources.

Elizabeth is a founding coordinator of the 'Creative Cubby Project' a regional arts initiative to encourage creative play for children by building temporary cubby houses using cardboard boxes and recycled materials.

Elizabeth authored a publication for Play Australia titled 'Getting the Balance Right – A Risk/Benefit Assessment Guide for Playspaces' to encourage those involved in play to think more broadly and creatively about risk in play. This was launched in November 2015 and Elizabeth has trained and presented around Australia to councils, teachers and health professionals about risk benefit assessment in play.

Elizabeth has co-authored /edited a book titled 'How to Grow a Playspace' for Routledge, Taylor & Francis Publishers in London, UK published worldwide in April 2017. This book showcases international play projects and bring together some of the world's leading contemporary academics, designers and educators in play.

A passionate advocate for quality play spaces and the right of children to be independently mobile and able to actively explore and engage in their local environments, Elizabeth presented at the 2017 International Play Association's (IPA) Triennial Conference in Calgary, Canada in September.

## WHAT DOES BRICOLAGE DO?

**Bricolage** provides the following landscape architectural services:

- Specialist Design & Planning Advice (particularly for Children's Environments)
- Drafting of Plans (Concept, Master Plans, Planting Plans, Details etc.)
- Full Documentation & Specification Packages
- Strategy and Assessment Reports for Local Government
- Preparation of Plant Schedules (Species, quantities etc.)
- Preparation of Estimates of Probable Cost
- Site Advice
- Presentations for Community, Pre-Schools & Child Care, Schools & Local Government
- Community Engagement for Schools & Local Government



## PROFESSIONAL PROJECT WORK:

### Early Childhood & School Concept Designs:

- Girrabanya Early Years Hub Development (Ballarat City Council 2018) current
- Diamond Creek Kindergarten – Engagement and Concept Design (2018) current
- BALC Creche Outdoor Play Area (Ballarat City Council 2016-) – Design, Tender Documentation and Advisory Services During Construction current
- Beechworth Road Child Care Centre, Wodonga (Knowledge Group) – Design and Tender Documentation 2017 current
- McMahon Drive Child Care Centre, Bungendore NSW (Knowledge Group) – Design and Tender Documentation 2017 current
- Clarke Street Child Care Centre, Sunshine (Vic Roads & ARG Planning) – Design 2017
- Watton Street Children’s Centre, Werribee (Insite Architects) – Design 2017
- Selwood Drive Children’s Centre, Werribee (Insite Architects) – Design 2017
- Wilson Street Children’s Centre, Ararat – Design 2016
- Aspendale Gardens Community Centre – Bluegum Pre-School – Documentation & CA (2016 with Leaf Design Studio)
- City of Ballarat Childrens Services Centres – Advisory Services During Construction at Buninyong, Occasional Care and Wendouree Centres (Ballarat City Council, 2016)
- Eureka Street Child Care Centre, Ballarat – Concept Development Planning (2016)
- Occasional Care – Concept Development Planning (Ballarat City Council 2015)
- Wendouree CC (Babies Area) – Concept Development Planning (Ballarat City Council 2015)
- Buninyong CC (Community Space) – Concept Development Planning (Ballarat City Council 2015)
- Home Road Kindergarten, Newport (2015)
- Aspendale Gardens Community Centre & Pre-Schools – Masterplan, Design Development and Mini-Documentation (2013-15)
- Advisory Services to Bakery Hill Kindergarten, Ballarat (ECKA 2014)
- Wendouree Children’s Centre – Sketch Concept (Ballarat City Council 2013/14) in partnership with Flemings Nurseries
- Occasional Care Children’s Centre – Sketch Concept (Ballarat City Council 2013/14)
- Avoca Family & Children’s Centre (Pyrenees Shire Council 2013)
- Advisory Services to the Early Years Unit on council managed Pre-Schools & Child Care Centres (City of Darebin 2008-2010)
- Batman Park Pre-School, Northcote (City of Darebin 2010)
- Booroondara Pre-School, Kew (MJLA 2006)
- Thomastown West Pre-School, Thomastown (MJLA 2006)
- Camberwell South Primary – New Junior Play Area (MJLA 2005/6)
- Kardinia International College ELC, Geelong (MJLA 2005)
- Watts Street Child Care Centre, Box Hill (MJLA 2005)
- Yerambooe Child Care Centre, Hoppers Crossing (MJLA 2005)

- City of Yarra – Child Care Centres (MJLA 2004)
- Norparrin Early Childhood Centre, Mill Park (MJLA 2003)
- Tweedle Centre For Mothers and Babies, Footscray (MJLA 2002)

### Special School Concept Designs:

- Swan Hill Special School, Swan Hill (MJLA 2006)
- Belmore Special School, Kew (MJLA 2005)
- Bulleen Special School, Bulleen (MJLA 2005)
- Princess Elizabeth Junior School for Deaf Children, Burwood (MJLA 2004)
- Montague Park Centre For Continuing Education, South Melbourne (MJLA 2004)
- Ascot Vale Special School, Ascot Vale (MJLA 2004)
- Dandenong Valley Special School, Dandenong (MJLA 2003)
- Bayside Special School, Hampton (MJLA 2003)
- Croydon Special School, Croydon (MJLA 2003)
- Wantirna Heights Special School, Wantirna (MJLA 2003)
- Irabina Special School, Wantirna (MJLA 2002)

### Open Space Concept Designs:

- De Soza Park Playspace, Buninyong (City of Ballarat 2017)
- Ronald E Gray Reserve, Nunawading (City of Whitehorse 2017) current
- Landsborough Community Hub (Pyrenees Shire 2017)
- Snake Valley Community Park (Pyrenees Shire 2017)
- Bristol Hill Reserve Urban Bike Park Concept, Maryborough – Central Goldfields Shire (with Community Vibe) 2016
- Batesford Playspace (Dog Rocks Road), Batesford (Golden Plains Shire 2016-) current
- Boeing Reserve Youth & Adventure Playspace – City of Moonee Valley (with Playce) 2015
- Neil Heinz Reserve, Cliff Witworth & Ian McWilliams Parks (City of Moonee Valley) 2015
- Lake Esmond District Playspace (Ballarat City Council 2014-15)
- Bullock Gully Playspace, North Ballarat (Ballarat City Council 2013)
- Batesford Playspace, (Hill Road) Batesford (Golden Plains Shire 2013)
- Edwardes Lake Park All Abilities Playspace – City of Darebin (with Fiona Robbe) 2010
- Bundoora Park All Abilities Playspace – City of Darebin (with Ric Maconaghy) 2010
- The delivery of over 40 neighbourhood playspaces for the City of Darebin in Alphington, Fairfield, Northcote, Thornbury, Preston, Reservoir and Bundoora (2008-2011)
- Landscape Design for the Redevelopment of Heide 3 at Heide Museum of Modern Art, Bulleen (EPLA 2006)
- Wandana Heights Subdivision Masterplan, Geelong (KLM Gerner 2006)
- Greaves Reserve Masterplan, Dandenong – City of Greater Dandenong (KLM Gerner 2006)
- Jayco Caravans Site Masterplan, Dandenong (KLM Gerner 2006)
- Tidal River Playspace, Wilsons Promontory (MJLA 2005)
- Macleans Reserve Accessible Playground, Williamstown - City of Hobsons Bay (MJLA 2005)
- Victoria Park Lake Accessible Playground, Shepparton – City of Greater Shepparton (MJLA 2004)
- Alma Park Footbridge Design – City of Port Phillip (MJLA 2004)
- Bayswater Park Accessible Playground, Bayswater – City of Knox (MJLA 2004)

### Residential Concept Designs:

- 6 Aspect Close, Alfredton (2017)

- 14 Shelley Street, Richmond (2017)
- Hume Country Estate – Stage 3.3 & 3.4 (2017)
- Hume Country Retirement Resort – Stage 3 (2017)
- 3/31 Burgess Street, Beaumaris (2016) for Talina Edwards Architecture
- 310-312 Doveton Street North, Ballarat (2015) for Talina Edwards Architecture
- Campbell / Webb Residence, Buninyong (2014)
- Sezbegdi Residence, Flemington (2014)
- Jacobs Residence, Lucas (2014)
- Clayson Residence, Ballarat (2013/14)
- Morton/Nicholson Residence, Thornbury (2013)
- Browne Residence, Glen Waverley (2013)
- Macleod Residence, Yarraville (2012/13)
- Burgess Residence, Glendaruel (2012)
- Cooke/Denton Residence, Thornbury (2011)
- Lourey Residence, Abbotsford, Sydney (2010-12)
- O'Connor Residence, Eaglemont (2006)
- Lane Residence, Taylors Lakes (2005)

### Masterplans:

- Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club Masterplan (City of Greater Bendigo 2017)
- Avoca Station Arts & Gardens Precinct Plan (Pyrenees Shire 2017)
- Hume Country Estate Masterplan, Albury NSW (Select Planners Geelong 2016)
- Kevin Hoffmann Walk Management Plan (City of Greater Geelong 2015/16)
- Echuca East Community Precinct Plan (Campaspe Shire 2015/16)
- Beggs Street Reserve, Beaufort Masterplan (Pyrenees Shire Council 2015)
- Midlands Reserve Masterplan (Ballarat City Council 2013-15)
- East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal Masterplan (City of Darebin, 2009)
- Kinglake Primary School Masterplan (MJLA, 2006)
- St Peters RC Primary School, Thomastown (MJLA, 2006)
- St Matthews RC Primary School Masterplan, Glenroy (MJLA 2005)
- Castlemaine Primary School (MJLA 2005)
- Camberwell South Primary School Masterplan (MJLA 2005)
- Carey Baptist Grammar – Kew Campus Masterplan (MJLA 2004)
- Buckley Park Secondary College, Essendon (MJLA 2004)
- Pleasant Street Primary School, Ballarat Masterplan (MJLA 2003)
- Cranbourne West Primary School Masterplan (MJLA 2002)

### Publications:

- *Sport & Recreation Victoria – Play Australia Advocacy Campaign 'Play Today'* (Play Australia, 2016/17)
- *'How to Grow a Playspace; Design & Development'* (Routledge, Taylor & Francis Publishers, UK 2014-2017)
- *'Getting The Balance Right - Guide to Risk/Benefit Assessment'* (Play Australia, 2015)
- *'Everything Except Walk'* (Landscape Architecture Australia, No. 139 August 2013)

### Strategies/Reports:

- Central Goldfields Shire – Walking & Cycling Strategy (mapping design for Community Vibe Bendigo 2016)
- City of Ballarat Playspace Strategy 2016-26 (City of Ballarat 2017)
- Bass Coast Shire Playspace Strategy 2016 (Bass Coast Shire 2016)
- Beaufort Walkability Plan (Pyrennees Shire 2015)
- City of Moonee Valley Signage Plan (City of Moonee Valley 2014/15)
- Playspace Planning Framework Review (City of Ballarat 2014)

- Playspace Plan 2013-2023 (City of Moonee Valley 2012/13)
- Public Art in Darebin Playspaces (City of Darebin, 2011)
- Darebin Playspaces Strategy 2010-2020 (City of Darebin, 2010)
- Rural City of Swan Hill Playground Strategy (MJLA, 2004)
- City of Strathfield, NSW Playground Strategy (MJLA, 2004)
- Shire of Murrindindi Playground Strategy (MJLA, 2003)
- City of Boorondara Playground Strategy (MJLA, 2002)
- City of Darebin Playground Strategy (MJLA, 1999)

### **Seminars & Presentations:**

- AILA / Playrope Seminar 'Risk & Challenge in Play' (Melbourne, May 2018)
- Workshop for Nature Play Queensland 'What is Risk Benefit Assessment?' (Brisbane, March 2018)
- Individual Paper Presentation 'Positive Adversity and Play' (International Play Association Triennial Conference, Calgary Canada September 2017)
- Workshop Presentation 'Risk Benefit Assessment' (City of Maroondah Children's Services & After-School Care Staff August 2017)
- Workshop Presentations x 3 'Risk Benefit Assessment' (Corangamite Shire Early Years Conference March 2017)
- Risk in Early Years (Play Australia Early Years Conference November 2016)
- "Getting the Balance Right" (Play Australia / Victoria and Tasmania PLA (Parks & Leisure Association) Annual Conference May 2016)
- 'Risk and Play' with Tim Gill, Rethinking Childhood (OPAL South Australia, March 2016)
- 'Getting the Balance Right' (Play Australia South Australia / City of Marion, February 2016)
- 'Launch of Getting the Balance Right – Guide to Risk Benefit Assessment for Play' (Play Australia / City of Greater Geelong, November 2015)
- 'Nature Play and Local Government' (City of Moonee Valley, March 2015)
- 'Introduction to New Australian Standards' (Play Australia / City of Yarra, May 2013)
- 'Creating A Level Playing Field' (Planning & Design of Outdoor Spaces in Schools To Include Children With A Disability) – (MJLA 2002)
- 'Surface Tension in Play' (MJLA 2003)
- 'Wild & Wet' (Waterways in Housing Developments)' (MJLA 2002)
- 'Kids in Local Space' (Planning Parks The Way People Want Them)' (MJLA 2002)
- 'Cool and Dirty (Planning & Design For BMX)' (MJLA 2001)
- 'Kids in Space' (Designing Parks, Playgrounds & Leisure Settings For Children With A Disability)' (MJLA 2001)

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