



Breakfast Event

When: Thursday 7th November
8:00–9:30AM

Where: Alice Springs
convention centre,
93 Barrett Drive,
Alice Springs

Presenter: DR. Geoff Woolcock
Discussing 'Place Matters:
Making (common) Sense of
children's Sense of Place'
(More info overleaf)



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Presentation Overview

'Place Matters: Making (Common) Sense of Children's Sense of Place'

Recent years have seen a growing public debate about the welfare of children in Australia, echoing wider international discussions that are responding to new professional concerns about the health and well-being of young people in Western countries. Much of this reportage has an urban cast, suggesting increased popular recognition that the health and well-being of children have direct corollaries in dimensions of urban development. With a few notable exceptions, Australian urban policy frameworks have exhibited little awareness of, or sensitivity to, children's needs and experiences. Somewhat paradoxically, the vast majority of publically funded initiatives directed at children and young people have reflected the geographical nature of our political and social systems, namely place-based projects and programs. This presentation casts a critical gaze over key research questions and contemporary debates, namely:

- What are the practicalities of attempting to both modify and create urban built and natural environments to be more oriented to children and young people's needs?
- What are the most effective mechanisms for fostering inclusion of children and young people in the design and implementation of child-friendly communities?
- Is a child-friendly community necessarily a friendly community for all?



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