



# Bilby TOY Library



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For kids under five, learning and playing go hand in hand and The Bilby Toy Library is a great place to borrow a range of toys that will delight your kids and help them learn.

Borrowing different toys at different times means that you will have less discarded toys around the house that your kids are tired of, the kids regularly have new and interesting toys to play with, and you can introduce a range of different toys without breaking the bank.

The range of toys for every age group under five is great and gives kids a chance to build skills, confidence and a love of learning through play and exploration. Little brains and personalities develop through play and the Bilby Toy Library is a practical and affordable way to get your kids playing and learning with different toys.

The Bilby Toy Library is a programme of The Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre and runs entirely on the funds it gets from membership, as well as the dedication and interest of staff and volunteers at the Centre. It's a great local resource for families, playgroups and anyone caring for kids under five, and it now includes the Magic Rainbow Chest Dress Up Library, so come and join.

## Where is the Bilby Toy Library?

The Toy Library lives at the Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre along with the Magic Rainbow Chest Dress Up Library.

The Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre is at:

**The Berkeley Centre**

**Cnr Berkeley Road and Heather Ave Glenning Valley.**

**Phone - 4388 5801**

## Returning Toys, Puzzles and Games

All toys, puzzles and games should be returned clean, and in their bag or box with tag so we can quickly pass it on ready to the next borrower.

Each item has been valued so we can replace it over time as it wears out. If you lose an item, or it gets damaged and cannot be lent out again, we will let you know how much it will cost to replace it as you will be liable for that cost plus a processing \$10 fee.

If a piece of the item is lost but the item can still be borrowed, a fee of \$5 is required. This will be refunded if you are able to return the piece.

## Borrowing and Using Toys, Dress Ups and other Items for Different Ages

When you are borrowing a toy, we recommend that you think carefully about the age of your child and whether that toy or other item is suitable for that particular age. The decision about which toys are most suitable for each child is the parent's or carer's. The Toy Library cannot take responsibility in this area.

Children should be supervised at all times when playing with any toy. The Bilby Toy Library is not liable for injuries or loss resulting from the use or misuse of toys that it lends to parents, carer's and groups.

## Who can Join?

Families in Wyong Shire with kids under five

Groups and organisations in Wyong Shire that work with kids under five.

## How much is it to Join?

Once you join the Bilby Toy Library you are automatically a member of the Magic Rainbow Chest Dress Up Library and can borrow both toys and dress ups.

## Joining fees are:

### **Family**

6 months - \$20

6 months concession - \$10

1 year - \$35

1 year concession - \$15

### **Groups**

6 months - \$50

1 year - \$85

*50c from every new membership is donated to the Save the Bilby Fund.*

## When can I borrow?

Monday – Friday

9.30am-12.30pm

## How long can I borrow toys and how many?

Families can borrow 2 toys and 2 puzzles or games

Groups and services can borrow 4 toys and 4 puzzles

You can borrow toys, puzzles and games for 2 weeks, and you can renew those items by phone or face to face for another 2 weeks maximum.

There is a late fee of \$1 per week (or part of a week) unless you have made a specific arrangement with the Library staff. This is important so that we can keep the toys moving between as many families and groups as we can, making the most of them for kids in Wyong Shire.



# Magic Rainbow Chest

## DRESS UP LIBRARY



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# The Magic Rainbow Chest Dress Up Library

Kids learn through stories and play – doing a dress up activity with your kids is the perfect match, and it's fun as well.

Kids under five have brains that are still developing. The best way for little people to grow is by doing activities that are fun and stimulating with someone they love. The Magic Rainbow Chest has been developed by local Mums as a great way for parents and carers to play with, teach and have fun with their kids, that helps little brains develop and relationships grow.

When kids under five use their imaginations in play and stories they are starting on the road to reading, writing, developing friendships and confidence. Dressing up is one way to encourage your kids and to have a great time yourself.

The Magic Rainbow Chest Dress Up Library has been designed to be affordable and easy to use. It is a local treasure chest of dress up costumes, backdrops and props that can be used by individual families, playgroups and others to encourage the imaginations of kids under five.

It has been developed by a group of local Mums who wanted to do some dress up play with their kids but realised how expensive it is for parents to keep buying dress up clothes. With the help of the Southern Lakes Communities for Children project, 'Bringing Up Kids. It's the Little Things that Matter', and the Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre, they have bought, sewn, assembled, painted and organised a great set of dress up materials for kids and parents to use.

You can use its resources for a dress up party, a kids play activity, part of a playgroup programme, or just to have fun dressing up at home.

Along with dressing up, you can also borrow a range of books from the Southern Lakes Under Fives Book Club. You can use the books to help with acting out stories or getting children's imaginations and creativity moving. The Book Club is also part of The Dress Up & Toy Library. Join The Toy Library and you will also be in the Book Club.

## Where is the Magic Rainbow Chest Dress Up Library?

The Magic Rainbow Chest Dress Up Library lives at the Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre as part of the Bilby Toy Library and you can borrow dress up costumes by visiting and joining the Toy Library.

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**Cnr Berkeley Road and Heather Ave, Glenning Valley.**

**Phone - 4388 5801**

## How do I use the Magic Rainbow Chest?

### **Step 1**

Join the Bilby Toy Library and you automatically join the Magic Rainbow Chest. You can borrow one or more costumes, backdrops and props.

### **Step 2**

Look through the catalogue and see what is available and what theme or costumes you would like to borrow.

### **Step 3**

Borrow the costume or other item and enjoy the dress up experience with your kids.

## When can I borrow?

Monday to Friday – 9.30am-12.30pm

You can borrow costumes for up to 2 weeks.

## How much is it to join?

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Joining fees are:

**Family**

6 months - \$20

6 months concession - \$10

1 year - \$35

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**Groups**

6 months - \$50

1 year - \$85

## Returning costumes and props

All costumes should be returned clean otherwise a charge of \$5.00 for cleaning will be included when you return the item. All our costumes have been scotch guarded to help with durability and make them easier to keep clean.

Each costume and item has been valued so we can replace it over time as it wears out. If you lose a costume or item we will let you know how much it will cost to replace, it as you will be liable for that cost.

All the membership conditions for the Magic Rainbow Chest are the same as those for the Bilby Toy Library (included in this brochure).

## Other ways to help grow the Magic Rainbow Chest

We are always looking for new costumes to add to the Magic Rainbow Chest of dress ups. If you have dress up costumes that your kids have grown out of (as long as they are in good condition), think about donating them to the Magic Rainbow Chest so they can be enjoyed by coming generations of kids under five. If you have costumes to donate, give Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre a call and talk to them about how to do it.