

# PUPPETS FOR LEARNING

## WORKSHOP:

### “Using Puppets for Social and Emotional Learning”

Yes! Our workshop and training package is included on The School Readiness Funding Menu of Evidence-Informed Programs and Supports (the Menu) for the Department of Education and Training (Victoria). This means that you can use your School Readiness Funding to access this training (and if you like, to purchase the package of six puppets that complements the training).

The training equates to 5 hours of professional learning for those requiring VIT registration.

**What it's all about:** To begin, this training is **not** about using puppets for entertainment but it *is* really fun. In fact, many educators in 2021 gave us feedback that it was the best training they had ever done.

**Using Puppets for Social and Emotional Learning** was developed by speech pathologist and presenter, Lucia Smith, who is passionate about using puppets in the early years – *and knows how they work!* She has used puppetry in her clinical work for over 27 years and she loves sharing her secrets. You will learn how to settle, engage, enchant and promote learning with children in your centre.



Presenter Lucia Smith.

**Participants learn about the magic of puppetry and how to make a puppet "come alive".**

**But it's not just a day of playing with puppets!** Participants develop an in-depth knowledge of emotional and social development and the challenges that some children face. They learn how to promote the necessary skills, strategies and behaviours, but more importantly, the **knowledge** that underpins emotional regulation and healthy social interactions. The knowledge gained on the day can easily be applied to other sessional activities such as book-sharing and pretend play.

\*The training package includes a **USB stick of programs, tips, checklists** – in fact, lots and lots of goodies for each centre. You also receive links to video clips covering the main elements of the training so you can review the learning later. At an extra cost, the Puppet Package can

be included - each puppet carefully selected to address a specific learning goal. (Or you can, if you prefer, use your own furry friend).

## We offer several options to help your staff access our training:

### OPTION 1: YOU CAN HOST A SESSION (at your centre).

Yes! Your centre can host a training session. We visit you with a whole lot of puppets and social/emotional goodies to explore. This usually takes place at your centre (or any other venue organised by you. We've done them in community halls, council offices). Saturdays were popular in 2021 so will also be available in 2022 when possible. Usually training runs from 9.30am - 3.15pm but we've run others from 2.30 pm until 8.00 pm with a break for dinner.

*We try our best to make it work for you.*

**Please note we do not split this option across two shorter sessions.**



*We bring lots of goodies when we visit- not just puppets!*

**Cost: \$1980 inc GST** for the five hours of training (with some break time added on).

\*You can have up to 30 people at this training day - invite another centre and share the costs!

\* Note that if you choose to host a session, you need to factor in travel and overnight stay costs for presenter Lucia Smith. We are based in Far East Gippsland. We do try and minimise what we charge for travel by coordinating the scheduling of our training sessions within similar regions and splitting the costs. If your centre is further afield than East Gippsland, you will need to set aside \$280 inc GST for an overnight stay and 73c per km for travel.

\*To minimise travel costs, we'll try and visit you in the same week that we are visiting your area.

*(We will be in Geelong area 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May 2022)*

\*To eliminate travel costs altogether, run the training for your centre but with Lucia presenting via Zoom. This also suits centres who wish to split the training over two sessions of 2.5 hrs. See Option 2...



*A centre in a breakout activity during a Zoom session.*

**You can organise a date for your staff training day now! See [here](#).**

## OPTION 2: ORGANISE TRAINING via Zoom FOR YOUR WHOLE CENTRE

2021 saw many training days moving to Zoom. These worked really well and were still heaps of fun. In fact, Puppets for Learning now has a specialised ZOOM ROOM!

We simply post you puppets in advance, along with your USB stick. You then pull your staff together for a training day/evening and I present via Zoom... Put me up on your Smart TV or educators can join in from their own devices. All you need is a reliable internet connection.

\*You will be sent one link for the workshop but you can have 20 staff from the centre joining in. Share the costs with another centre if you like.

\*We are happy to split this option across two shorter sessions of 2.5 hours each – at times that suit your educators. (Evening sessions are fine).

Cost: \$1980 inc GST for the five hours of training (with some break time added on).



*A centre in a breakout activity during a Zoom session.*

**You can organise a whole staff Zoom training now! See [here](#).**

## OPTION 3: ATTEND A MELBOURNE-BASED WORKSHOP

We run the training around eight times a year at a venue that we hire.

You can send one, two or more educators to this training day (5 hours plus breaks).

The training is at the Hawthorn campus of Melbourne University.

The cost is \$385 inc GST per person.



Our dates for the first half of the year are as follows (Choose ONE):

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2022   25<sup>th</sup> March 2022   12<sup>th</sup> May 2022   13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Note that registration numbers may be affected by Covid restrictions again in 2022 - and these sessions book out quickly! Sessions start at 9.30 am and end at 3.15 pm.

**You can book a place [here](#) now!**



## OPTION 4: JOIN A ZOOM WORKSHOP SCHEDULED BY US

Joining in on a Zoom workshop works well for centres that have a small SRF budget. You can register one, two or more educators for Zoom training (Some centres signed up groups of five).



*Join educators from other centres for online training (over two or three sessions).*

The first series for 2022 will run over two sessions:  
**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2.45pm – 5.15pm**  
(participants need to attend both).

**You can book a place [here](#) now!**

Although other dates have not yet been set, more will be scheduled each term. Keep an eye on our SRF menu page. Note that they may be run in several ways. *Over three sessions from 2.45 pm (1 hour, 2 hours, 2 hours) OR over two sessions (2.5 hrs x2)* These sessions cost **\$385 inc GST per person** (for five hours of training whether it is delivered over two or three sessions).

## INCLUDING US IN YOUR SRF PLAN

Submit your SRF plan stipulating how you would like to access our training and the costs involved. (Common quotes are on the final page of this document). Remember to include travel costs and the overnight charge if you wish for us to visit your centre and you are further afield than East Gippsland! You can contact us for a rough estimate of travel costs.

Email: [admin@puppetsforlearning.com.au](mailto:admin@puppetsforlearning.com.au)

If you wish to include a Puppet Package (or two packs) remember to include this in your proposed costs too.

## FOLLOW-UP

Follow-up is offered (three quick check-ins via email or a phone call) with the key person from your centre. No backfill is needed for this. This helps with implementation of the programming in your centre.

**PUPPET PACKAGES** School Readiness Funding can be used to purchase a **Puppet Package of 6 puppets** that are specifically chosen to carry out the programming covered in the training. The puppets are of high quality and extremely lovable. Some centres choose to purchase two packages if they have two rooms running at their centre. **Puppet packages cannot be purchased through the funding without someone from your centre doing the training.**



Puppet Packages are posted to you **before the training** (whether you host, attend the Melbourne workshop, or join in via Zoom). The cost for the package and postage is **\$450 inc. GST** in 2022.

*Note that you don't have to include the puppets in your SRF training package – you can use your own puppets, however most services end up buying the puppets when they see how they can be used for specific purposes throughout the training. You also have the option of buying individual puppets through our online store, but this way, they are more expensive.*



**Each Puppet Package includes 6 puppets:**

- A **Word Bird** puppet and egg
- A **Calming** puppet (cat, kitten or mouse)
- A **Tommy Turtle** puppet for emotional regulation (Only one turtle is available per centre. If two Packages are ordered for a centre, a **Robot** puppet is included in the second pack)
- A **Feelings** puppet (snail, monster or monkey)
- A **girl and a boy** puppet



*Let us know your preferences for the feelings, calming and girl/boy puppets. We do our best to source the puppets you want. When your choices are not in stock, a suitable substitute is made by our puppet packer!*



**Choose one girl and one boy from below**



**Abbie Cara Magda Tiwana Nina Lily JoJo Bobby Ned Jack**



**Nick Juno**

Order your Puppet Package online  
(see next page under MAKING A BOOKING)

## MAKING A BOOKING (and ORDERING PUPPETS)

**HOSTING (OPTION 1 and 2)** You can make a date for your session to be hosted at your service or via Zoom. Contact Conni at [admin@puppetsforlearning.com.au](mailto:admin@puppetsforlearning.com.au) to discuss possible dates for a visit.

**JOINING A ZOOM or A MELBOURNE-BASED TRAINING:** You can register now for the initial Zoom series and for the Melbourne-based sessions. Numbers are set at 20 registrants for each and these book out quickly. **Book online** by opening the TRAINING TAB in the store on the Pelican Talk website: [www.pelicantalk.com/online-store.php](http://www.pelicantalk.com/online-store.php) or clicking [here](#). You will need to pay for these online and get reimbursed using your School Readiness Funding. If you do not wish to pay now, you may defer payment by choosing the PURCHASE ORDER as the payment option. A \$5.50 fee is charge for this option.

**ORDERING PUPPETS:** Order a Puppet Package online in the Pelican Talk store under the TRAINING tab and select your choices. **You need to have registered for a training session to use your SRF to purchase a Puppet Package.**

**Check out our online booking page [here](#).**

### COMMON QUOTES All include GST.

\*Hosting a full-day session (face-to-face or online) for your centre plus a puppet package = \$2430

*(Add travel costs to this if you wish to have a face-to-face session at your centre. Travel costs are \$280 for overnight stays and 73c per km between your centre and East Gippsland. Travel costs are split between services where possible. No additional travel or accommodation costs if delivered via ZOOM).*

\*Four educators doing the training via Zoom or attending one of our Melbourne-based training days plus a puppet package.  $4 \times \$385 + \$450 = \$1990$

\*One educator attending a Melbourne-based or Zoom workshop plus a puppet package:  $\$385 + \$450 = \$835$

### STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact [admin@puppetsforlearning.com.au](mailto:admin@puppetsforlearning.com.au) with any questions. We will get back to you within a week.

Wishing you a **puppety 2022** !

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**Go on! Get your hand up a puppet!**