



Australian Association for  
Infant Mental Health  
West Australian Branch

## "Churchill Fellowship: Forest Kindergartens and the use of nature in Paediatric Therapy" Presented By Griffin Longley



*Griffin Longley will be presenting on the value of outdoor play for children's health and wellbeing in the iPad era. Griffin will be drawing on his experience as the CEO of Nature Play WA and sharing findings from his recent Churchill Fellowship in Scandinavia looking at forest Kindergartens and the use of nature in paediatric therapy within the hospital system.*



Griffin Longley is the CEO of Nature Play WA, an award-winning journalist, a former weekly columnist with The West Australian Newspaper, the founder of a program for at risk kids in the Midland, Fremantle and Mandurah areas called Night Hoops, and was an inaugural Board Member of the WA Parks Foundation. In 2010 the WA Department of Sport and Recreation gave Griffin the task of building an incorporated association, Nature Play WA Inc. to promote the importance of unstructured play outside and in nature. Nature Play is now a successful organisation with a growing international reputation for innovative programs that increase awareness of the benefits of unstructured play outdoors and has spread to South Australia, Queensland and the ACT. Griffin was a finalist in the 2017 Western Australia Australian of the Year Awards in the Local Hero category and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2018.

**Thursday, 21 November 2019 (note date change!)**

**Cost:** AAIMH WA Members \$20  
Non-members \$40  
Full time student AAIMH WA Members \$10  
Student Non-members \$25

**RSVP:** Please register online at: [www.dramatix.com](http://www.dramatix.com)  
You will be able to purchase tickets online until 6pm on the night of the event.

**NOTE:** *There will be no cash sales on the night.*  
If you have queries about making the payment online, please contact [aaimhiwatraining2@gmail.com](mailto:aaimhiwatraining2@gmail.com)

**Rural clinicians are invited to join for free via teleconference and are asked to please RSVP:**  
**Cherie Braden** [aaimhiwatraining@gmail.com](mailto:aaimhiwatraining@gmail.com)

**5:30pm** Drinks and light supper  
(Gluten free and vegetarian options available)  
**6:00-8pm** Presentation and discussion

**VENUE:**

The Boulevard Centre, Floreat Boulevard  
99 The Blvd, Floreat  
**CAR PARKING:** Floreat Forum Shopping Centre

**Competencies addressed :**  
Systems Expertise : Community Resources  
Direct Service Skills : Life Skills



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