



What's on at the State Library of Queensland

Child's play

goats, marbles, dolls, tea parties, and kangaroos Child's Play presents photographs of Queensland children from the 1890s to the 1920s. Inventive and creative, these children of the Federation era often found their fun in the world around them.



A young girl shares her tea party with a kangaroo, 1915

A sample of these photographs from the John Oxley Library collection is currently on display at the State Library of Queensland until June 2001. The display will then tour Queensland public libraries.

The display is a snapshot of the State Library of Queensland's *Child's Play* educational website to be launched on 27 March — http://childsplay.slq.qld.gov.au.

A Centenary of Federation project, the site contains 1000 images of children. The photographs have a strong emphasis on rural and regional Queensland and are grouped around key themes including the environment, toys and games, school, cultural diversity, Federation ceremonies and technology.

Website features include:

• a searchable photographic database

- an exhibition of selected *Child's Play* images
- pathways for teachers, students and browsers
- lesson plans and activities for Years 5–7 and Year 10 History and Studies of Society and Environment students

For further information about *Child's Play* contact childsplay@slq.qld.gov.au.

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Four boys riding goats, Isisford, c.1918

