

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

The findings from State of Nature Play, Victoria, 2025 show Nature Play in Victoria is evolving with a range of opportunities to support and nurture the ongoing development across the sector. The recommendations below have been contrasted with the findings from the State of Nature Play (SNP), 2018. Recommendations are divided into two sections – **Evolving Themes** and **Emerging Trends**.

EVOLVING THEMES

Align with similar recommendations from SNP, 2018 with greater depth and nuance that reflect the strength and complexity of the sector five years later.

EMERGING TRENDS

Show news themes that arise from this report. These themes reflect contemporary understanding of nature play with a focus on growth through connection, stewardship and sustainability.

NETWORKING, ADVOCACY & STAFFING

Similar to 2018, key recommendations in this section explore integral aspects to enabling nature play including **access to staff**, an **online and interactive hub**, further **consultation and co-design** within the sector and an ambassador to advocate and liaise between sectors.



Building new trends from the 2024 findings, recommendations include **greater accessibility** for children with a disability and **provision of supports**.

EDUCATION & FUNDING

Resonating with findings from 2028, this key recommendations include general communication of the importance and benefits of nature play. There are two distinct opportunities to communicate its benefits and importance – through **advertising**, and through **education** and **advocacy**.



New recommendations to come from the findings in 2024 include specifically **building educators' knowledge**, **extending professional development** into on-going opportunities, and **reducing restrictions on funding**.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY & KNOWLEDGE



This theme was a consistent thread across the responses from the survey. Recommendations include funded support to develop deeper links with Indigenous communities through **co-design and consultation**, greater opportunities to **build relationships with community** and **land specific supports**.