

# Water Wonderers

All about us



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### About this project

The Picture Book Program 2015 is a partnership between two branches of the City of Melbourne - Community Services (Family Services) and Arts and Culture (ArtPlay). The program is designed to engage families from within the municipality. It aims to encourage an awareness and enjoyment of literacy and the creative process, in a fun and supportive environment. The art in this book was created by the attending children, using everyday materials, curiosity, and experimentation. The result is a book to be enjoyed again and again.

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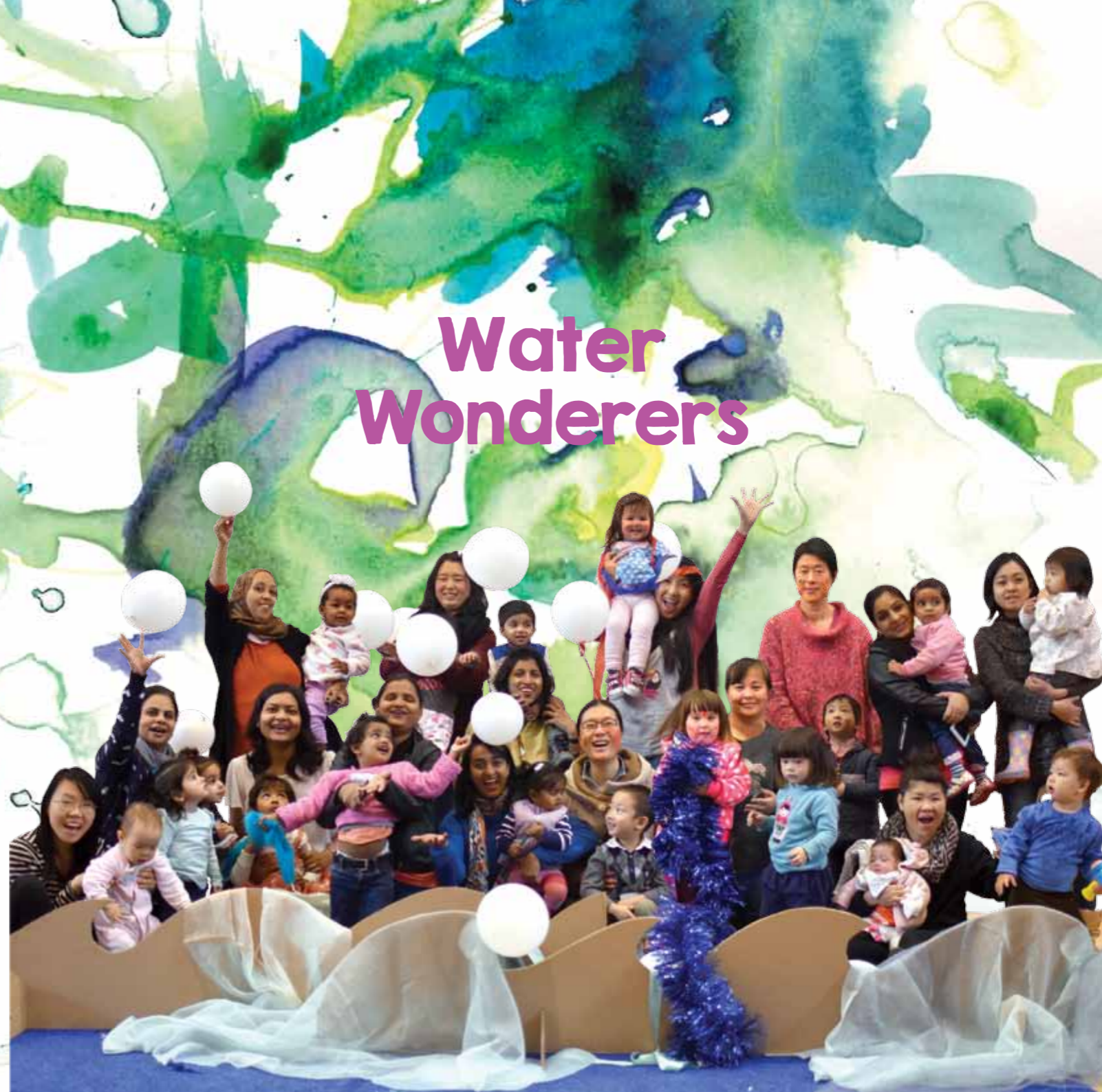
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ARTPLAY

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drip drop.**

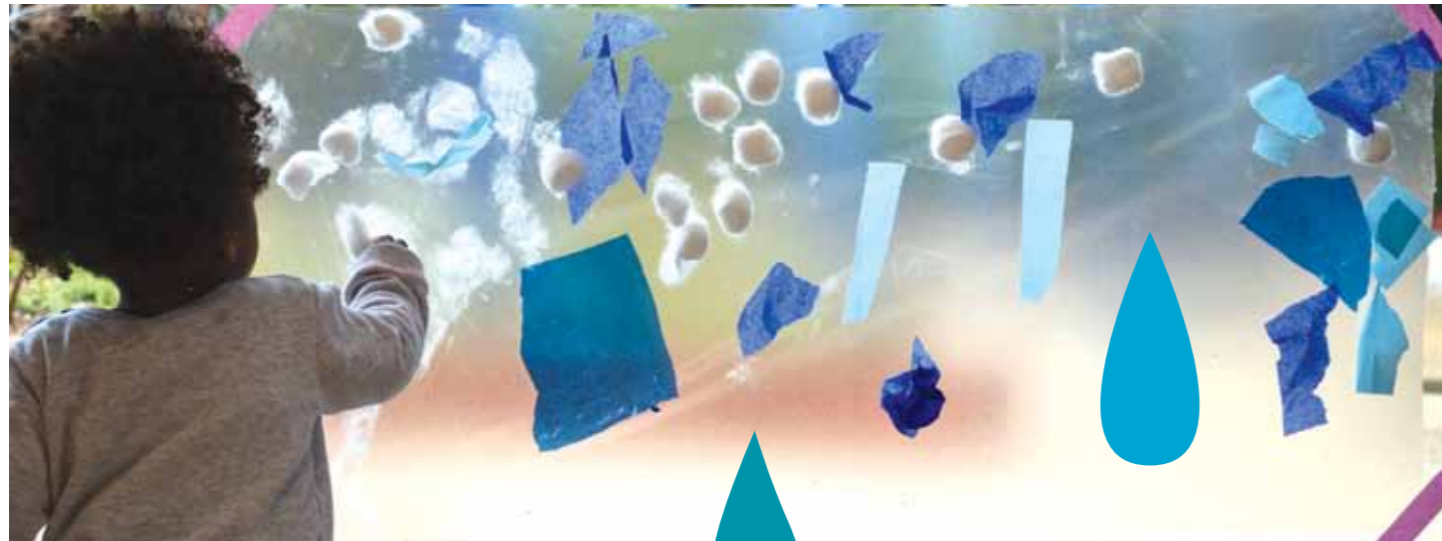
**We feel you?**



**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**

**We feel you...**





Raining  
from the  
sky.



**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**

**Where are you?**



**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**

**We see you...**



**Making  
ripples in  
the river.**

**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**

**Where are you?**

**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**

**We hear you...**





Gurgling  
through  
the pipes.







**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**  
Where are you?



**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**  
We taste you...

Salty  
on the  
wind.



**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**

**Where are you?**



**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**

**We dream of you...**



Playing  
and exploring  
in the deep  
blue ocean!





# Activities

## Rain Sticks An activity in listening

### You will need:

- Cardboard tube (such as postage tube or roll from a paper towel)
- Mixed collage materials (tape, stickers, adhesive contact)
- ¼ cup raw rice
- Aluminium foil
- Baking paper

### Water Wondering Tip

What else sounds like rain? Try scrunching some paper or playing with rice in a bowl to see if you can create some other stormy sounds.

### Instructions:

Decorate your rain stick however you like! Close one end using a square of baking paper and some coloured tape. Make a long twist of aluminium foil and insert into the open end of the tube. Next pour in one quarter cup of uncooked rice. Close the other end as you did the first. Slowly turn your rain stick around and listen carefully to the sound it makes. Can you hear the rain?



## Cloud Dough Recipe An activity in feeling

### You will need:

- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup vegetable oil,
- 1 tablespoon of non-toxic paint powder (optional)
- A mixing spoon and large bowl

### Instructions:

In a large bowl, stir together the vegetable oil and flour. Add paint powder and mix again. This super sensory dough can be easily moulded and shaped, yet it slides through your fingers as soft as a cloud. Cloud dough is non-toxic and will last in an airtight container for a few weeks.

### Water Wondering Tip

Hide small toys or objects in the dough for your child to find. Perhaps you can make a snowy winter wonderland with your dough.



### Water Wondering Tip

If it's a sunny day and you have an outdoor area, grab a paintbrush and give painting with water a go on a deck or fence. For an extra challenge tape a paintbrush to the end of a stick.

## Water Play Ideas An activity to use all the senses!

Water play can be small or large-scale, take place inside or outside, in summer or winter and it offers endless enjoyment for adults and children of all ages. The idea is simple: fill a vessel with water (preferably a low open one, such as a baking tray, wash tub or a sink) and let the fun begin!

Create an engaging activity by providing both objects that float and sink, such as leaves and rocks. Include assorted items for pouring and filling such as cups, small bowls, bottles and funnels.





**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**

Where are you?

**Drip drop,  
drip drop.**

We feel you...  
Raining from  
the sky!

Join our  
curious Water  
Wonderers as they  
use all their senses to  
follow the water from  
drips of rain to the  
salty drops of the  
deep sea.

Children  
wonder at the world  
around them through  
their five senses. They  
touch, see, hear, taste and  
smell as they observe,  
question and discover  
their surroundings.