

Operations Team



Samantha Ahearn

General Manager

Samantha founded Giggletree over 17 years ago to provide specialised support to Long Day Care and Outside School Hours Care services.

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Prudence Montague

Development Manager

With a background in law as well as early childhood education, Pru leverages her operational expertise, legal acumen and passion for early childhood education to drive excellence in childcare centres across Australia.

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Christina Pearson

Development Manager

Chris over 25 years of experience in the education sector - as a teacher, owning her own centres, centre management & area management. She has a passion for inclusion and compliance, ensuring that all children are able to succeed on their individual learning journey.

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Caitlin Pearce

Development Manager

Caitlin has over 15 years experience progressing through centre roles before joining the Giggletree team. She's passionate about relationships, and high quality outcomes which nurture children's aspirations and abilities.

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Claire Granzien

Development Manager (Qld/NSW)

Claire is very passionate about creating amazing spaces for children to grow and learn. With 10 year's experience within the early years' profession, Claire enjoys building strong and lasting relationships with team members, children, parents and caregivers.

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Amanda Berentsen

Marketing & Practice Co-Ordinator

Amanda has over 15 years experience in Early Childhood. Her passions are around curriculum, leadership and relationships, which she believes are the key to success - along with Marketing, these are the focus of her role.

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Kerry Greenall

Project Manager

Kerry has over 22 years experience within the EC sector. She has held various roles in centres, is a qualified teacher & assessor & has worked with the Dept of Education in the UK & Australia. With a passion for compliance, training, the A&R process, & to ensure professionals provide respect & care to all children.

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Deb Callahan

Operations Support Co-Ordinator

With a breadth of experience across a range of industries, Deb supports the Operations Team to achieve strategic goals and helps design and implement workplace solutions. Deb also offers HR expertise to the team.

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The giggle tree Team

Finance & Support Team



Matthew Ahearn

Commercial Manager

Matthew is the Finance manager, who has worked for Giggletree for many years. He also brings with him substantial business experience outside of the childcare industry.

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Hendi Schwarzer

Admin Assistant

Hendi's role that sees her supporting Childcare Centre owners and their teams manage their software on a daily and weekly basis, keeping their databases running efficiently and effectively.

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Kathy Ray

Bookkeeper

Kathy has over 25 years experience in the accounting and business administration field. She enjoys supporting Giggletree's centres through account management and human resource administration resource advice.

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Hayley Martin

Bookkeeper

Hayley has over 30 years experience in bookkeeping across a number of industries. This includes 14 years of experience in Montessori primary schools.

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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO.

It's all about the people. We truly listen, we truly care, we truly make a difference.

GIGGLETREE CONTACTS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The Giggletree team and always here to offer help and support. Your first point of contact is your Centre's Development Manager, however, if they are unavailable or you would like to speak to someone else, you can find contact details for everyone in the Giggletree office on this document.

Head Office Phone: 07 3204 1102 - 8am-5pm