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Welcome to Issue 3 of the *Growing Up in Australia* Study Update!

Thank you for completing your online surveys and face-to-face interviews in our most recent fieldwork activity. Your ongoing participation means that the study is still a leading reference for Australian researchers and policy makers. We appreciate your time and the openness with which you welcomed our interviewers into your space. You are irreplaceable and the best!

thank you

In this issue, we share some recent media coverage from the Study, introduce you to a member of the team, and check in with you in-case your contact details need updating.

Meet the team

Hi there, I am Dr Jennifer Baxter, a researcher with a strong connection to the *Growing Up in Australia* study. When I started at the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS), one of my first tasks was to analyse the data from the first year of the Study. My daughter was the same age as the older children participating, which helped me connect with the Study and its importance.



The *Growing Up in Australia* study has continued to be a significant resource for me in my work. Early on, I looked at mothers returning to work and breastfeeding, then childcare and fathering. As you have grown up, I have been able to look into the relationships between young adults and their parents and have explored topics to do with work and career aspirations. The study has allowed me to explore and publish on many aspects of family life.

Thank you for your contributions over the years, we are all so much better for it!

In the media

Were you a fan of the 'Life At' series on ABC TV? This ground-breaking TV documentary followed the lives of 11 children from birth to 9 years - based on our very own *Growing Up in Australia* study!

To celebrate 20 years of the study, we reunited two of the children from the series, Shine and Wyatt, as well as their parents, for a story on ABC TV.

Talking to ABC reporter, Sacha Payne, Dr Jenny Baxter from AIFS said it is impossible to overstate how valuable the research has been.

"It does allow us to really find out what matters for those children growing up.

Do the early experiences of, for example, parents' employment matter? Does going to childcare or preschool matter to children's outcomes?"

There is no doubt that *Growing Up in Australia* has revealed valuable insights into the lives of young Australians - from the benefits of three-year-old kindergarten to how teens use social media, to the impacts of drugs, alcohol and violence on a child's development.

We're thrilled that ABC helped us mark the occasion of 20 years of the study.

View the full story using the QR codes below.



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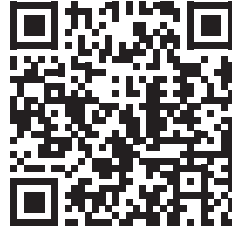


Michelle and her daughter, Shine
Photo: Kate O'Connor



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