



Program Profile

Program or project name	Mooroopna Kindergarten
Location/s	Mooroopna
Client group	Preschool aged children and families
Internal stakeholders	Team Leader, Senior Practitioners, Early Childhood Educators, Family Support Specialists
External stakeholders	Government agencies, Local Council, Universities, health providers, and other community agencies related to Early Childhood Education.
Program or project description	<p>54 reasons has operated a kindergarten in Mooroopna since 1969, with 3 year old and 4 year old classes.</p> <p>The kindergarten is not a 'mainstream' service – it is free for families, and caters to families with one or more attributes we regard as creating vulnerability in families and their children. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'At risk' children and families, including children at risk of abuse or neglect through domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health issues or other disadvantage • Families known to child protection services • Families experiencing problems with housing • Families experiencing social and economic barriers to participation • Socially isolated families, or families experiencing locational disadvantage in rural and remote areas • Families in transition, including pregnancy, birth and infancy, family, health, education, housing and legal transitions <p>Staff at the kindergarten work within a culturally inclusive and holistic model of early childhood education and family/parenting support, while also building and maintaining connections with other service providers externally.</p> <p>A bus service is provided to assist families with pick up and drop-off, and our staff connect families to additional services where required.</p>
Additional information	