

## Kindergarten Upgrade Package

# Brown Hill Kindergarten Expansion

## Project Cost

**\$2.7 million**

### Investment Needed

- \$1.5 million

### City of Ballarat Investment

- \$1.2 million

## Project Description

A third room to increase licensed places by 33, helping to address community need in this growing area.

The project will:

- Relocate the entrance to improve accessibility and provide a second outdoor space
- Deliver a larger staff administration area, small meeting room, additional toilets
- Formalise car parking

### Community Benefit

Data from the ABS Census 2021 shows:

- Between 2016 -2021 Brown Hill experienced a population increase of 25.3 per cent
- A 29 per cent increase in the number of young families living in the area
- Children aged 0 - 4 years represent 8.5 per cent of the Brown Hill population, well above the Victorian average of 5.8 per cent

City of Ballarat's draft Housing Strategy identifies the potential for increased housing density in this area, which will further increase pressure on Brown Hill Kindergarten.

## Why should Governments invest in this project?

### Address Disadvantage

Many families who use Brown Hill Kindergarten are from adjacent suburbs in the SA2 area of Ballarat North which is identified as having higher proportions of households with low incomes, single parent families, lower levels of education, higher levels of housing stress and unemployment, transport accessibility issues and lower SEIFA scores.

### Economic impact

- \$2 million

### Job creation

- 13 jobs during construction

### Location

- 1 Reid Court, Brown Hill

### Status

- Detailed designs are complete
- Currently working to negotiate a Building Blocks Partnership with the VSBA

### Timeline and Next Steps

- Anticipated construction timeframe 2024



*Note: All project costs are subject to inflationary pressures leading to cost escalations*

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