

**Kindergarten Upgrade Package**

# Delacombe Community Hub

## Project Cost

**\$12.1 million**

### Investment Needed

- \$9.7 million

### City of Ballarat Investment

- \$2.4 million - Council's contribution can be increased to cover any shortfall between project cost and funding received, including Development Contribution Plan funding.

## Project Description

A new integrated early years facility with a 3-room x 33 place kindergarten, consulting rooms for maternal child health and other early years services, community meeting spaces for playgroups and first-time parent groups.

Note: The proposed library will be in a separate building

### Community Benefit

This area is experiencing significant growth and is popular with families.

## Why should Governments invest in this project?

### Respond to growth

Data from the ABS Census 2021 (data for 2016-2021) for the Delacombe SA2 shows:

- A 69 per cent increase in the number of 0 - 4-year-olds (328 children) living in the area

- A 50.5 per cent population increase between 2016 to 2021 in the Delacombe SA2 (which includes Delacombe, Winter Valley, Bonshaw and Smythes Creek)
- A 55.9 per cent increase in the number of families living in the area
- Children aged between 0 - 4 years represent 7.5 per cent of the population, higher than the Victorian average of 5.8 per cent

The project is identified in the Ballarat West Precinct Structure Plan.

### Location

- TBC - land not yet secured for the project

### Status

- Currently working to negotiate a Building Blocks partnership with the VSBA

### Timeline and Next Steps

- Concept design will begin in the 2024/25 financial year
- Potential for construction to begin in the 2026/27 or 2027/28 financial year - funding dependent

