

## Kindergarten Upgrade Package

# Delacombe Community Kindergarten Expansion

## Project Cost

**\$3 million**

### Investment Needed

- \$2 million

### City of Ballarat Investment

- \$1 million

## Project Description

Extension of Delacombe Community Kindergarten to increase the licensed places from 55 to 99.

The original part of the existing building was constructed in 1985, with a second room added in 2014.

Feasibility and concept planning is currently underway to determine the best approach to expand the facility.

### Community Benefit

The project will provide locally accessible kindergarten places for young families in the Delacombe community and ensure children have access to play based learning.

## Why should Governments invest in this project?

### Respond to growth

The project addresses both the growth experienced in Delacombe and surrounding suburbs in recent years and projected growth for this area.

ABS Census 2021 data shows the percentage of children aged 0-4 in the Delacombe SA2 area is 7.5 per cent, which is higher than proportion of children aged 0-4 in the Ballarat Local Government Area (5.8 per cent).

The total population for the Delacombe area is forecast to increase by 69.4 per cent between 2023 and 2036, from 9,422 to 15,962. During the same period, Ballarat's population will increase by 21.6 per cent.

### Policy alignment

Ensures City of Ballarat has the infrastructure to deliver on the Victorian Government's Best Start Best Life Policy reform.

### Location

- 105 Whitelaw Ave, Delacombe

### Status

- Currently working to negotiate a Building Blocks partnership with the VSBA
- Architect has been engaged to complete feasibility report to inform the scope of works and to develop concept plans

### Timeline and Next Steps

- **Detailed designs** will begin 2024/25
- **Construction** is planned for 2026



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

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