

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES NEWS

FEBRUARY 2020



Welcome!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY KEEPS FOCUS ON CLIENTS

Fifty-seven educators from Family and Children's Services Mobile Child Care, Kindergartens, After Kinder and School Care, Child Care and Family Day Care teams attended professional development day at the Camperdown Golf Club Tuesday 28 January.



It was an opportunity to work together to create a shared, integrated and progressive charter to guide the future of the Family and Children's Services department.

CEO Andrew Mason and Director Corporate and Community Services David Rae spoke to the group about key issues affecting the department.

The team discussed ways to ensure clients and the community were kept at the centre of practice.

This will ensure children and their families can make a seamless transition between services as children grow and develop.

NEW STAFF

Welcome to our new Family and Children's Services team members



Chris Towers



Heather Anderson



Chloe McNabb



Michelle McIntyre

Chis Towers is our new Maternal Child Health Nurse and Heather Anderson provides After Kinder and After School Care in Terang. Heather has previously been on the relief staff team. Chloe McNabb is Community Services Trainee and

Michelle McIntyre is Child Care Assistant lunch cover.

Skipton Kindergarten welcomes Megan Heard as assistant, Megan had been working as a Family Day Care educator and in Mobile child Care.



DOWN TO EARTH HOLIDAY FUN

During the School holiday the children attending Family Day Care with Kerrie Fortescue learnt where clay can be found, then spent the afternoon playing with clay.

This is a great reminder to send a change of clothing, messy play is so much fun!



KINDER LOOP



We are very excited to let you know that Corangamite Shire Family and Children's Services will be going live with Kinderloop from the start of term 1.

Kinderloop is a cloud-based app our Family and Children's services is going to use for program planning

and documentation. It provides a secure way to share information, learning experiences and reflections between families and other educators.

Sharing communication between services and families will open up more opportunities for families to be involved and share comments and share information from home.

There are also greater opportunities for collaboration between services.

Families will be sent a link inviting them to join so keep an eye out for this email.

COMING UP

29 February: Heytesbury Show

POLICIES:

[Family and Children's Services policies are available at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Policies#section-4](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Policies#section-4)

INFORMATION BOOKLET:

[Available at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Enrol](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Enrol)



VACANCIES

Childcare

Port Campbell - Thursday and Friday

Ecklin - Thursday

Derrinallum - some availability depending on age of child

Terang After Kindergarten / School Care Monday to Thursday

Timboon After Kindergarten / School Care

Monday to Friday

ENROL

IN ANY FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Enrolment for all Council-run Children's Services can be completed online here:

www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Community/Family-Children-Services/Enrolment-Forms

Once the new combined form is completed enrolling in a different Council Early Years' Service will be as simple as a phone call.

To update details or add an additional child to an existing enrolment just visit

www.corangamite.vic.gov.au

JOIN OUR TEAM

Are you thinking about a career change or looking to study? Have you considered Early Education and Care as a career choice?

Keep an eye on job opportunities via our website:

www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Council/Employment/Corangamite-Jobs

INSPIRE CORANGAMITE'S FUTURE

FREE TAFE COURSES 2020 - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Are you interested in helping children and adults in their education pathways? You could achieve both by working in Education and Early Childhood Development.

Certificate III and Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care courses will be included in the Free TAFE courses for 2020.

These courses are currently on offer at South West TAFE (Warrnambool, Portland, Hamilton and Colac campuses) and further information is available on their Children's Services website at <https://swtafe.edu.au/courses/childrens-services/>

If you require additional information you may wish to contact: Erin Holscher at

Erin.Holscher@swtafe.edu.au or Hollie Stevens at Hollie.Stevens@swtafe.edu.au

IMMUNISATION

For the quarter October - December the Australian Immunisation Register has recorded the following data relating to coverage in the Corangamite Shire :

- 12 - < 15 months : 100% of children in the Shire fully vaccinated
- 24 - < 27 months : 92.11% of children in the Shire are fully vaccinated
- 60 - < 63 months : 95.83% of children are fully vaccinated

We are meeting the 95% aspirational target rate in most age groups.

CONNECT WITH US Corangamite Shire Family & Children's Services



www.corangamite.vic.gov.au

FEEDBACK

Your opinion is important to us, click on this link to provide feedback on the service:

www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Contact/Feedback

child dental care

can now be
bulk billed

No GAP
No out of pocket costs



DID YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD'S DENTAL HEALTH CAN BE BULK BILLED?

In all Victorian public dental health clinics

- Eligible children pay \$0 - no out of pocket costs
- No wait list - your child will have the next available appointment

Services available at over 80 Victorian locations

171,027 Children were treated in over 80- public clinics across Victoria in 2015-2016

The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule provides assistance for basic dental treatment over a two-year period for eligible 2-17 year olds

2-17 year olds are eligible if they receive Family Tax Benefit A External website icon or other relevant Australian Government payments

Treatment is bulk billed through Medicare

What dental treatments are available?

- Dental check-ups
- Fissure sealants
- cleaning
- Fillings
- X-rays
- Extractions
- Root canals

* excludes orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and services provided in a hospital operating theatre.

For more information visit

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au>

Visit <https://www.dhsv.org.au/clinics> to find your nearest clinic and book an appointment.



dental health
services victoria

1800 833 039

[dhsv.org.au](https://www.dhsv.org.au)



Skipton Supported Playgroup



A playgroup for children aged 0-5 years which supports parents as their child's first educator.

A trained facilitator will provide activities for you and your child to enjoy together.

Weekly **smalltalk** topics are introduced to explore how young children develop & learn.



PROGRAM DETAILS

WHEN	Wednesdays 10am-12pm (Commencing 5 February 2020)
WHERE	Jubilee Centre 10 Montgomery Street, Skipton
WHO	Parents/Carers of children 0-5 years Eligibility criteria may apply
COST	Free
CONTACT	To register your interest, please contact: Melita Bond ☎ 5231 4740 ☎ 0418 811 663 ✉ melita.bond@bcyf.org.au

Cobden Supported Playgroup



A playgroup for children aged 0-5 years which supports parents as their child's first educator.

A trained facilitator will provide activities for you and your child to enjoy together.

Weekly **smalltalk** topics are introduced to explore how young children develop & learn.



PROGRAM DETAILS

WHEN	Thursdays 10am - 12pm (Commencing 6 February 2020)
WHERE	Back of Cobden Health Clarke Street, Cobden
WHO	Parents/Carers of children 0-5 years Eligibility criteria may apply
COST	Free
CONTACT	To register your interest, please contact: Melita Bond ☎ 5231 4740 ☎ 0418 811 663 ✉ melita.bond@bcyf.org.au

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