



COVID update

Please remember COVID safe practices when dropping off or picking up children.

- Maintain 1.5m physical distancing & density limits of one person per four metres.
- Visitors, parents and carers dropping off and picking up children must wear a face mask indoors and outdoors.
- Educators will be signing children in to reduce the risk of cross contamination.
- Children who are unwell need to stay home until the symptoms have passed.

Advice from the Department of Education and Training remains the same during the reduced regional restrictions.

Reopening Cobden Kindergarten

Cobden Kinder is back in action after the upgrade. The new-look Cobden Kindergarten recommenced its kindergarten program on Tuesday 1 June. Maternal Child Health will restart on Friday 4 June. The facility has been transformed to boast a second playroom, meeting room, dedicated foyer, increased storage, improved accessibility, upgrades to bathrooms and new Maternal and Child Health consulting space. Works in the outdoor yard will continue over the coming weeks and the facade will receive some finishing touches.

After a temporary delay on account of the State-wide lock down that restricted the licensing authority, QARD from undertaking their compliance inspection the program is now back up and running this week.

FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES

RENAE HAYNES: It looks amazing! We were discussing how great a virtual tour would be for the general public to view the space as well. Thank you all so much for all the work involved.

NOTIFICATION OF SERVICE CLOSURE FOR ALL PROGRAMS DUE TO STAFF TRAINING ON MONDAY 12 JULY.

Worrying dental statistics

Recent studies on dental health has revealed worrying statistics in Corangamite Shire. The data shows a significant increase from those within the zero to five age group compared to those aged between six to twelve. Poor oral health can lead to dental cavities, gum disease, cancer, diabetes and heart disease. It is important to maintain both you and your child's dental hygiene to contribute to a strong, healthy life.

Town	% with four or more teeth affected (Zero to five years)	% with four or more teeth affected (Six to twelve years)
Timboon	20.9	33
Camperdown	15.1	30
Cobden/Simpson	13.2	36.2
Terang	10.8	34.6
Derrinallum	4.8	8.5
Lismore	3.3	35.4
Skipton	N/A	64.3

Data collected over six years from 2014/15 to 2019/20 in towns with populations with over 500 children.

Medicare covers up to \$1000 over two calendar years for basic dental services under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme. Some services include check ups, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. There are some restrictions for basic dental services. Ensure you check with your dentist if there are any item or time restrictions before starting your service.

For more information visit

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule

Community Garden Project



McNicol Street Family Day Care has adopted a garden bed at Camperdown's community garden.

Community involvement in early childhood education and care provides a sense of belonging for children, providing opportunities for them to extend their learning, encourage family input and identify and integrate with their local community.

Growing food and gardening teaches children important life skills and responsibility, promotes healthy eating, provides sensory exploration and motor development skills, and helps with science and maths understanding. Having access to the established garden area and the composting system supports our understanding of the environment, weather, plant life and cycles, and of birds, animals, insects and their habitat.

On Friday the children enjoyed their second excursion to Camperdown Community House where Barb and her helpers inspected the garden bed, dug over the soil and repotted some flower seedings, while readying the area for planting. They plan to start off with broad beans and winter vegetables and flowers.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

Children across Corangamite joined in the NSS. The book this year was Give Me Some Space, written and illustrated by Philip Bunting. In an intergalactic experience for NSS 2021, the book was read by astronaut Dr Shannon Walker from the International Space Station.

To watch visit youtu.be/VeCxxMZjFo



National Simultaneous Storytime

Skipton reopens

Skipton Kindergarten and Child Care programs have returned now that renovations are complete. The works include a playroom extension, upgrades to staff facilities, bathrooms, and storage areas. Students have been keeping a close eye on the development and were excited to explore the new space. Community members will be invited to an official opening with a date to be announced soon.



Student placements



Corangamite's Family and Children's Services are working in partnership with a number of registered training organisations and schools to host students studying Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) qualifications with a professional placement.

The government reform, which introduced two years of funded kindergarten before school, has meant more work opportunities in the early childhood sector. While educators are in high demand across the state, Corangamite also has increasing demand for educators. We hope that by hosting students they will look at continuing their early childhood careers within the Shire.

Since the beginning of the year we have hosted Rose Finlayson from Camperdown College at Western Plains Long Day Care on a Wednesday.

At the start of the second term, two TAFE students began their first placements. Working one day a week Indianna (Indi) Duynhoven (pictured above left) is at the Simpson Kindergarten and Mykaelia (Mykie) Bell (pictured above right) is at Terang Children's Centre. Melissa Sanderson also started this week with the Ecklin Mobile Child Care program and will look at additional placement at Cobden



Kindergarten later in the year.

It has also been possible for Timboon Kindergarten co-educator Teigan Vanderhorst to complete her final diploma placement in her workplace. A fantastic achievement for Teigan.

On her first day Indi supported the children with a 'Smiles 4 Miles' program, which develops an understanding of 'sometimes' food and 'always' food. During her placement Indi will be planning activities and completing profiles on three children.

Mykie joins the Terang Children Centre crew on a Friday while she completes her placement hours for her Certificate III in ECEC. Mykie's bubbly and caring personality meant she has been able to quickly make a connection with the Weengkeel children. She engages with the children through gentle and considered interactions and it has been lovely to see her thrive in the kindergarten environment. We look forward to watching Mykie develop her skills and confidence within the service.

The children have welcomed all the students and we thank our educators for supporting professional learning.

Fees for Child Care & Family Day Care

The Corangamite Shire Family & Children Services is committed to providing an accessible service to as many families as possible.

Corangamite Shire Council's budgeting process, fees and service practice are reviewed annually and fees for Child Care and Family Day Care are increased at the commencement of the financial year. If the reviewed budget is adopted by Council the following fees will apply as of Monday 5 July 2021.

Service	Current Full Fee (2020-21)	Fee from Monday 5 July 2021
Child Care	\$12.20 per hour	\$12.65 per hour
Family Day Care	\$11.30 per hour (8 am-6 pm)	\$11.50 per hour (8 am-6 pm)
	\$15.60 per hour (6 pm-8 am)	\$15.80 per hour (6 pm-8 am)



Volunteers Week

The children, families and educators at the Terang Children's Centre were very pleased to welcome Maddison Benson at the start of Term 2.

Maddie is working as a volunteer on a Wednesday morning in the Koorrayn and Weengkeel rooms.

Maddison was very excited and shared the following introduction with us.

"Hello my name is Maddison Benson.

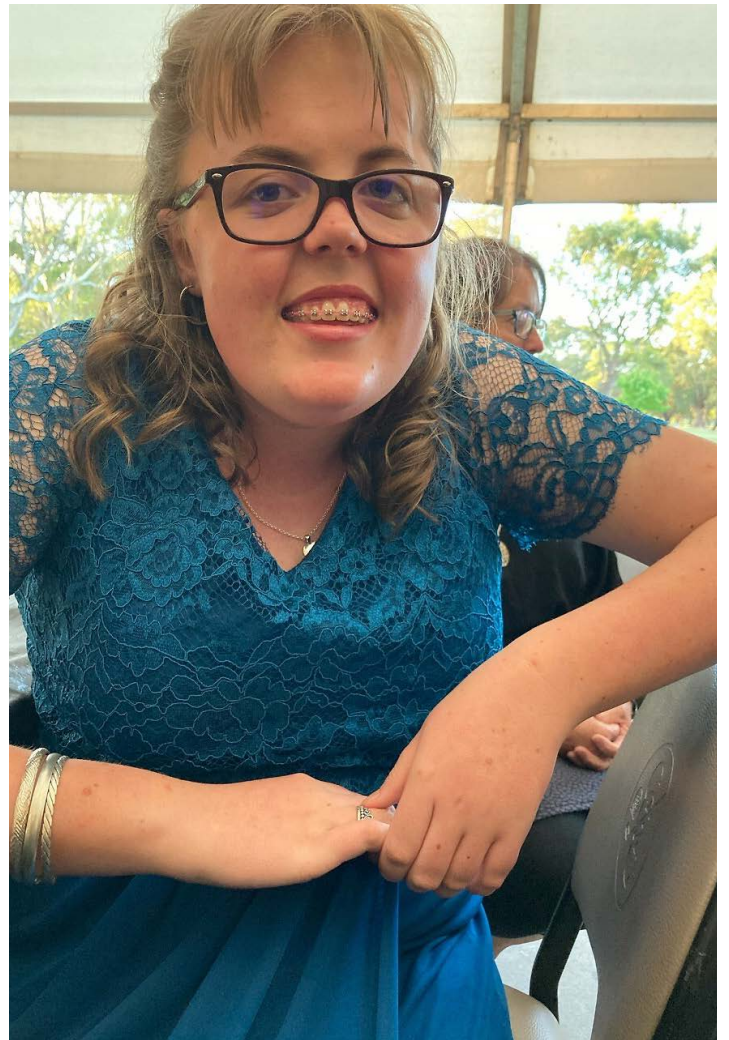
"I finished school at Hampden Specialist school last year.

"Now I work at the 'Little Acorn Cafe' on a Tuesday and Thursday and on Fridays I work at 'Tasty Plate' the catering service in Warrnambool. Every Monday and Wednesday I access Coinda.

"In my free time I enjoy watching YouTube and playing on my computer. I also like to ring and talk to my friends from school and my family in my free time. One of my hobbies is knitting.

"I enjoy spending time with children. I like to help them to read books and to play games. It makes me feel happy."

It's wonderful to have Maddie joining us on Wednesday mornings. The children have quickly established a lovely relationship with Maddie and seek Maddie's company and support with lots of their experiences and activities.



Kinder registrations for 2022 now open

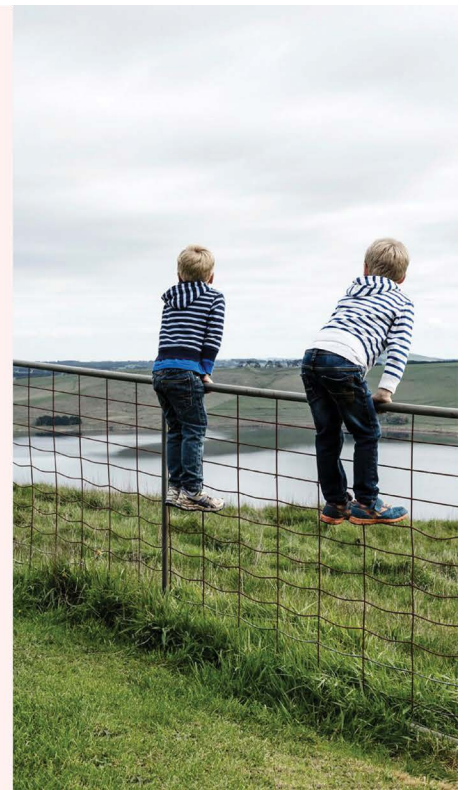
Registrations close
Friday 9 July



Open for all eligible children
in the 2 years before school

Subsidised by the Government,
every child who is 3 or 4 years of
age before 30 April in their year of
attendance will be eligible for up to
15 hours per week of kindergarten.

Register via corangamite.vic.gov.au/Enrolment



Vacancies

Long Day Care Skipton

Vacancies for children over 3 years

After Kindergarten/After School (AKAS) Terang

Monday to Friday

After Kindergarten/After School (AKAS)

Timboon

Wednesday and Friday

Mobile Child Care at Port Campbell

Friday

Enquires for bookings please phone Family &
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