



National Association of Mobile Services Inc for rural and remote families and children

NAMS is the peak body for Mobile Services Australia-wide and is particularly supportive of those services funded under the Australian Government's Budget Based Funding Program.

The Australian Government and NAMS have a common interest in ensuring that children in rural and remote areas have access to high quality, well targeted and well managed services.

The purpose of NAMS is to represent and support culturally Mobile and other atypical services fostering and promoting the well being, welfare and care for families with children living in rural and remote regions of Australia.

We are passionate about the flexible, innovative Mobile services that operate in many areas of Australia. Mobiles are the most diverse of Children's Services, they were developed to meet the needs of communities and many operate in rural and remote areas.

Mobile Services are very much valued by the communities and families in which the services operate, they provide flexible, responsive and innovative services to children, their families and communities that are experiencing social, geographic, cultural and/or economic isolation.

Mobile Services operate where the local, educationally focused, early childhood development service system is unable to provide reasonable access to children in isolated circumstances.

The dedicated Mobile Early Childhood Educators are the frontline in these communities.



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This booklet is an opportunity for Mobile services to showcase their unique service area, and to share with others their diversity.

NAMS would like to acknowledge and thank the Assistant Minister for Education, the Honourable Sussan Ley MP for the opportunity she provided us to facilitate the 2014 Mobile Muster held in Melbourne, to assist Budget Based Funded Mobile Children's Services.

Lachlan Children's Services



We provide lots of different play experiences. We are highly involved with each of our communities and organise different excursions for the children focused around the interests of the children. So far this term we have visited our local Dentist, Doctor surgery, Bakery, Pizza Bar, SES, had the Fire Department bring a Fire Truck to our venues at Tullibigeal and Lake Cargelligo. All our venues attended a Puppet show in Condobolin which was put on by the Sydney Puppet Theatre.

Operating out of our service we have

Mobile 5 days a week 9am-3pm

Preschool 3 days a week (Mon, Tues and Thurs) 9am-3pm

Afterschool Care everyday excluding holidays 3.00pm-6.00pm

Vacation Care (school holidays) 8.30am-5.30pm

Playgroup at Burcher first Tuesday of every month.

We are based in the centre of NSW in a small rural town called Condobolin.
We operate our mobile service 5 days a week.

Monday we travel to Tullibigeal approx. 82kms. (16 Children)

Tuesday Euabalong West approx. 109kms (8 Children)

Wednesday Lake Cargelligo approx. 102kms (16 Children)

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Friday (we stay at the centre and run mobile from here with 20 children attending.)

Cows on the road on the way home from Lake Cargelligo



TAFE at Lake Cargelligo where we utilise a room



CWA Hall at Tullibigeal with our Mercedes Truck.



Smile-A-Mile Fun Bus & Toy Library Inc.



Smile A Mile was established in 1987 as a result of research carried out by the Department of Community Services, assessing the needs of our local and rural communities. Originally sponsored by the Humpty Doo Community & Child Care Centre, we are a "not for profit" organisation and are proudly funded by the Commonwealth Government. We are situated at the old Fred's Pass Reserve Police Station. The Fun Bus and Toy Library service covers an area from Humpty Doo to Pine Creek, Jabiru to Mandorah and out to Bathurst Island. Our service is designed to provide a range of developmental, experiential, experimental and social activities that will enrich the lives of our local and rural families and children. Smile A Mile Fun Bus aim is to provide a Mobile service designed to enable rural and remote families to access developmental activities and equipment. We currently visit a number of rural and Isolated communities covering an approximate area of 28,000km within the Northern Territory. All Fun Bus Venues are free to attend!

Our venues currently include the following areas:

Adelaide River
Acacia/Larrakia,
Batchelor
Belyuen
Berry Springs, Corroboree
Cox Peninsular
Daly River Community
Douglas Daly Research Farm
Humpty Doo Op Shop
Humpty Doo Village Green
Jabiru
Livingstone Reserve
Pine Creek
Tipperary Station



What to do at a Fun Bus Venue?

At our Fun Bus venues we provide free art and craft activities for your child/ren. We also have a great range of toys and equipment available for playing with during the session. Our Fun Bus Venues are for parents, carers, grandparents and extended family members to bring their children along for a great morning's entertainment.

Smile A Mile Toy Library gives access to an extensive range of toys and equipment which provide enjoyment, fun, developmental challenges and learning opportunities for young children. We also have a fantastic parent network available for support and social opportunities. The Toy Library is situated at the old Fred's Pass Reserve Police Station and is open for borrowing on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays afternoons from 1pm to 4pm. We also have a mobile service available for remote members.



Crookwell Neighborhood Centre Inc.



We are a fully licensed and regulated Service offering Long Day Care and Pre School programs to children in rural and remote areas who do not have ready access to these services.

We accept all children from birth to five years with nappy changing facilities available at most venues, and naps optional depending on your child's needs.

The Mobile operates 48 weeks a year.

Our trained and caring staff come to your community with programmed activities to encourage your child's development which will help their transition into primary school.



Venues Include:

Laggan - 8.45am - 3.45pm (Mon, Wed, Thu)

Bigga - 9.30am - 3.00pm (Tue, Wed)

Rye Park - 9.30am - 3.00pm (Thu, Fri)

Collector - 9.30am - 2.45pm (Mon, Tue)



Outback Mobile Resource Unit Inc.



Outback Mobile Resource Unit Inc
A mobile children's service for outback families



The Outback Mobile Resource Unit Inc. (or Mobile Toy Library) is a children's service providing both licensed child care and play group sessions to children and families in the remote and isolated regions of Far Western New South Wales. We travel to various towns, communities and properties in the area, offering activities aimed at enhancing children's learning and social skills and providing support and resources to parents.

The program endeavours to cover all aspects of a child's development, including gross and fine motor skills, cognitive ability, language and self-help and caters to children of all ages (0-12). The service provides activities that can teach these skills in a fun and interesting way; play-dough, craft, painting, sports, dress-ups, dolls, puzzles, games and many others.

We also provide a Toy Library service, where members can borrow items and return them when we return at a later date. Membership has an annual fee of \$30.00 per family.

The OMRU generally tries to attend each venue once every 3 or 4 weeks and because of the distances we must travel, we are often required to spend up to three or four nights a week out of town.

The Mobile spends about 42 weeks of the year on the road and operates during most school holidays. We do close down over the December-January school holidays, due to the usually extreme weather conditions. We also close for a week during August or September to attend an annual training program developed specifically for mobile children's services.

The Outback Mobile Resource Unit is a federally funded service, through the Department of Education. We adhere to relevant regulations and guidelines pertaining to protecting the safety and well-being of all children. We are regulated by the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities and run by a Committee of Management, made up of parents and interested community members from the region.

STAFF

The Outback Mobile Resource Unit employs two full-time staff, one part-time administrative assistant and two casual staff who can be called upon when regular staff are on.

The area we cover is approximately 220,000 km² and is bounded by the South Australian, Queensland and Victorian borders. We travel approximately 43,000 kms each year.

The following are some of the communities we visit;

TIBOOBURRA

Tibooburra is a small town 340km north of Broken Hill. Originally established at the height of the gold rush era, it now houses a population of approximately 300. In Tibooburra, the Mobile provides full child-care and caters to children aged between 0-12. Sessions here are held at the Tibooburra Multi-Purpose Centre and although days may vary, sessions are generally held approximately every 6 weeks.



POONCARIE

Pooncarie is a small picturesque town on the Darling River, 120kms North of Wentworth. Play-group sessions are held either in the local park or at the Pooncarie School in the Pre-School building (depending on the weather situation) Sessions cater for pre-school aged children



WHITE CLIFFS

White Cliffs is an opal mining town approximately 260kms north-east of Broken Hill. The town is occupied by about 300 permanent residents (this rises during winter), and many of the inhabitants live in underground dwellings known as dugouts. Summer weather can be extreme, with temperatures constantly reaching over 40 degrees celsius (105 degrees fahrenheit)



WENTWORTH

The Outback Mobile Resource Unit is a Mobile children's service based in Broken Hill. We offer child-care and play group sessions for children and families in Far West of New South Wales. We provide activities such as craft, painting, play-dough and home corner as well as access to games, puzzles and construction sets through our Toy Library.

PALINYEWAH

Ellerslie is a small fruit-growing community located on the Darling River, 35kms North of Wentworth (a town 255kms south of Broken Hill).

Play-group sessions are held in the grounds of Palinyewah School and although we cater primarily to pre-schoolers, school children are welcome to join in activities during recess and lunch breaks.



Puggles Children's Service Van



Puggles Children's Services Van is auspiced by Tumbarumba Shire Council and works across 4 local government areas. Puggles services the communities of Rosewood, Humula, Tarcutta, Brungle, Talbingo and Adelong.

Puggles has been operating over 10 years and provides education, care and support to over 80 families.

Puggles has a waiting list at both 2 of our venues and has done for some time.

Ongoing, Puggles has inquires from other communities to seek the service however there has been leverage to accommodate these communities.

Puggles employs 10 trained early childhood educators and also has 2 volunteers that support the service on a weekly basis.

Puggles has a volunteer advisory Parent Committee which is made up of Families from each of the communities that we service.

Puggles Parent/Committee meets with Council and I termly. We also have a small group of Families who assist Puggles in the review of the service policies.

Puggles is at the end of celebrating Family's week and close to organising events with the local schools and communities to celebrate NAIDOC week.

Puggles has also started the school transition programme and supporting children and Families through this journey. Puggles Coordinator will commence by distance education to complete the Bachelor of Education in July 2014.

Finally we are still travelling on the journey of completing our self assessment-1/2 way through this. In doing this staff have found valuable support from Michele and Kerry from Contact Inc.

Puggles educators are also embracing technology and we are introducing this into the service.

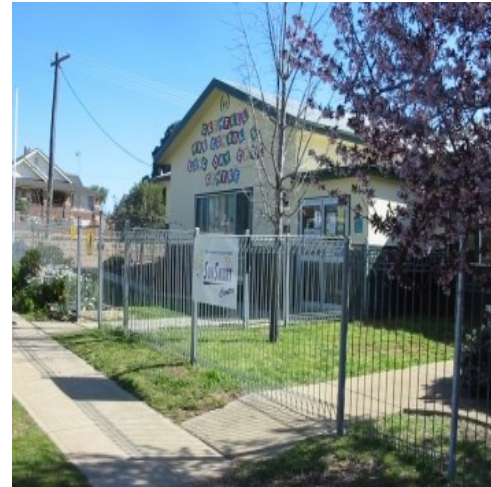
Finally with the extra funding Puggles has received we are now looking at providing more specific face to face training from staffs specific needs that targets quality documentation, reflective practices and intentional teaching and this will certainly further strengthen Puggles quality service.



Photo's in 2012 at Humula venue



Weddin Mobile Preschool Service



Weddin Mobile Preschool Service licence was issued on the 13th April 2010 and commenced operating on the 21st July 2010, first at Quandialla on Wednesday and then Fridays at Caragabal for one day.

On the 2nd of August 2010 Quandialla increased from 1 day a week to t 2 days a week, Monday and Wednesday and on 1st February 2011 Caragabal increased to 2 days, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Service is administered by a volunteer Management Committee from the Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre.

Our primary aim is to provide high quality care for children, meeting the diverse and changing needs of our local area. The Weddin Preschool Mobile Service is funded by the Department of Education and Communities.

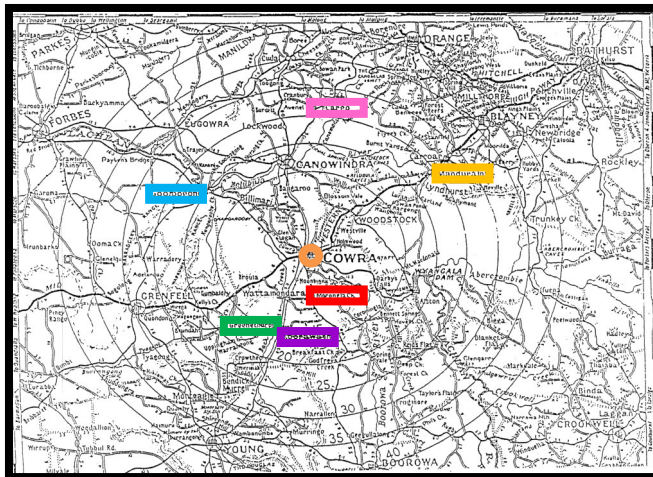
Our Service provides a quality Early Childhood Programme operating during school terms between the hours of 9.15am-3.15pm.

A major focus is placed upon school readiness and appropriate activities are planned to help develop these skills. The Service is licensed for 25 children per day, with ages ranging from 2 1/2 to 6 years.



Cowra Early Childhood Services Mobile

COWRA EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES



HISTORY

The CEC Mobile Service was established in 1999, commencing its first year of service delivery in January 2000. The service is a community based non-profit organisation funded by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. We are also sponsored by Cowra Early Childhood Service Co-op Ltd.

The CEC Mobile Service is a part of a Co-operative run by a parent based management committee, who also manage Cowra Early Childhood Services (Carinya), OOSH (Out of Hours School Care) and Cowra Family Day Care. Parents from the children's services are encouraged to participate at this level

LONG DAY CARE

The Mobile Service is a travelling children's service providing long day care to children aged 0-6 years in rural areas. Currently the villages serviced are Cargo, Mandurama, Goolagong, Morongla, Greenethorpe & Koorawatha. Venues within these villages include town halls. All of the venues have been licensed by the Department of Education and Communities where the Children's Services Officers assess them on their standard and whether they meet regulations.



Picture taken at Goolagong 2006

PRESCHOOL

In 2009 the Preschool Investment and Reform Plan Growth Phase began and an additional \$29.8 million per annum was provided as recurrent funding to enable expansion of preschool programs throughout the children's services sector within NSW. The Cowra Early Childhood Mobile Service was lucky enough to qualify and receive funds for this expansion project to take place.

The Mobile Preschool Service was set up in July 2010 to meet the ever increasing need of Preschool care for 3-5 year olds located in rural and remote Central West NSW.

The Preschool Program offers specific programs, experiences and challenges to further assist the children's developing skills especially in the year prior to formal schooling. Quality preschool education sets the foundations for cognitive, physical, emotional, social and language development. While preschool education is an important experience in itself, it also provides children with an invaluable foundation for their entry into formal schooling.

BOOK LIBRARY

During late 2008 the Mobile Service applied for and was granted \$2100.00 funding from the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. This funding was then used to set up and now finally begin offering the service of a book library to our families.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY COWRA EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

CARINYA

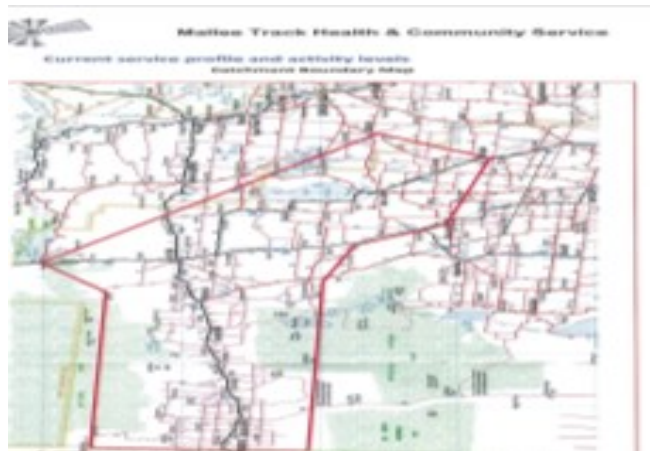
LONG DAY CARE, OCCASIONAL CARE, AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE, VACATION CARE

Carinya Child Care Centre caters for children aged 0-5 years of age in a long day care and occasional care setting.

The program is based on a pre-school format, which refers to activities and experiences, planned and spontaneous, which children participate in during their day at the centre. Trained educators are responsible for the program and take great care in ensuring the program is designed to meet the individual needs and interests of each child. They ensure the program is age appropriate, challenging and enjoyable for the children. Educators do this through observations of each child and keeping records of their progress. OOSH is provided after school hours and during school holidays for school aged children providing them with enriching, fun experiences in a supportive, safe setting.

Our service continues to go from strength to strength making positive differences to many lives.

Mallee Track Health & Community Service



Mallee Track Health & Community Service is a not for profit, government funded agency providing a broad range of health, wellbeing and community services to the communities of the 'Mallee Track'.

MTH&CS have some very exciting projects in the pipeline, the centre is about to undergo a significant capital works project. We have been successful in securing funding from DEEWR to bring the building and facilities 'up to scratch' to meet the National Quality Standards for Early Years Services. We are pleased with the proposed investment in our facility as it assures the future of the service. The investment in the centre has been a pleasant surprise!!

Staff members have been busy attending several training sessions. Lisa White and Terry- Anne Ford have attended a 'Partnerships With Families Course', Helen Lam attended a leadership course with Jo Lange, Maddy McInerney and Danielle Reeves attended a 'Speak And Listen' seminar in Mildura, Lisa White, Lisa Bursill, Jo Franklin and Breanna Noble attended a Marc Armatage course in Swan Hill and Louise

MTHCS is an approved provider of children's services in the following communities;

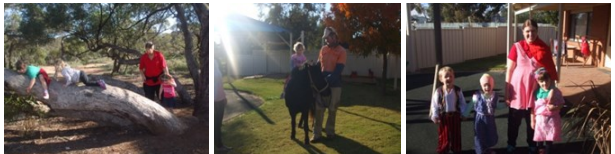
Ouyen Long Day Care (Mallee Minors Child Care Centre)

Vacation Care Program (Mallee Minors Child Care Centre)

Pre School (Kindergarten)



Underbool Integrated Long Day Care and Kindergarten



Murrayville Integrated Long Day Care and Kindergarten



*Sea Lake Long Day Care
Pre School (Kindergarten)*



Manangatang Pre School (Kindergarten)

**The Remote and Isolated Children’s Exercise Inc.
(RICE)**



- Based in Port Augusta, RICE provides holistic wellbeing and education services to 2/3 of South Australia, covering an area of approximately 655,000 square kilometres.
- This could mean travelling to visit one family as far as 14 hours or 1,800 kilometres away.





The Remote and Isolated Children’s Exercise Inc. (RICE) is a not-for-profit organisation sponsored by the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments with its primary to provide accessible health, welfare, preschool education, childcare and a toy/resource library service for the children and their families in the remote and isolated areas of outback South Australia, RICE has been providing this service since 1976.

**Toy / Parent
Resource Library**



*RICE operates via an interdisciplinary team providing holistic services to promote children’s and families’ health, wellbeing and development.
RICE serves families with children aged 0-12 years who live on stations and in remote communities and towns.
RICE provides holistic services to meet children’s health, welfare, early childhood and developmental needs.*



*RICE staff travel by 4wd vehicles to the remote locations to provide these services.
The Childcare program consists of in home placement care, play days, activity days and remote crèches RICE covers an area of 655000 square kilometres and employs 20 staff both permanent and casual.
The number of families that RICE services is in excess of 130.
The RICE office and base is located in Port Augusta.*



Galloping Gumnut Mobile Children’s



Lithgow

Galloping Gumnut Head office



HISTORY

Galloping Gumnut began operations on 2nd July 1984 as an extension of the services offered by Gumnut House Child Care Centre in Lithgow. Why go mobile? Well a compact, almost self contained childcare service that can visit a number of areas is today's cheapest viable means of providing appropriate experiences to under 5's in areas where there is too small a population or too remote to justify a permanent centre-based preschool or childcare. Galloping Gumnut originally operated from a trailer which was towed by an assortment of vehicles; from staff cars to hire cars, and on occasions, tow trucks!

In January 1985, as a result of a Commonwealth Employment Program grant, a full time assistant was employed. Later in the same year the Department of Social Security provided funds for a bus and staffing/operating costs for a further year. After much hard work and effort from staff that have moved on and staff which are still with us, we received funding from the Department of Families, Community Services, through the Rural and Remote Children's Program.

In 1994 the service relocated from its small office space in Read Avenue to new premises in Proto Avenue, adjacent to Gumnut House. We expanded our storage facility in 1997 and maintained the service in many of the outlying areas. In July 2006 we relocated from Proto Avenue into new larger premises at 131 Mort Street, Lithgow. The service is also very heavily involved with the local Lithgow Child Protection Interagency, Spread the Word Committee, NSW Committee for Mobile Children's Services. We currently travel around 2,660kms per month and service over 100 families. We currently receive funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. These funds enable our service to provide Play session and Literacy Sessions to 11 different communities. We also receive funding from the Department of Community Services. These funds are provided for the purpose of offering Preschool sessions in remote communities.

The communities we visit are:

Preschool sessions at O'Connell and Perthville

Play sessions for children (0-5yrs) at Hampton, Perthville, Cullen, Bullen, Glen Alice, Rylstone, Hill End, Meadow Flat,Burruga and O'Connell

Toy Library/Literacy sessions at Portland, Wallerawang & Lithgow

Cullen Bullen Community Hall
Castlereigh Hwy, Cullen Bullen



Uniting Church Hall
Beaconsfield Road, O'Connell



Perthville Public School
Rockley St, Perthville



Glen Alice Community Hall
Glen Alice Road, Glen Alice



Mackillop Rural Community Services



The service is based in Brewarrina in North Western NSW. Brewarrina is situated 800 kilometres from Sydney.

The service travels to the following locations:

Goodooga	121 kilometres on difficult gravel road
Hebel QLD	180 kilometres (some gravel road)
Carinda	100 kilometres on difficult gravel road
Weilmoringle	100 kilometres
Yarrawin	80 kilometres on difficult gravel road

With the exception of Goodooga that does have a two day a week pre-school, the early childhood sessions conducted by the Mobile is the only exposure for these children to early childhood learning.

The Mobile is staffed by an Early Childhood Teacher and an Aboriginal Child Care Assistant. Approximately 70% of the families using the service are Aboriginal. The playgroups are generally run outside in the open in parks and vacant blocks of land. The adverse conditions of over 40 degree temperatures in summer and some cold weather in winter can impact on the work the staff are doing with the children.

The staff integrate nature and the bush in the children's learning, which complements the Aboriginal connection to the land and the bush. Indigenous educational equipment and indigenous games are also played.

Parents also play a key role in their children's learning and they participate actively with their children in the sessions. Some parents are also supported by the staff to supervise their children doing Distance Education Pre-School.



Deniliquin Mobile Children's Service



The Deniliquin Children's Centre

The Deniliquin Children's Centre comprises of a preschool, childcare centre, mobile children's services and a toy library. Between all these services we have the capacity to cater for 465 children per week and over 100 family members at the toy library.

We currently employ 33 staff in permanent, part time and casual capacity.

The Deniliquin Children's Centre is a community based non-for-profit organisation. The centre is managed by a committee which is made up of parent users of our services.

Deniliquin Mobile Children's Service

The Deniliquin Mobile Children's Service caters for children aged 0-5 years of age in rural and remote communities. The service operates from halls and preschools, offering combined long day care and preschool and can cater for 25 children, , 6 hours per day traveling approximately 450 kms per week. A extensive range of educational resources and equipment is packed into the mobile truck and travels to areas where care facilities are limited.

The mobile services 6 rural and remote communities in Pretty Pine, Mathoura, Blighty, Conargo, Bunnaloo, The mobile service currently has 140 children enrolled from these communities.

The Mobile service also facilities a Koori playgroup in partnership with another local organisation. Activities are organised each term for the adults and supervised care is provided by educators of the mobile service. This service is available once per week during the term for 4 hours.

The toy library has an extensive collection of toys for both indoor and outdoor play and caters for a great range of play experiences. The toys are carefully selected to encourage children to have fun while learning new skills catering for ages 0 up to approx. 12 years of age. We currently have over 1500 toys in stock.

There is annual membership fee.

The mobile service employs an Early Childhood trained teacher, two Diploma and three Certificate III trained educators, two of which are currently studying their Diploma. We also offer a Certificate III based traineeship.

The mobile service has recently completed a Quality Improvement plan; this process involved all educators and identified areas for continual improvement for the service to focus on over the next 12 months.

A huge focus for the team has been the implementation of the iPads to support the progress of digital programming. This has been a focused area for continual improvement The early childhood teacher specially provides programmed activities for the year before school age group.

The educators are regularly offered professional development as the organisation believes this is vital to support educators while increasing the skills and quality if educators.

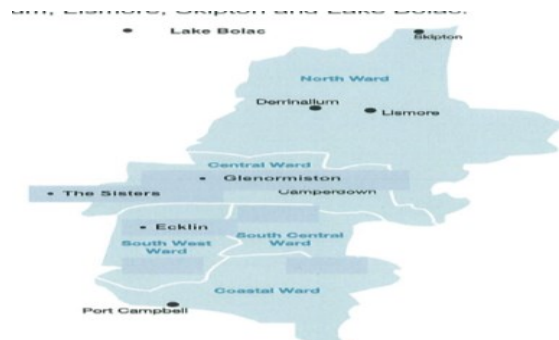
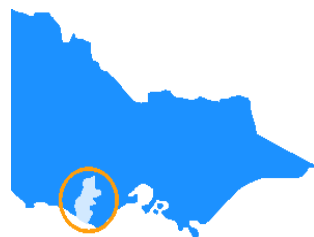
The mobile service recently held their first excursion where the children went to visit the local school in the area at one of our venues, This was a successful activity so we will be looking at the possibility of holding excursion at the other venues.

The Deniliquin Children's Centre recently employed an Educational leader for organisation. This position is allocated a set time each week to work with, role model, support, research and educator the staff with the educational program and practise.

Families are regularly invited to participate in special activities at the venues and the mobile service is often invited to attend special events held in the community.

Our service is currently facing unmet demand for care and education, we have had several request from venues requesting additional days and to open new venues where there is no or limited care available. One of our venues is at full capacity of 25 children with a waitlist. Unborn children are on the wait list for this venue.

Corangamite Shire Mobile Childcare Services



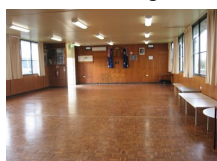
Corangamite Shire Mobile Child Care has been operating throughout the Western District of Victoria since 1992, from the coastal town of Port Campbell, through the strong dairying communities of Ecklin, Glenormiston and The Sisters, to the pastoral and cropping region of Derrinallum, Lismore, Skipton and Lake Bolac.



Corangamite has a team of 15 educators who work full time, part time and in a relieving capacity. We currently have seven Diploma qualified educators and three of our eight Certificate III educators working towards their Diploma qualification. Two teams are traveling daily from the Camperdown base to each community, a number of other educators meet at the venues.

The distance to venues ranges from 25kms to 110kms.

The day starts for the team at 8-8.30am and finishes at 4.30-5pm, during this time staff travel to the venue, set up for the day, share the program and experiences with the children from 10am-3pm, then finish up for the day with packing away the venue and travelling back to Camperdown.



The Corangamite program runs for five hours, 10am-3pm, from Monday to Friday. The numbers of children attending each venue vary from 10-20 and range in age from 6mths-6yrs. Currently we are offering care from seven venues and supporting 110 plus families with around 150 children accessing the program from Public Halls, Kindergartens and Community Recreation Reserves.

Children visit weekly and fortnightly with permanent bookings, if families don't need to use the service for the day they contact staff via the mobile phones and available places are offered to children from alternate weeks or from waiting lists, families are not charged a fee for the day if they call prior to 8.30am on the day of care. Permanent places for following years are offered to families in September and are confirmed in November. Priority of needs is taken into consideration with permanent place bookings. During the year family's move in and out of service, opening up places for families who may be on waiting lists or are new to the communities. The cost to families is Standard fee \$20.50 for the first child in the family, \$14.50 for siblings. Concession fee \$16.20 for the first child in the family and \$8.60 for siblings. Fees are reviewed annually.



The educators work within the Early Years Learning and Development Framework to offer environments and experiences which support children's sense of identity and wellbeing, allowing the children to steer the activities and be confident and involved learners. Lots of natural and sensory materials are used and educators work to reflect the connections children have within their communities. Children bring everything they will need for the day with healthy eating and drinking being encouraged. A shared snack of fruit and vegies is offered to the children in the afternoon.

On one day a fortnight two educators spend the day programming the following fortnights curriculum, they also update records, copy/collect any resources for families and change over the equipment going out to venues. The curriculum is based on individual core children and group interests and the direction of the children's play.

The routine is very flexible to meet the needs of the children and families, the weather and the children's direction of learning. Educators have recently completed the Smiles 4 Miles oral health program and the Kids Matter early childhood mental health and wellbeing promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative. It has been a focus of the service to support children and families in these particular areas.

In conjunction with the Corangamite Shire Community Services department we have introduced 'Hard wiring for excellence' an evidence based leadership framework developed by the Studer Group, as a result of this professional development we have applied leader rounding, traffic light reports and behaviour and values workshops.

As a service we are working to be improve our knowledge and understanding of the NQS and to guide our policies and practices we recently developed and implemented a Quality Compliance Self-Assessment.

The service is currently looking at the options for upgrading one of the IVECO vans; the councils OHS consultant will be conducting an assessment later in July. The assessor will be visiting one of our venues and watching our educator's current practices before put together recommendations for the upgrade.

Child Care On Wheels Service



Has been operating in the southeast of SA since 2002.

The model of mobile child care was introduced to meet some of the needs of children and families in the district (a traditional child care centre would not have been a viable proposition). The mobile model is an innovative way of responding to the need for children's services in rural and remote areas.

Long day child care is provided at existing premises at Robe, Kangaroo Inn and Beachport. CCOWS aims to provide affordable, accessible, quality care and education to families in Robe and the surrounding districts.



Being MOBILE means that equipment is taken to each site in containers, that are packed into trolleys, which fit into a specially designed trailer that is towed by a 4WD vehicle. Staff set up the premises for the day so that compliance with licensing standards are met.

Robyn Paterson is the Manager of the service and is supported by a staff with great stamina and special skills. To start the day at a shed, drive through kangaroo country to a site, set up equipment and then care for children, pack up the equipment, reload the trailer and drive back to the shed takes staff with commitment, dedication, flexibility and enthusiasm.

We visit 4 sites each week.

We deliver a long day care service 5 days a week. (with 2 teams working on 2 of those days).

The "outreach sites" (away from base) are between 45 and 50 kilometres away.

Sites used are a kindergarten, CPC rooms at 2 schools, and an RSL Hall.

The vehicles we use include a 4WD with a cargo barrier and a large enclosed trailer (when necessary).

We have 74 children from 50 families, whom we see each week.

There are 125 places being sought across service sites.

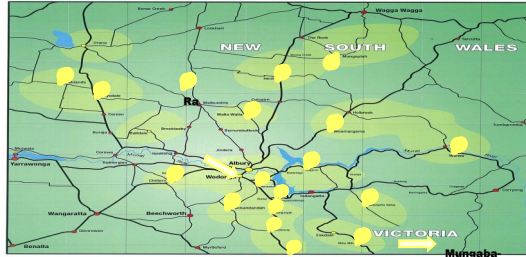
Some educators interact with up to 54 children in a week.

We are able to assist families whose children have cystic fibrosis, autism spectrum disorder, Diabetes1 and various developmental delays .

There are 14 staff, employed in full-time, part-time and casual capacities.

6 educators have Diplomas , 6 have Certificate 3 and 2 are studying.

Community Early-years Childcare



Community Early-years Childcare is a service built on strong values and ethics, which have been discussed and written up by all staff involved: management, educators and administration team.

Over the years some influential and visionary people were involved with our service who gave great insight to what our community needed, in regard to providing a sound well organised children's service. Not your everyday normal centres, but service for rural and remote children crossing the borders of NSW and Victoria.

What started out as a pilot project in 1997 certainly has increased service productivity tenfold. Starting with only a handful of towns and communities that we provided services we have now grown to provide for over 20 communities and have included two long day care services with CCB approval and kindergarten programmes.

The only one factor that hasn't changed over the 28 years is the passion and vision that people have for our quality service delivery in the education and care of children

The communities we work in:

- ♦ Henty
- ♦ Mangoplah
- ♦ Walla Walla
- ♦ Woomargama
- ♦ Tallangatta Valley
- ♦ Oaklands
- ♦ Baranduda
- ♦ Dederang
- ♦ Kergunyah
- ♦ Mitta Mitta
- ♦ Talgarno
- ♦ Walwa

Long Day Care



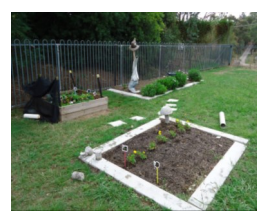
We operate two Long Day centres at South Street Wodonga and Yackandandah, providing early childhood education and care to families for study, work and respite related purposes and also a kindergarten program.

South Street Wodonga



Community Early-years Childcare provides an educational, caring and nurturing environment for children. Our programs ensure a quality service that enhances the play based learning experiences for children from 6 weeks to 6 years of age.

Yackandandah

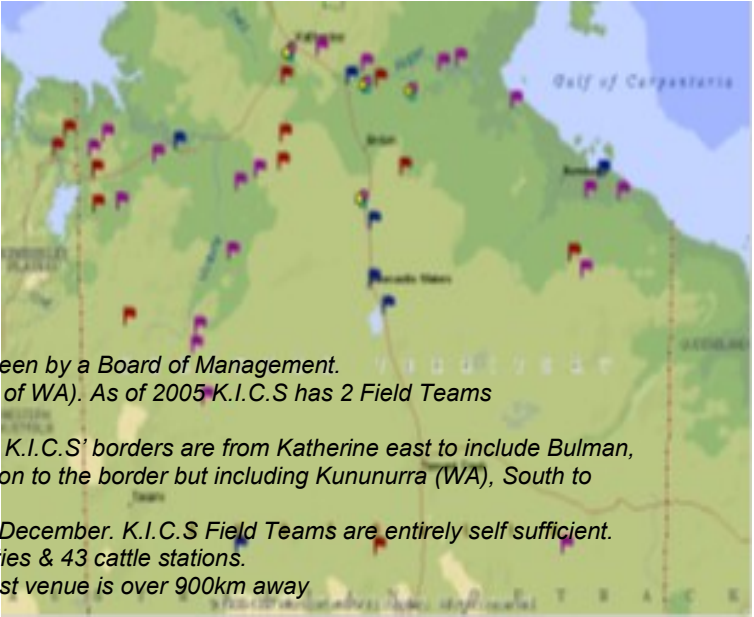


Kindergarten

CEYC is a Kindergarten Cluster Manager and we offer 3 & 4 Year Old Kindergarten programs in Victoria at the following locations: Chiltern, Kiewa/Tangambalanga, Tawonga, Mitta Mitta.

Community Early-years Childcare Educators pride themselves on developing a program that focuses on the individual child's needs whilst working with families to maintain quality education, care and learning outcomes for all the children. Our CEYC service offers a variety of daily living and educational learning experiences for children. Community Early-years Childcare preserves, promotes and shares family and community culture.

Katherine Isolated Children's Service



K.I.C.S has been in operation since 1988. K.I.C.S is overseen by a Board of Management. The Field Team around 700 000sq km of the NT (& a little of WA). As of 2005 K.I.C.S has 2 Field Teams on the road. Our Field Teams drive approximately 70 000 km per year. K.I.C.S' borders are from Katherine east to include Bulman, Numbulwar to the QLD border, West through Legune station to the border but including Kununurra (WA), South to Elliott Lajamanu and the Barkly stock route. Our Field Teams are generally on the road from March to December. K.I.C.S Field Teams are entirely self sufficient. Playgroups service approximately 25 Aboriginal communities & 43 cattle stations. Our closest venue is 100km from Katherine and the furthest venue is over 900km away

K.I.C.S. is a mobile Playgroup and Parent Information service, catering for the greater Katherine region.

- ` The aim of K.I.C.S Playgroups is to allow remote and isolated (socially &/or geographically) children the chance to interact and play with other children of a similar age.
- ` **K.I.C.S. caters for children from birth through to 12 years old. The program is focussed on the Early Childhood age group of birth to 5.**
- ` Children aged 0 to 5 years are encouraged to attend K.I.C.S Playgroups; if there is no school in the area children up to age 12 are welcome to attend. Where older children are able to attend school (excluding Katherine School of the Air) they are ineligible to attend K.I.C.S. Playgroups.
- ` **Playgroup visits are 3 hours, plus time to set up and pack up.**
- ` The various programs and activities offered at Playgroups cover all skill areas of Early Childhood development.
- ` **The Field Teams are on the road holding daily Playgroups from March through to December, (dependant on the Wet season).**
- ` Parents are encouraged to join in the Playgroup fun with their child/ren.

K.I.C.S Staff

Portfolios

Gill Russell Program Coordinator

Bachelor Of Science (Aquatic Science) 1996
Masters of Education (Primary) 2011

Gill first became involved with K.I.C.S in 2010 as Field Team 1, with her husband Jack, and children Henry, now 6 and Georgina, now 5. In 2011 Gill completed her Masters of Education, under taking her practicum at both Clyde Fenton Primary School and Katherine South Primary School, where she learnt a lot about the Early Years Learning Framework. Gill is an active member of the Katherine Community.

Carmel & Colin Coutts Field Team 1

This is Carmel & Col's first year as Field Team 1 and they are both very excited about getting out and meeting everyone. Carmel has over 10 years experience in the Early Childhood Education field including working one on one with Additional needs children. Colin worked as an on farm sales rep for 5 years for an animal nutrition company travelling extensively in country NSW. They are empty nesters and are looking forward to their youngest son's posting to Darwin in June.

Matt & Jenna Kinny Field Team 2

This is Matt and Jenna's fifth year with K.I.C.S. They have a lot of experience travelling and working in the remote and isolated areas of the NT. Both come from family backgrounds that involved helping out with younger siblings / cousins. Matt and Jenna display a true joy and love when working with children at Playgroups.

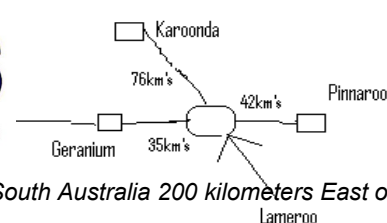
Royelene Hill Administration Assistant

A former governess/teacher Royelene came from Queensland to the NT in 1973. As a parent of isolated children living in the Victoria River District for 27 years and as a member of the Isolated Children's Parent's Assc. (ICPA) Royelene has been involved with K.I.C.S since it's beginnings in 1986. On moving to Katherine in 2000 Royelene commenced work with K.I.C.S in 2002.





Distances from Lamerloo Base



Southern Mallee South Australia 200 kilometers East of Adelaide

The Mallee Mobile Childcare Service commenced in January 2003, and has expanded to providing a long day care service to four small towns across two local government areas in shared

Kindergarten sites, and in one instance the local Institute.

The service operates at each site from 7.45am to 5.30pm, with the children attending from 8.30am to 5.15pm. Children are cared for in a mixed age group, 6 months to 5 years, with capacity for after school hours care if places are available.

Staff travel up to 80 kilometers to their worksite.



Lamerloo – Monday and Wednesday: Approved for 8 under 2's and 12 over 2's



Pinnaroo – Thursday and Friday: Approved for 8 under 2's and 18 over 2's



Karoonda – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Approved for 4 under 2's, 11 over 2's.



Geranium- Alternate Fridays: Approved for 4 under 2's and 11 over 2's.

South Australian Mobile Services are not yet covered by State Legislation, but are deemed 'Approved Residual Services'.

Mallee COGS is sponsored by the Southern Mallee District Council, which:

- Receives a sponsorship fee to administer the funding from the Australian Government Department of Education.
- Provides insurance cover.
- Employs the staff
- Pays the wages and accounts payable.
- Provides monthly financial statements.
- Controls the operations of the service.

Mallee COGS was governed by a Management Committee for 10 years, then the Council abolished Section 41 Committees and assumed control of all aspects of the service.

A parent 'Support and Advisory Group' has been formed.

An appointed Manager is the Nominated Supervisor of the service, responsible for the administration of the early childhood regulations and practices.

The Early Childhood Professionals are Certified Supervisors responsible for the day to day management of each site.

Staff Team consists of:

Manager

Administration Officer

1 x Early Childhood Degree

6 x Diploma Qualified

3 x Certificate III – All upskilling to Diploma

2 x School Based Apprentices

Some staff work at only 1 site, others across 2 or 3.

Income is the Federal Operational Grant plus client fees.

The service embraced the Early Years Learning Framework when it was introduced, transitioning from the South Australian curriculum methodology.

Mallee COGS engaged with the National Quality Framework from its inception in 2012.

The progress has been very slow due to:

The geographic structure of the service.

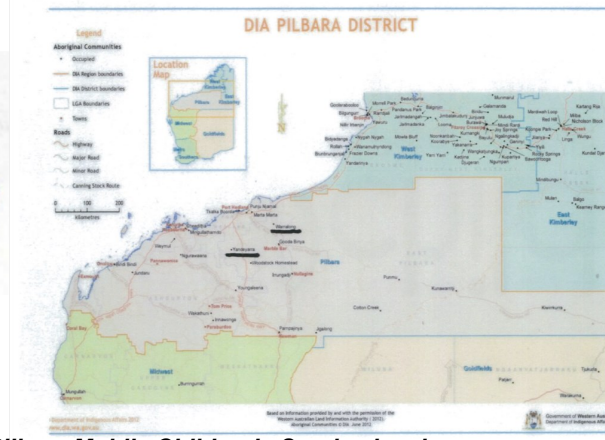
The nature of the service – operating at each site only 1, 2, or 3 days per week, with some children attending 1 day a week or less.

The logistics and cost of getting staff together.

MALLEE COGS STAFF 2014



West Pilbara Mobile Children's Service



For more than 10 years, the West Pilbara Mobile Children's Service has been providing playgroup opportunities for children in remote communities where no other children's service is available.

When & where you will find the butterfly van:

Mondays -Strelley Station—60km from South Hedland

Tuesdays- Warralong—180km from South Hedland

Wednesdays—Yandeyarra—160km from South Hedland

Thursday- Wirraka Maya Medical Centre South Hedland

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

West Pilbara Mobile Children Service, South Hedland, WA

The West Pilbara Mobile Children's Service (WPMCS) is a mobile children's service that travels throughout the remote Western Australian Pilbara region to Indigenous Communities including Strelley, Warralong, Yandeyarra and Wirraka Maya Medical Centre community.

The WPMCS travels through some very harsh environments including flooded roads and water crossings, searing temperatures (48 degrees plus), dirt tracks, complete with giant road trains, snakes and other wildlife, monsoons and bush fires.

This service provides children with an opportunity to socialise with other children and participate in early childhood education opportunities that would not otherwise be available to them due to their remote locations.

The excitement and big smiles from the children when they see the Butterfly van pulling into the community is priceless and certainly makes the long drive worthwhile.

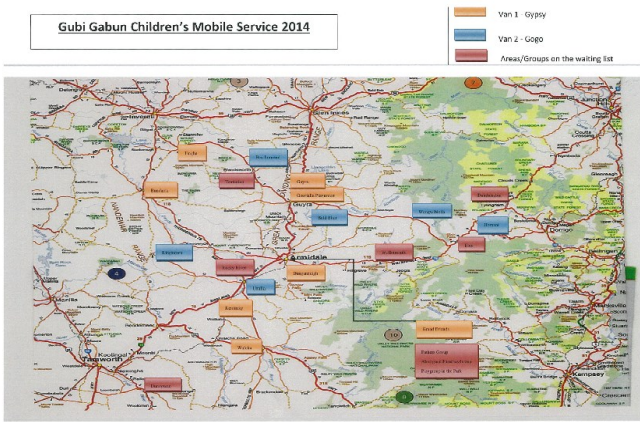
The WPMCS Educators, Sharon and Shelby, recently attended the mobile muster in Perth hosted by YIPSU titled "Wellbeing in the Aboriginal Children's Services". This has proven to be an invaluable opportunity to receive and share early childhood information specific to Indigenous Children and families and to create valuable connections with other Mobile services in W.A.

WPMCS Educators are using their new learnings to support their planning celebrations for NAIDOC week, which is one of the biggest events of the calendar year. In partnership with the other remote Indigenous children's services we have made connections with, we are planning a day full of fun with the theme for this year's celebrations "Serving Country-Century and Beyond". This is an opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievement with the Children and families of remote WA.

By Shelby Ward, Educator West Pilbara Mobile Children's Services



Gubi Gabun Children’s Mobile Service



Gubi Gabun Children’s Mobile Service (GGCMS) is a Mobile Play session Service that operates in rural and socially isolated communities. The service offers structured early childhood sessions for birth to school age children at community venues throughout the townships and villages of the New England (See Service Map appendix 9). GGCMS reaches into eight Local Government Areas – Armidale Dumaresq, Uralla Shire Council, Guyra Shire Council, Walcha Council, Glen Severn Council, Inverell Shire Council, Tamworth Regional Council, and Clarence Valley Council. In 2014 fifteen different communities are provided a session. Some families travel up to one hour to access the program.

Play sessions provided by GGCMS differ from conventional independent playgroups. GGCMS employs qualified Early Childhood Educators to plan, program and facilitate the sessions. The program follows the National Quality Framework and the National Quality Standards.

Play sessions have set days and usually operate fortnightly for two-hour duration . A Toy and Parent Resource Library are offered. We also develop a correspondence pre-school program – “Preschool in the Bush” and a supplemented program.

In 2013/14 the service comprises: One manager (also early childhood trained), working 30 hours per week

3 trained early childhood educators, working 20 hours per week

One admin working 5 hours per week



One bookkeeper contracted

The 4 Early Childhood Educators attend a total of 16 play sessions per fortnight, at various locations around the Armidale and New England district.

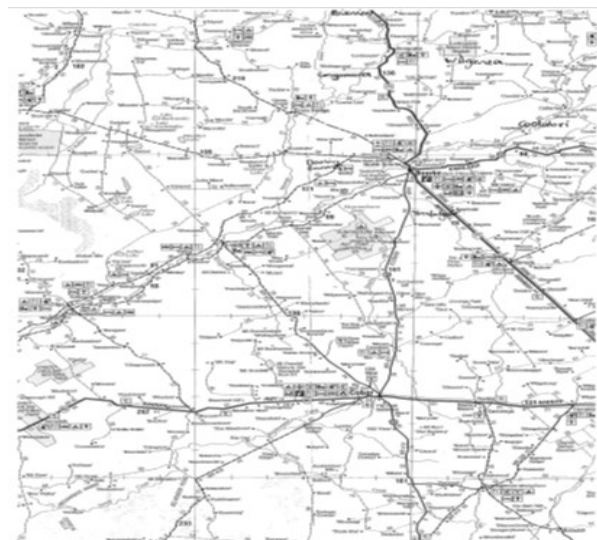
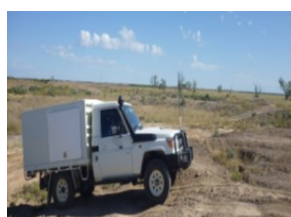
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1st Week	Uralla	Bald Blair	Hernani	Ben Lomond	Office
	Bundarra	Dangarsleigh	Tingha	Walcha	
2nd Week	Uralla	Wongwibinda	Kingstown	Ben Lomond	Office
3rd Week	Uralla	Bald Blair	Hernani	Ben Lomond	Office
	Bundarra	Dangarsleigh	Tingha	Walcha	
4th Week	Uralla	Wongwibinda	Kingstown	Ben Lomond	Office
	FDC Guyra	Grandparents	Goorialla Aboriginal Families—Guyra	Kentucky	

Wimmera Uniting Care



Service	Current Chn 2014	License No. 2014	News
Nhill Child Care	10	24	A parent of the service recently brought in a baby lamb for the children to pat and watch feed. They have also been growing and eating their own vegies, as well as exploring craft and construction experiences resulting in some great creations which they have proudly shown their parents..
Kaniva Child Care	7	12	Still working with the shire to have the outdoor space landscaped. Staff have been bringing the outdoors in in the meantime and are grateful to have a large room where this is possible. They have also been using the kinder yard. Staffing is and issue but has eased slightly with 1 new casual Qualified
Balmoral Child Care	9.5	12	<p>The children have been getting in and exploring the muddy digging patch. We've even been using it in the rain. The other day they made "wombat stew".</p> <p>We have started a worm farm. The children have been very excited to put it all together and introduce the worms to their new home. Each session the children feed the worms with our food scapes and check on them to make sure they are still there. We will be having discussions over the next few weeks on what we can and can't feed our new worms.</p>  
Hopetoun Child Care	4	12	Have recently moved into a purpose build space of their own at the kindergarten. This has meant they can have more permanent experiences set up without packing up each week for kinder and their own office. The children now have 2 playrooms and fantastic outdoor space. Staffing is still an issue.
Dimboola Child Care	6	12	Dimboola child care have accessed Delkia Aboriginal Best start grants to incorporate the indigenous culture into the program through purchasing equipment, having elders come into the program and are currently working on quotes to landscape part of their yard with native plants and features.

Bourke and District Children's Services



HISTORY AND FUNDING

*Bourke and District Children's Services - Mobile began in 1987.
Funding is provided by the Federal Government (DEEWR).
Our service is registered and licensed as a children's service under the
Department of Education.
A committee manages the service.
This committee is comprised of parents and community members.*

Bourke & District Children's Services - Mobile travels to about 19 different venues within the Bourke Shire, including Louth, Enngonia, Ford's Bridge, as well as venues within Bourke.

The Bourke and District Children's Services - Mobile is a mobile play-group which provides developmentally appropriate programs that cater for children's individual needs from birth to six years.

TOY LIBRARY

Bourke and District Children's Services - Mobile provides a toy library where re-sources such as puzzles, games, outside toys and construction toys can be borrowed.

Families living in town can borrow for two weeks and out of town families can borrow for four weeks

Toy library is open every Thursday from 2:00pm - 4:00pm during the school term.

LEARNING AND ACTIVITIES

Some of the learning experiences and activities provided include art and craft, music and dance, story time, dramatic play, fine motor activities, messy play, gross motor activities and cognitive activities.

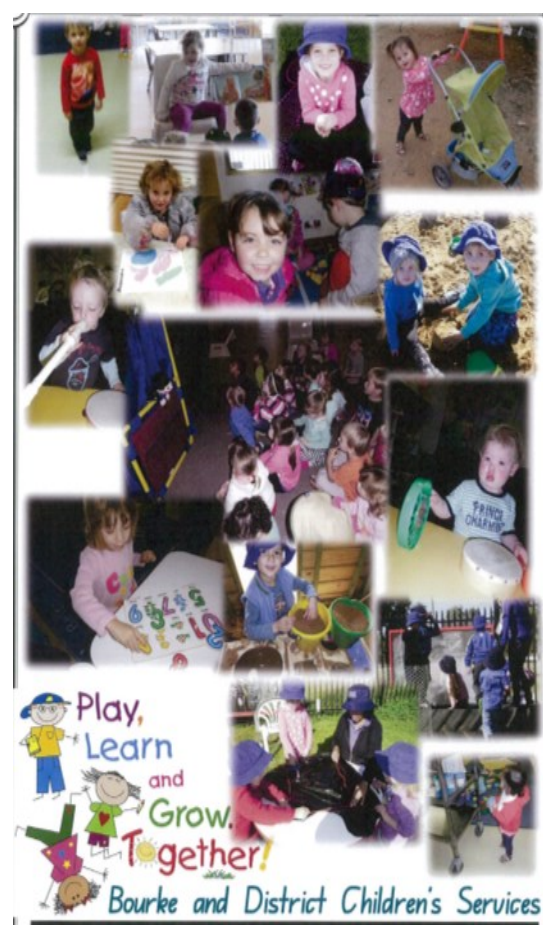
Bourke & District Children's Services - Mobile Aims to:

Promote the importance of play in a child's development by providing a quality program and educational materials.

Provide a multi-functional service that meets the needs of children, their families and the community.

Encourage parental participation at the child's play level while providing support to the parent

Promote the development of each child socially, emotionally, intellectually creatively, and physically through appropriate activities and challenging experiences.



Goonimoo Mobile Children's Service



Goonimoo Mobile Children's Service (GMCS) operates in conjunction with Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Limited (WAMS) and was established in 1985.

Goonimoo is a Yuwaaliyaay/Gamilaraay word meaning "mothers breast". GMCS provides a Play Session service to Gamilaraay, Yuwaaliyaay, Niemba, and Weilwan, Murrawarri and non-Aboriginal families and children between the ages of 0-5 years. GMCS visits small rural towns and isolated places within the Walgett Shire to provide temporary services in areas where access to other children's services are limited.



In 2013, GMCS has established a licensed care facility in the small community of Carinda and is now waiting approval for another licensed care facility in the community of Walgett.

*The service is staffed by a small team that includes:
1 Early Childhood Teacher:
Bachelor of Teaching (Birth to 5 years)*

Nominated Supervisor and Service Manager

*2 Early Childhood Educators
currently studying Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care*

*1 Part Time Early Childhood Educator
currently studying Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care*



Paroo Contact Children's Mobile Inc



Our Service

Founded in 1987, we are based in Wanaaring 200km NW of Bourke NSW. We are an unlicensed mobile service covering an area approximately the size of Tasmania in North West NSW and a small portion of South West QLD.

We facilitate play sessions 4 days per week visiting children at approximately 16 individual venues on stations and in remote communities within our service area.

The groups of children vary from 1-25 and the children's ages range from 0-12 years.

We also provide a toy library service to our members.



Committee and Staff

We operate under a management Committee with 3 staff Members.

Jess – Coordinator

Nicole – ECE

Debra – Admin



Most of our travel is done on dirt roads in our Toyota Land Cruiser Ute. We also have a canopy to keep our resources safe and sound.

We travel anywhere from 500 – 1000 km/week and stay overnight at some of our venues travelling on the next day.



Thithigoo & Mobile Crèche



Bega Garnbirringu Health Service provides holistically, culturally appropriate health care service to the Aboriginal people of the Goldfields region.

As part of the health service Bega operates two childcare services;

*Thithigoo Crèche
Mobile Crèche*

Thithigoo Crèche is located at Bega and is available for use by clients, students and staff who are on the premises at the health service. There is no charge for Bega clients. Mobile Crèche provides a visiting childcare service for training or community groups who aim to support Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander families in the Goldfields area, as well as to attend community events and playgroups.

We can service the outlying communities of the Goldfields Region; Coolgardie, Kambalda, Norseman, Esperance, Coonana, Menzies, Leonora and Laverton.



Children in our extended community enjoy hands on activities; they are very creative and learn with their hands. Our children love to paint and tell their story.

Thithigoo and Mobile Crèche were developed to support the parents and children of the Bega Garnbirringu Health Service. We believe that creating an environment that supports independence, celebrates culture and encourages children to be themselves will lead to happy, confident, secure children with strong identities. We understand that we will always have more to learn and will continually consult with the children, families and the community to reflect on our work.



Our children LOVE food, they enjoy feeding our worms and having the opportunity to cook. This helps them to build strong relationships through turn taking and by helping each other when a task maybe too hard for them. They are becoming more confident and are proud of their efforts when they see the good tucker they have made.

Gnowangerup Family Support Association Inc.



The Gnowangerup Family Support Assn Inc. provides child care across a number of towns in the Gnowangerup region. This mobile service has been in operation for nearly 26 years and is well supported by local communities.

When the Gnowangerup Family Support Association (GFSA) began in 1988 with a charter to provide low cost, licensed child care in Gnowangerup the concept of extending that care to towns over 100 km away seemed a distant possibility.

*Fast forward 26 years and this community driven and representative organisation now provides quality, occasional care four days per week at the **Nobarach Day Care Centre in Gnowangerup** while also servicing five far flung towns between one and three days per week via two mobile day care vans.*

On set days the fully equipped vans manned by experienced staff visit the following towns:

- ☐ **Ongerup**
- ☐ **Borden**
- ☐ **Newdegate**
- ☐ **Tambellup**
- ☐ **Dumbleyung**

In each of these towns the vans are unloaded and community halls, sports centres or purpose-built kindergartens are transformed for the day into child care facilities that meet all relevant guidelines.

Local employees, gaining valuable employment experience, bolster staff numbers and children come from far and wide for a day of activity. The viability of the child care services offered by the GFSA is easily quantified by the high enrolment numbers across all towns visited. It is less easy to gauge the impact this highly rated service has on women and families in these towns.

Because the facilities visited by GFSA all offer small, personal, community centred care; parents always feel as if they are leaving their children in the hands of trusted friends or family.

Life in a small town is never dull and the list of jobs in our frantic lives never seems to end. For many busy mums like myself the child care brought to towns throughout the Great Southern by the GFSA, gives us the opportunity to grasp those opportunities.



