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START STRONG: BACKING CHILDREN IN HOWLONG

More children in Howlong will have access to high quality early childhood education with Howlong Preschool Association receiving grants to upgrade their services.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin is pleased to announce that Howlong Preschool will receive \$200,000 from the Start Strong Capital Works Grants program to assist with expansion of the Preschool.

“This \$200,000 is in addition to the \$100,000 allocated by Federation Council to the Preschool through the Stronger Communities Fund provided as part of the Council amalgamation,” said Mr Aplin.

“It is also particularly pleasing to note that the Howlong Preschool Association has raised \$160,000 through support from the community, clubs and other organisations.

The Start Strong Capital Works Grant funding is designed to create up to 700 new preschool places.

This builds on the NSW Government’s historic investment of more than \$330 million to ensure more children have access to 600 hours of quality, affordable early childhood education until 2020, while also seeing fees reduced on average by 25 per cent across the state.

Minister for Early Childhood Education Sarah Mitchell said the NSW Government is putting kids in regions at the top of the priority list.

“Early childhood education is vital to childhood development. Children who have access to top quality services have a head start when they begin primary school and these benefits stay with them for life,” Mrs Mitchell said.

“That’s why the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is investing in the infrastructure of our regional preschools to ensure that every child has every opportunity to access quality early childhood education.”

The Howlong Preschool is one of 16 services across NSW receiving funding under the NSW Government’s \$10 million Start Strong Capital Works Grants program.

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