



# **Daryl Maguire MP**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **START STRONG: BACKING CHILDREN IN WAGGA WAGGA**

More children in Wagga Wagga will have access to high quality early childhood education with St. Luke's Preschool receiving grants to upgrade their services.

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 like Wagga Wagga 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."

Daryl Maguire said these grants will be used to build purpose built facilities to expand the current capacity of the preschools.

"Wagga Wagga future doctors, teachers, lawyers and agronomists are being shaped in our preschools as we speak, so it really is an investment in the future of our Electorate," he said.

St. Luke's 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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