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CAPACITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS IN WAGGA WAGGA STRENGTHENED

Three community preschool services in the Wagga Wagga electorate are to benefit from new professional development opportunities for early childhood educators.

Daryl Maguire MP, Member for Wagga Wagga, said Uranquinty Preschool, Lockhart Preschool Kindergarten and St Luke's Preschool had successfully applied for Professional Development Grants for 2017-18.

“Educational investment comes with a high return in early childhood education, preparing children for school, through the development of their social, emotional and cognitive skills which benefits them in their later school years and beyond,” said Mr Maguire.

“It’s vital that early childhood educators can develop their professional skills, and that’s exactly what these grants are for.

“They’re also structured to ensure the investment goes where it’s needed most, maximising the benefit for children and local communities

“I congratulate the local services that have applied successfully because their increased workforce capacity will have long term benefits in their communities.”

Children in 143 community preschools across NSW, most in remote and regional areas, will benefit from the distribution of funds through the scheme.

Community preschools were invited to apply for the one-off grants, with priority given to rural and remote services, services with a high proportion of enrolments of children from disadvantaged backgrounds, and those offering opportunities contributing towards teacher accreditation and peer-to-peer learning exchange:

The grants will be administered by the Department of Education.