



Yarriambiack
SHIRE COUNCIL

Have Your Say

Proposed Transition of Kindergarten Services to *Emerge*



Consultation period

Closes: 5.00pm, Monday 25 August 2025

Details

Yarriambiack Shire Council Requests Community Input on the Transition of Remaining Kindergarten Services to Emerge.

Yarriambiack Shire Council is inviting feedback from the community on the proposed transfer of their remaining three kindergarten services at Rupanyup, Minyip, and Warracknabeal to Emerge Early Years Services (Emerge).

Chief Executive Officer, Tammy Smith confirmed that" Council would continue to support Emerge in the provision of service delivery, however, Council would no longer be the front facing organisation managing the day-to-day operations and quality assurance of the centres."

Mrs Smith continued, "Early childhood education and care is a specialised service, and as a small rural shire we recognise we do not have the technical expertise to provide the oversight, and quality assurance required to manage services going forward. We have a highly reputable, specialist provider located within the Wimmera Southern Mallee, who has the skills and expertise to ensure high quality education and care is provided in our shire".

"Council would continue to support Emerge by providing building, grant and funding support, and assistance with grounds works as a minimum", confirmed Mrs Smith.

"Yarriambiack Shire has been working in partnership with Emerge since October 2024, where Emerge has been engaged to provide direct management support and oversight of the Council's early years centres", stated Mrs Smith.

"This partnership has been a highly functioning and supportive alliance, and we look forward to working with Emerge now and into the future", stated Mrs Smith.

"Emerge's role as a cluster manager for our Kindergartens benefits the community, staff, and region. They also provide childcare focused on high-quality education and care. Emerge operates reputable services in Horsham, Hindmarsh, and parts of Northern Grampians and Yarriambiack Shire", stated Mrs Smith.





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Mrs Smith concluded, "In a large cluster management model, economy of scale can be achieved, where enrolments, human resources and financial functions can be centralised, freeing up funds to be directed to service delivery provisions. This provides a direct benefit to staff, students and families".

In March 2025, the Council relinquished its license to operate Kindergarten services in both Hopetoun and Beulah. Emerge entered into a lease and service agreement for the next five years to provide kindergarten and long day care services from the Hopetoun Early Years building.

The Beulah Kindergarten service operates from the Beulah Primary School, and a user agreement between Emerge and the Beulah Primary School has been enacted.

At the end of 2024, the Murtoa Kindergarten closed, and Early Learning Victoria opened the new Murtoa Bani Walup Early Years Centre, incorporating long day care and kindergarten services.

Council has commenced the consultation process, providing information sessions for current and upcoming registered families on the 28 and 29 July 2025.

Community feedback is welcomed on this proposal and is invited to be submitted up until 5.00pm 25 August 2025 via Council's website, or alternatively you are welcome to send a letter addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

Community Consultation Survey

Consultation subject: Proposed Transfer for Kindergarted Services to *Emerge*.

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If you would like us to acknowledge your submission and respond with more information, please provide your contact details below:

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Council values and acknowledges all feedback from the community and wishes to thank you in advance for your input.

Residents can complete the survey relating to this community consultation via the online form found at www.yarriambiack.vic.gov.au/Engage-With-Us/Share-Your-Feedback, via the attached survey/in writing to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 243 Warracknabeal, Vic, 3393.



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