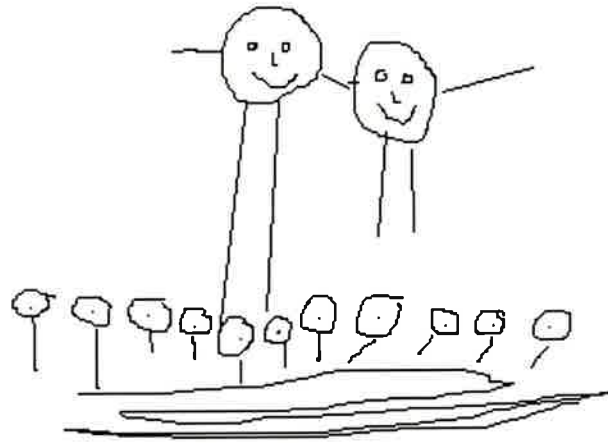
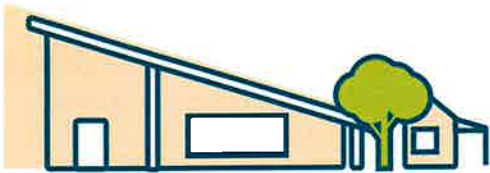


# EUDUNDA COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE



Play, Share Learn, Grow



2024 annual report to the Community

## Eudunda Community Preschool

Eudunda Community Preschool number: 2653

Partnership: Goyder & Light



Preschool director:

Jodie Zerner

*Jodie Zerner*  
signature

Date of endorsement:

05/05/2025



Government  
of South Australia  
Department for Education

# Context Statement

Eudunda Community Preschool is a stand-alone small part time DfE preschool service located in the rural town of Eudunda, approximately 100kms from Adelaide. The preschool operates during South Australian school term times. We are located on the main Eudunda to Morgan Road. There is ample parking out the front of the Centre, with staff parking in the rear.

The preschool community consists of farming families and those who live within the township of Eudunda. Farming families come from smaller communities such as Hampden, Hansborough, Point Pass, and Neales Flat. Families who reside outside the township of Eudunda, can access the school buses, at the end of the day, upon availability of seating on the bus and at the discretion of the preschool director and Eudunda Area School principal.

Eligible children are accepted for 'Full Time' entry, five days per fortnight according to the school term schedule:

- \* Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 3.00pm
- \* Plus each alternate Wednesday from 9.00am to 3.00pm

As of 2023 we have been offering two intakes for the year.

- \* The first at the beginning of the school year for children who turn 4 on or before 30 April
- \* The second in the middle of the year for children who turn 4 between 1 May and 31 October.

In 2024 Eudunda Community Preschool had 11 enrolments at the beginning of Term 1 2024 and 5 mid-year enrolments at the beginning of Term 3 2024.

Pre-Entry children are offered Transition visits during the term before attending.

Our Occasional Care program is held on-site but separate to the preschool days. Two sessions of funded Occasional Care are run concurrently each Friday morning from 9.00am to 12 noon, for over 2 year olds. We have been consistently running at full-time capacity of 16 children and two staff, with the support of the Preschool Director.

A parent led playgroup which is affiliated with Playgroup SA is offered on Monday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am at the preschool.

## Governing Council Report

Another busy and exciting year has flown past us.

Governing Council in 2024 has consisted of members Nicole Hardy for the first half of the year, Ann Hancock, Jessica Schmidt, Charlie-Ann Keen, Joanna Summerton, representing as parents and staff Tara Schutz and Jodie Zerner, acting Director Chris Catt, Ashlee Patty as Secretary and myself as chairperson. Amy Mepstead is our finance officer.

Reflecting on the year for governing council, it has been a smooth one. Nothing drastic or out of the ordinary which is good. I reluctantly stepped into the chairperson role with no experience in this role and feeling like I had big shoes to fill from previous chairs.

As in most years, governing council conducts 2 meetings per term. Meetings are normally a Tuesday evening at the Preschool, beginning at 6:30pm. Meetings are scheduled in conjunction with the Director and are held in a 2 day kindy week. Having the schedule of meetings set at the beginning of the year, attempts to lessen apologies as everyone knows well in advance when meetings are being held.

We have discussed a vast range of topics, looked over policies, organised fundraisers, arranged and discussed improvements to the yard, talked over safety issues and planned improvements.

Governing council have approved and enabled the yard upgrades to happen this year: this has included replacing the boardwalk, replacing the white ant eaten and rotting wooden log seats with large approved rocks, replaced the roof on the main cubby house, replaced the ramp coverings and added in a hand rail at the far end along with evening out and improving the safety of the steps. We employed the maintenance staff from the Eudunda Area School to complete this

work for us.

Governing council also ran a busy bee to dig up, rotary hoe and shift around old soft fall from under the main play equipment and replace with new, freshly delivered soft fall. All volunteers on the day did a great job and the help was immensely appreciated. We celebrated by purchasing all volunteers and patient kiddos an icy pole – which was very well received.

Governing council organised and facilitated 6 different types of fundraisers this year.

There was the Picture Plate fundraiser, for Mother's Day Rachel's ribbon flowers, 2 football and netball training teas, Saturday gate for local football and netball game, Victorinox knives and the Eudunda Bakery family meals fundraiser. We have been very lucky to receive very good support for these fundraisers and are lucky that the community we live in and are involved with are so very supportive.

The Southern Saints Football Club and the Eudunda Robertstown netball club are very allowing and accommodating of our fundraisers at their clubrooms – this is a great opportunity to fundraise with external money sources. This type of fundraiser only works with dedicated and willing volunteers. I am grateful for their help and work to make these fundraisers a success.

We are incredibly lucky and should be very appreciative towards the Eudunda Bakery. Their willingness and help with our last fundraiser for the year goes above and beyond what they should give and do. Firstly, they agreed to partnering with us for this fundraiser without question or hesitation. Secondly, they looked over the fundraiser forms and helped with pricing. By help with pricing, I mean offering the Preschool cost price of the items they make and we have available to purchase. Thirdly, the preschool conduct the ground work and sales but after that the bakery handle all of the rest – they make the orders, have everything bagged up ready to go on the agreed pick up dates and hand out to customers who placed orders. I am personally extremely thankful for the Eudunda Bakery for their partnership. I can't go on without giving Ant and Tanya the owners of the bakery a personal thankyou from the Governing Council and Preschool – not only did they do all of the above but when the payment to the bakery was finalized, they decided off of their own backs to donate \$58 to the preschool to reduce our bill to a flat dollar figure. Thank you to them.

Successful year of fundraising with a total of ~\$1922 raised from 6 different types of fundraisers. Great effort by all involved. Thank you to each and everyone that helped in some capacity.

2024 saw a change to the way Preschool have been run for the past few years. Mid-year entry was reintroduced for students. Mid-year entry will present many positives and negatives for both students and their families. For governing council, mid-year entry may present an issue of filling the council with calendar and mid-year intake families. Potentially families of mid-years would join up 6 months prior to having someone at preschool. This is acceptable and can be beneficial. Something to navigate moving forwards.

For me personally, this AGM and final meeting of 2024 almost draws to an end my family's time with the Preschool centre. We started back in late 2017 at a playgroup level, taking on committee positions there. Both of our children accessed the centre for playgroup and the Occasional Care program. Both programs are extremely important and beneficial, in my opinion, for both families and our community.

We then moved on to kindy with our oldest child and I began my Governing Council journey in 2021 as a committee member, "treasurer" (it looked different back then for GC) and helping with uniforms.

Over the past few years, I have had the hidden yet enjoyable task of labelling and wrapping the Preschool Centre's books at Christmas time which are gifted to the kids at kindy and in Occasional Care.

I have undertaken a few years of uniform coordinator and have also helped with many busy bees, shed cleanouts, weed and rubbish removal and the trimming of trees, bushes and the "much-loved" lavender.

2024 saw my move into Chairperson to help fill a gap and challenge myself. I am glad I gave this position a go and have enjoyed being outside of my comfort zone and learning new things. I have also gained more experience with public speaking.

It was an honour and privilege to be trusted and elected by the Governing Council into this role. Thank you to all GC members and staff for the patience, support, help and collaboration in 2024.

We as a family owe the Preschool Centre so much thanks and gratitude for all the time, kindness, safety and growth over the years.

Lots of friendships have been made. Lots of laughs and good times have been had. Memories to treasurer.

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Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2021 centre	85.3%	98.1%	86.2%	95.2%
2022 centre	85.9%	82.4%	90%	85%
2023 centre	90%	85.5%	83.8%	89.2%
2024 centre	95%		79.9%	

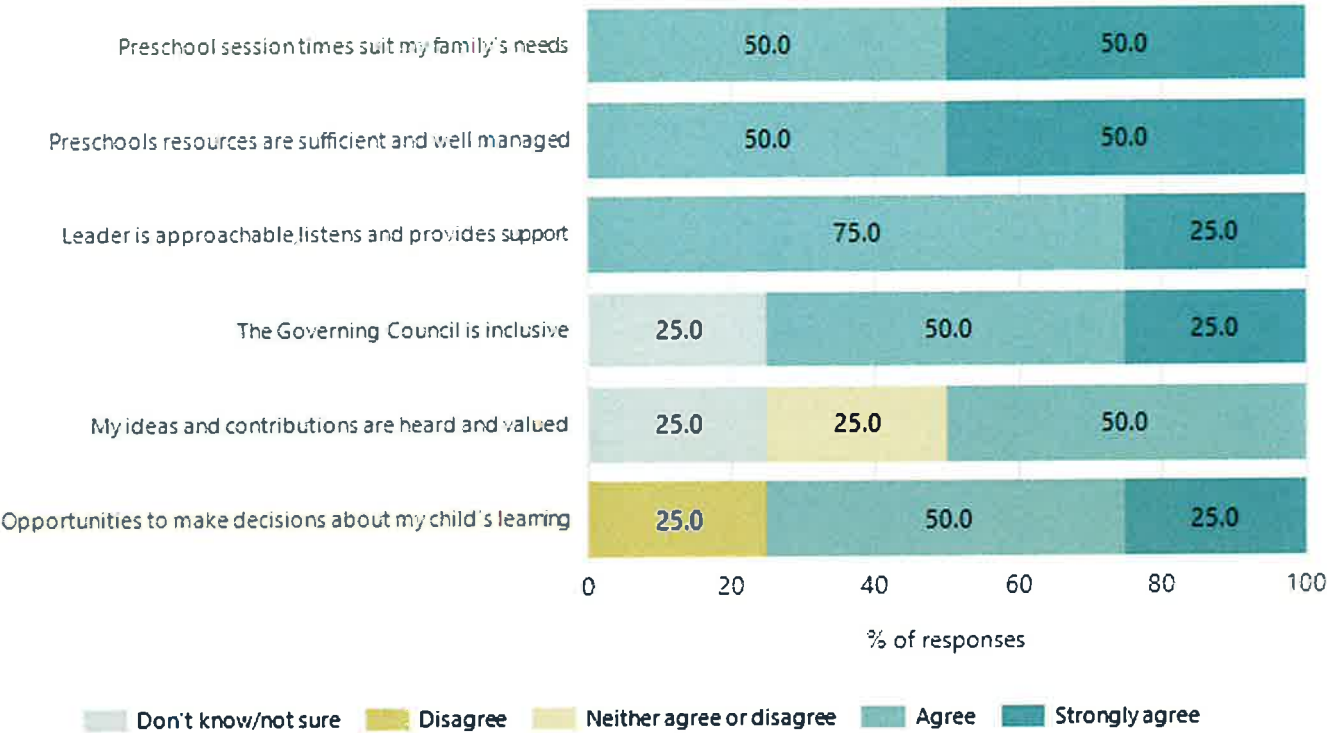
Based on attendances recorded in the two-week reference period each term. Data for eligible enrolments as described in the department's Enrolment policy. Attendance rates may differ to previous reporting with the transfer from calculations based on deemed attendance to actual attendance using booked hours divided by attended hours. Data Source: Department for Education Attendance Data, Semester 1 Report 2024. A blank cell indicates there we no students enrolled.

Attendance Comment

In South Australia, preschool attendance is not compulsory, but it is strongly encouraged. Preschool gives children the best opportunity to develop skills, which prepare them for school. These benefits include establishing positive routines and habits, friendships and connections as well as developing communication, problem-solving and creative skills. All children are entitled to access a preschool program over 4 terms the year before they start school.

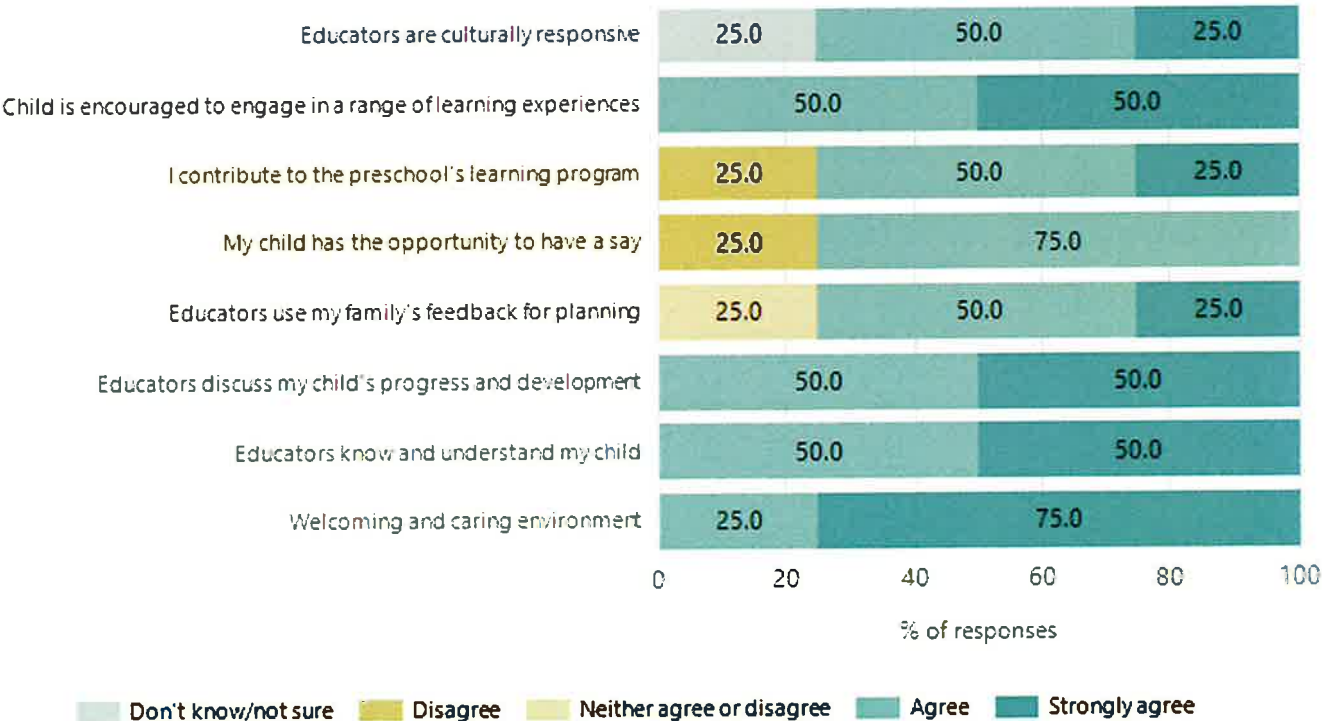
# Preschool Family Opinion Survey

## Governance, Leadership and Management



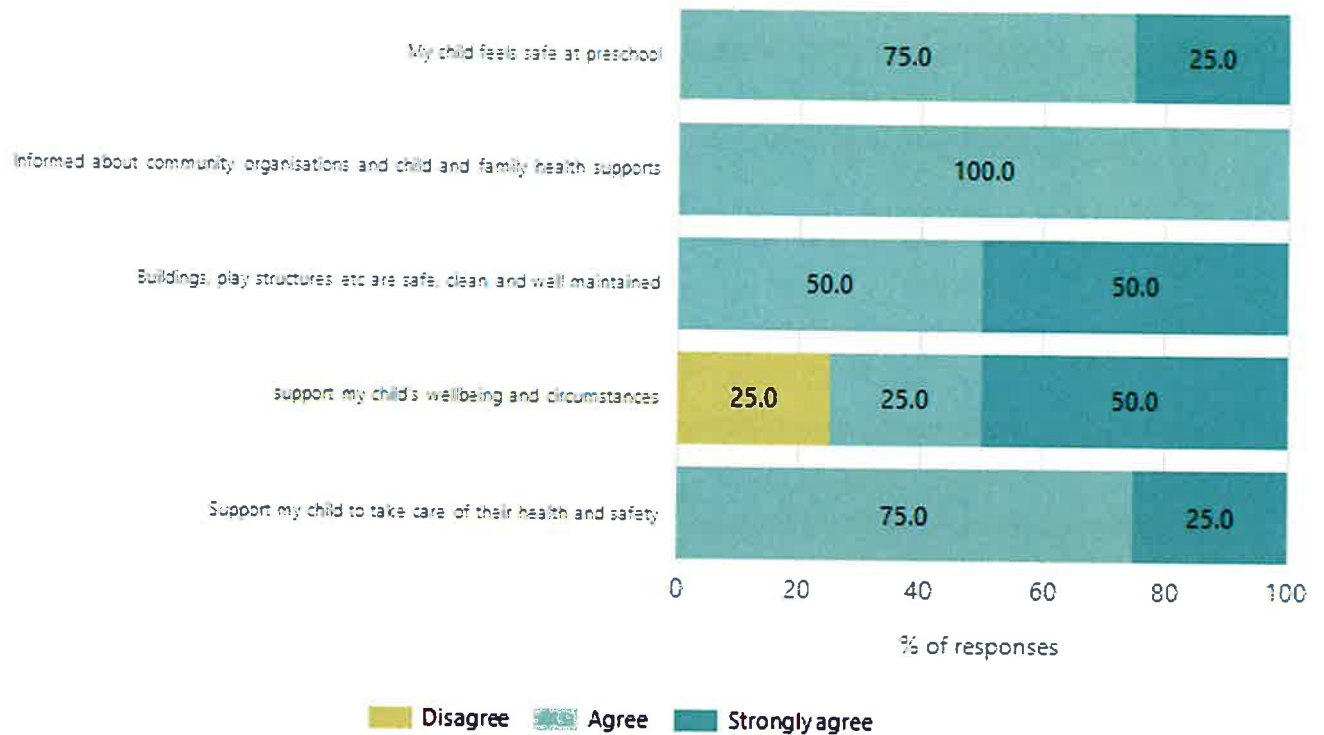
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## Quality of Teaching and Learning



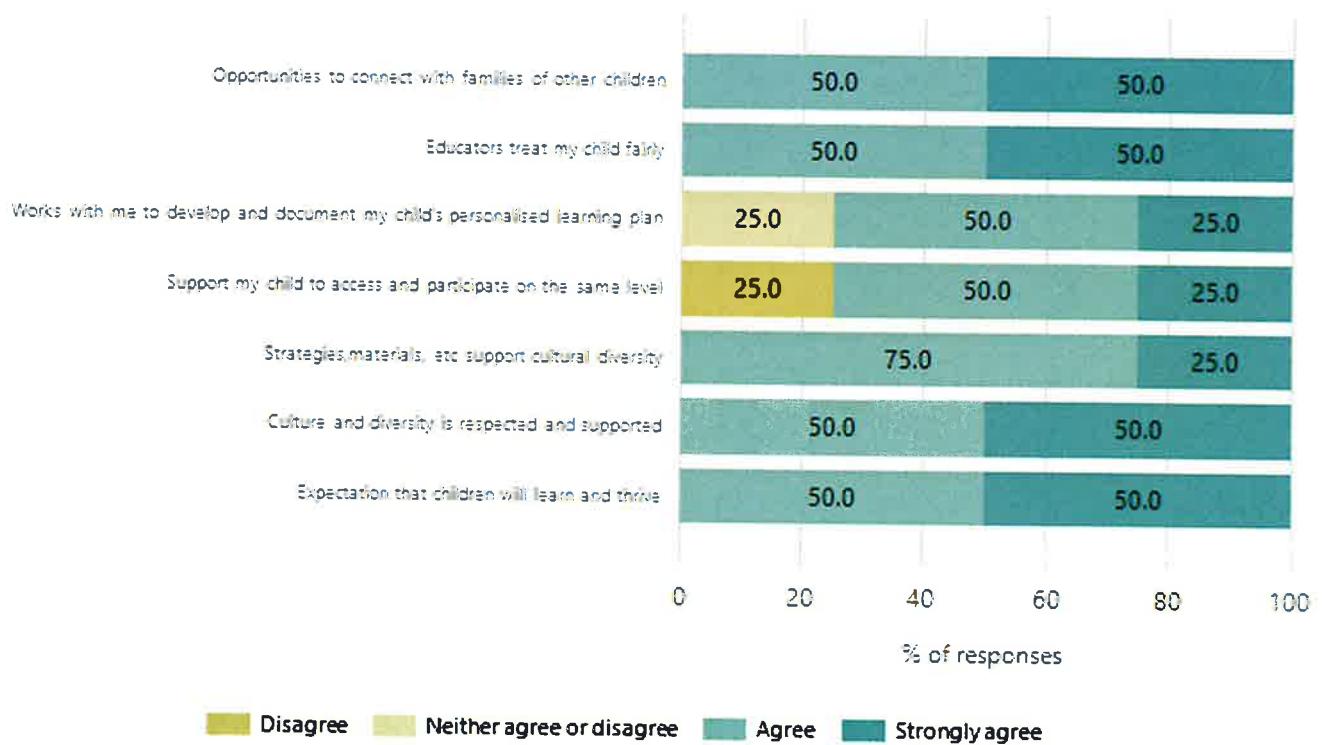
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## Safety, Health and Wellbeing



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## Support and Inclusion



Data Source: 2024 Department for Education Preschool Family Opinions Survey, Term 3 2024.

## Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2022	2023	2024
0755 - Eudunda Area School	68.8%	38.5%	58.8%
9095 - Saint John's Lutheran School - Eudunda	18.8%	23.1%	41.2%
9999 - Unknown	12.5%	38.5%	

Note: The data is collected in term 3. It does not reflect actual schools enrolled in by existing preschool children. A blank cell indicates there was no data for students enrolled.

Data Source: Department for Education Destination Data Report, 2024.

# Highest Qualifications held by the teaching workforce and workforce composition

All teachers at this school are qualified and registered with the SA Teachers Registration Board.

Qualification Level	Number of Qualifications
Bachelor's degrees or Diplomas	1

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collections as on the last pay date of June 2024. As self-reported by staff in the system.

Please note: Data includes staff who are Actively employed and on extended paid leave. Please note only the highest qualification of the Teaching staff is reported. Excludes any number of other certifications earned.

## Workforce composition including indigenous staff

	Teaching Staff		Non-Teaching Staff	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Full-Time Equivalents	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.8
Persons	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.0

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collection as on the last pay date of June 2024.

Please note: Data includes staff who are actively employed and on extended paid leave. "Indigenous category" is self-reported by staff in the system.

# Financial Statement

Funding Source	Amount
Grants: State	
Grants: Commonwealth	
Parent Contributions	6188
Fund Raising	2078
Other	1330

Data Source: School supplied data.