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Definitions and descriptions

Kindergarten Also known as Preschool 4-year-old kindergarten is now being described by the State Govt as Pre-Prep	<p>All children in Victoria are eligible to access kindergarten for 2 years prior to commencing primary school. This means each 3- and 4-year-old child is eligible to access 15 hours of kindergarten each week during the 2 years before they start school.</p> <p>Kindergarten is funded by the Victorian State Government, with families also required to make a contribution to the cost of the service through a term fee. The Victorian State Government has recently announced all 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten will be free from 2023.</p>
Childcare	<p>Childcare is available to all children aged 0 – 12 years.</p> <p>Long daycare and occasional care is available to children before they commence primary school.</p> <p>Outside school hours care is available to primary school aged children usually before and after school and during school holidays.</p> <p>Childcare is funded by a combination of the Federal Government Child Care Subsidy and families. All families are eligible for childcare subsidy, but the extent of the subsidy is influenced by the age of their child / children, the family's income, how much a parent / carer works or studies.</p>
Licensed places	This is the maximum number of children a kindergarten or childcare service is allowed to have within its building at any one time.
Enrolment capacity	<p>This is the number of children a service can support to access kindergarten or childcare across a week. This is particularly important to understand for kindergarten.</p> <p>Each 3- and 4-year-old child is required to have access to 15 hours each of kindergarten each week. This means 1 licensed place can support 2 children accessing 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten i.e. 30 hours of kindergarten time can be provided through 1 licensed place.</p>
Impact of 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten	<p>The proposed introduction of 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten will increase the number of licensed places required so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 licensed place will be required for every 4-year-old child to attend kindergarten • 1 licensed place will continue to be required for every two children attending 3-year-old kindergarten.
Operating capacity	This is the number of licensed places a service chooses to make available. For example, several services in South Gippsland Shire have a licensed capacity of around 30 children but choose to cap their numbers between 22 and 27. They do this for several reasons including

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	<p>the financial viability of the service, concerns, or preferences about service quality, and in some instances the licensed spaces cannot practically be used to support early years education.</p> <p>Council has an important role in this space to encourage and support services to operate at their licensed capacity when there is clear need / demand from the community. The Kindergarten Central Registration and Enrolment Scheme, along with lease, license and service agreements with services are key tools Council can use to facilitate this.</p>
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Cost estimates

The cost estimates outlined in this report are intended to provide a high-level indication of the likely project cost. The rates listed below are based on similar projects e.g. development of Leongatha Early Learning Centre, refurbishment of Fish Creek Kindergarten \$2019, and Rawlinsons Construction Handbook, 2022. The cost range shows the estimated cost based upon a modular solution compared with an in-situ solution. More detailed cost planning is required for individual projects.

Note: escalation is not included in the estimates.

Item	Description	Rate
Design	Site investigation, land survey, concept and detailed design, and cost plans.	8 – 10% of total project cost
Building construction	Lower rate for modular. Higher for in-situ construction.	\$3,100m2 \$4,500m2
Landscaping and play space	External and internal garden areas, play equipment, sheds, and landscaping.	\$300m2
Car parking	Staff and family parking inclusive of lighting.	\$4,500m2
Furniture	Loose furniture to be provided by tenant / service provider.	\$800 per licensed place

Timelines

Item	Description
Short term	1 – 3 years
Short to medium term	2 – 5 years
Medium term	5 years
Medium to long term	5 – 10 years
Long term	10 years or longer

Executive Summary

This Needs Assessment outlines the recommended approach to planning for early years infrastructure and services by South Gippsland Shire Council. The Needs Assessment has a strong focus upon kindergarten services and infrastructure because:

- this is where Council has a large footprint in providing facilities, and supporting the community to access services,
- of the obligations Council has under the Compact between Department of Education and Training (DET), Department of Families Fairness and Housing (DFFH) and the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) on behalf of local government about kindergarten and maternal and child health, and
- of the rapid and significant changes occurring in State Government policy about 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten.

Outlined below are the key findings from the Early Years Services Needs Assessment with tables on subsequent pages providing a summary by location and service:

- Table 1 provides a high-level summary of timelines and estimated costs by location to implement 15 hours of 3-year-old kindergarten
- Table 2 provides a summary of the recommended infrastructure response, priority and high-level cost estimates to implement 15 hours of 3-year-old kindergarten
- Table 3 provides more detailed information about the recommended approach to implement 15 hours of 3-year-old kindergarten
- Table 4 outlines the additional infrastructure required to respond to the proposed introduction of 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.

It is important to understand the recommended infrastructure response is based upon identified need rather than Council's capacity to deliver the infrastructure works. It is acknowledged Council's financial capacity is constrained, and this highlights the critical importance of advocacy to the State Government about appropriate funding, both for more infrastructure where there is unmet demand and to address the age and poor condition of older infrastructure.

Responding to service capacity issues

Additional service capacity (licensed places) is required in the short to medium term to address unmet demand for 15 hours of 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten in:

- Korumburra where the lease of existing facilities at Korumburra Primary School to support 4-year-old kindergarten will expire at the end of 2023. New and expanded facilities MUST be provided by the start of 2024 to ensure children are able to access 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten in Korumburra and surrounds. A total of 66 additional licensed places are recommended to address short to medium term demand.
- Nyora, where rapid population growth means families are travelling to Poowong, Loch, Korumburra and Lang Lang (Cardinia Shire) to access kindergarten services.

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- Mirboo North where there is a small amount of unmet demand.

Additional service capacity (licensed places) will be needed in multiple locations in the medium to long term to respond to demand generated by the introduction of 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten. These locations include:

- Leongatha
- Mirboo North
- Meeniyan
- Korumburra, depending on whether the private childcare service is developed. Note there is an approved planning permit for a 120-place childcare service in Korumburra. If this is not developed, additional licensed places will be needed to support 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.
- Nyora
- Poowong.

Responding to the age and condition of infrastructure

The age and poor condition of infrastructure means kindergarten facilities will need to be replaced in multiple locations in the medium or long-term including:

- Toora Kindergarten
- Welshpool Kindergarten
- Hassett Street Kindergarten, Leongatha
- Fish Creek Kindergarten
- Poowong Kindergarten
- Loch Kindergarten.

Equitable access to kindergarten

The issue of equitable access to kindergarten services means Council will need to consider:

- Whether to provide a kindergarten service in Tarwin Lower to support the communities of Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower in the long term. Currently families travel up to 30 minutes to access a kindergarten service.
- Whether a kindergarten service will be needed in Loch in the long term, due to low demand (within the catchment) and good access to kindergarten services in Poowong, Nyora, and Korumburra in the future.
- Whether kindergarten services should be retained in both Welshpool and Toora. The evidence indicates only one service is needed rather than the two currently operating.

Council's role in childcare

Childcare is a space Council can choose to be involved or can choose not to be involved. To date Council has chosen to be involved through the development of Prom Coast Centre for Children in Foster, Karmai Children's Centre in Korumburra, Leongatha Children's Centre, and Leongatha ELC, which is currently being developed. While these facilities all provide kindergarten services, they also provide childcare services which the community would not otherwise have access to because there are no private providers (Foster and Korumburra), or limited private providers (Leongatha).

In making future decisions about Council's involvement in childcare it is important to understand that access to childcare is a key liveability and economic attractor for communities. Where there is no childcare available within a reasonable catchment, families are less likely to relocate to or remain in those communities. The availability of childcare supports families where both parents are working, and is particularly important for families with children below kindergarten age (0 – 2-year-olds) and / or children attending kindergarten and require care in addition to kindergarten hours of operation.

Future decisions about retaining or expanding Council's involvement in childcare should be centred around whether the community has reasonable access to childcare (including private providers), the size of the catchment the service is likely to support, and the number of licensed places. The last 2 factors are key to the viability of childcare services.

Access to external funding

Funding from the Victorian State Government for early years services is concentrated upon communities where increased service capacity is needed because of current or future unmet service demand.

- If it is assumed 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten remains as a 15-hour program, this means it is likely Council will be able to secure funding for Korumburra and Nyora, and possibly Mirboo North.
- If 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten is implemented, it is likely funding could be secured to address unmet demand in Leongatha, Mirboo North, Meeniyan, Nyora, Poowong, and Korumburra.
- It is unlikely Council will be able to secure funding for the replacement of ageing facilities including the existing Hassett Street Kindergarten (single room), Toora, Welshpool, Fish Creek, and Loch, although it is noted, the MAV is currently implementing an advocacy campaign seeking support from the State Government to address ageing kindergarten infrastructure.

Cost implications excluding 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten

- The estimated investment required to address unmet demand (for 15 hours 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten) and the age, condition, and functionality of early years infrastructure:
 - In the short term is \$4.534m - \$6.273m, with estimated investment required by Council of \$579k - \$788k
 - In the medium term is \$3.962m - \$5.671m with estimated investment required by Council of \$2.523m - \$3.604m

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- In the medium to long term is \$3.162m - \$4.276m with estimated investment required by Council of \$1.788m - \$2.483m
- In the long term is \$4.833m - \$5.925m with estimated investment required by Council of \$3.183m - \$4.275m.
- In total the estimated investment required is **\$16.491 million \$22.145 million**. Based upon the current range of grant programs available to support the development of new infrastructure or refurbish existing infrastructure, the State Government contribution estimated to be **\$8.415 million - \$10.991 million**. The estimated cost to Council over the next 10 – 15 years is **\$8.073 million – \$11.150 million**.

Table 1 below provides a summary of priorities and estimated cost by location.

Timeframe	Where	Estimated cost	State Govt. Contribution	Council contribution
Short term 1 - 3 years	Korumburra Nyora Poowong	\$4.534m - \$6.273m	\$3.954 - \$5.484	\$579k - \$788k
Medium term 2 – 5 years	Toora Welshpool Mirboo North	\$3.962m - \$5.671m	\$1.438 - \$2.066m	\$2.523m - \$3.604m
Medium – long term 5 – 10 years	Leongatha – Hassett St Foster Tarwin Lower / Venus Bay	\$3.162m - \$4.276m	\$1.373m - \$1.791m	\$1.788m - \$2.483m
Long term 10 years or longer	Meeniyan Fish Creek Leongatha CC Karmai CC Poowong Loch Leongatha - Allora	\$4.833m - \$5.925m	\$1.650	\$3.183m - \$4.275m
TOTAL		\$16.491m - \$22.145m	\$8.415m - \$10.991m	\$8.087m - \$11.150

Table 1: High level summary of timelines and estimated costs by location for implementing 15 hours of 3-year-old kindergarten

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Service / Location	Recommended infrastructure response	Timeline	Cost estimate	State Govt Contribution	Council contribution
Korumburra	New building with 2 kinder rooms and a total of 66 licensed places to be located at Korumburra P. School	By start of 2024	\$2.216m - \$3.118m	\$2.216m - \$3.118m	Minimal / no capital contribution required. State Govt. want Council to be responsible the lease.
Nyora	New early years hub – 1 kinder room with 33 licensed places, MCH and space for playgroup.	1 – 3 years	\$1,918m - \$2.755m	\$1.438m – \$2.066m	Co-contribution required, estimated to be 25% - \$479,00 - \$688,000
Poowong Kinder	Refurbishment of existing facilities	1 – 3 years	\$400,000	\$300,000	Co-contribution required, estimated to be 25% - \$100,000
Toora Kinder	Replacement of the existing building with like for like facilities (1 kinder program room)	2 – 5 years	\$1.022m - \$1.458m	\$0	Whole amount \$1.022m - \$1.458m
Welshpool Kindergarten	Replacement of the existing building with like for like facilities (1 kinder program room)	2 – 5 years	\$1.022m - \$1.458m	\$0	Whole amount \$1.022m - \$1.458m
Mirboo North	New early years hub: 1 kinder room with 33 licensed places, MCH and space for playgroup and toy library.	3 – 5 years	\$1.918m - \$2.755m	\$1.438m – \$2.066m	Co-contribution required by Council, estimated to be 25% - \$479,00 - \$688,00
Leongatha Hassett Street	Replacement of the existing building with like for like facilities (1 kinder program room) Note: Assumes Hassett St is retained for kinder. Alternatives east of the Hwy could be considered.	5 years	\$1.331m - \$1.888m	\$0	Whole amount \$1.331m - \$1.888m
Foster PCCC	Reconfigure infrastructure to address functionality and accessibility constraints.	5 – 10 years	\$500,000	\$375,000	Co-contribution required by Council, estimated to be 25% - \$125,000
Tarwin Lower / Venus Bay	New building with 1 kinder room and a total of 22 licensed places	5 – 10 years	\$1.331m - \$1.888m	\$998,000 - \$1.416m	Co-contribution required, estimated to be 25% - \$332,000 - \$470,000
Meenyan Kinder	Refurbishment of existing facilities	10 years	\$500,000	\$375,000	Co-contribution required, estimated to be 25% - \$125,000
Fish Creek Kinder	Feasibility Study	10 years	\$40,000 - \$50,000	\$0	Whole amount \$40,000 - \$50,000
Leongatha Children's Centre	Refurbishment of existing facilities	10 years plus	\$600,000	\$450,000	Co-contribution required, estimated to be 25% - \$150,000
Karmai	Refurbishment of existing infrastructure in the long term	10 years plus	\$600,000	\$450,000	Co-contribution required by Council, estimated to be 25% - \$150,000
Poowong	Replacement of the existing building with like for like facilities (1 kinder program room)	10 years plus	\$1.571m - \$2.217m		Whole amount, \$1.571m - \$2.217m. May be capacity to secure some funding if can demonstrate unmet demand
Loch Kinder	Replacement of the existing building with like for like facilities (1 kinder program room)	10 plus years	\$1.022m - \$1.458m	\$0	Whole amount \$1.022m - \$1.458m
Allora Kinder	Refurbishment of existing facilities Note: Assumes Allora is retained for kinder. Could bring Hassett St and Allora together east of the Hwy.	1 – 3 years	\$400,000	\$300,000	Co-contribution required, estimated to be 25% - \$100,000
Total estimated cost			\$16.491m - \$22.145m	\$8.415m - \$10.991m	\$8.073m – \$11.150m

Table 2: Summary of the recommended infrastructure response, priority, and high-level cost estimates, 15 hours of 3-year-old kindergarten

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Priority Order - Recommended approach assuming 15 hours of 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten

Location	Existing Service	Address	Ownership	Infrastructure / Service Response	Priority	Rational	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
Korumburra	N/A	N/A	N/A	Develop a 2-program room kindergarten with 66 licensed places. NOTE: VSBA proposing 44 places. Most feasible site is the Pony Paddock at Korumburra Primary School. Build will need to be modular because of short timelines.	Short term (by 2024)	Temporary lease of existing facilities at Korumburra Primary School (44 licensed places) will cease at the end of 2023. Service demand for 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten is high and growing. Pony Paddock has space and it can be accessed quickly. VSBA is supportive of the site.	\$2.216m - \$3.118m	The VSBA has indicated they will pay the full cost of the infrastructure, provided Council becomes responsible for leasing the building from DET.
Nyora	N/A	N/A	N/A	Develop an early year's hub with 1 program room (33 licensed places) for kindergarten, space for MCH and playgroup. Possible locations are the Nyora Primary School site and a greenfield site. Primary School site preferred.	Short term (1 – 3 years)	People in Nyora are travelling to Poowong, Loch, Korumburra, or Lang Lang (Cardinia Shire) to access early years services. Service demand for 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten is growing quickly as the population grows. Primary school site identified in Nyora Development Strategy (2016).	\$1,918m - \$2.755m	There is likely to be capacity to access State Govt. funding because of unmet service demand. Scale of the facility is outside standard programs, so discussions required with VSBA.
Poowong	Poowong Kindergarten	Main Street	Council	Interim works to address functionality and if possible, increase licensed capacity under the existing roofline.	Short term (1 – 3 years)	While old, the building is in good condition and has had some works. Addressing functionality constraints will extend the lifespan of the building and potentially increase licensed capacity by a small amount.	\$400,000	There is capacity to access State Govt. funding for interim works.

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Location	Existing Service	Address	Ownership	Infrastructure / Service Response	Priority	Rational	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
Toora	Toora Kindergarten	25 Gray Street	Council	Replacement of the existing building with contemporary like for like facilities i.e. single program room. OR Consolidate the Toora and Welshpool kindergartens to this site.	Short to medium term 2 - 5 years	The building age and poor functionality means replacement needs to occur. No unmet current or future demand.	\$1.022m - \$1.458m	Council. Based upon current programs there is unlikely to be State Govt. funding available to support replacement of the kindergarten.
Welshpool	Welshpool Kindergarten	15 Main Street	Council	Replacement of the existing building with contemporary like for like facilities i.e. single program room. Relocate the service to the Welshpool and District Primary School.	Short to medium term 2 - 5 years	The building age and poor functionality means replacement needs to occur. No unmet current or future demand. School has capacity and it will support families to access kindergarten.	\$1.022m - \$1.458m	Council. Based upon current programs, there is unlikely to be State Govt. funding available to support replacement of the kindergarten.
Mirboo North	Mirboo North Kindergarten	8 Brennan Street	Council	Develop a new early year's hub to accommodate kindergarten (with a small increase in licensed capacity), MCH, playgroup and toy library. Site to be determined. Also consider Mirboo North Library.	Short to medium term 3 – 5 years	The age, accessibility, and functionality constraints of the existing buildings – kindergarten, MCH, playgroup. Small increase in capacity will address unmet demand.	\$1.918m - \$2.755m	Some opportunity to access State Govt. funding for increasing service capacity in response to unmet demand.
Leongatha	Hassett Street Kindergarten	9 Hassett Street	Crown (DELWP)	Replace existing program room with 1 program room x 33 licensed places. Note: Assumes Hassett St retained for kinder. Alternatives east of the Hwy could be considered.	Medium term 5 years	Age and poor condition of the existing building. Essential to retain a service east of the Highway. No unmet current or future demand.	\$1.331m - \$1.888m	Council: Based upon current programs there is unlikely to be State Govt. funding available to support replacement of the kindergarten.
Foster	Prom Coast Centres for Children	30 – 32 Pioneer Street	Crown	Reconfigure the existing infrastructure to align program rooms with staff child ratios and address functionality and accessibility constraints.	Medium to long term 5 – 10 years	Functionality and accessibility constraints of the building means the service cannot operate at capacity.	\$500,000	There is capacity to access State Govt. funding for interim works.

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Location	Existing Service	Address	Ownership	Infrastructure / Service Response	Priority	Rational	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
Tarwin Lower / Venus Bay	N/A	N/A	N/A	Develop a single room kindergarten facility with 22 licensed places. Possible location Tarwin Lower Primary School or Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre	Medium to long term 5 – 10 years	Communities of Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower travelling up to 30 mins to access kindergarten, when they have the same or higher demand for kindergarten as Loch, Toora and Welshpool, which all have a kindergarten service. Tarwin Lower is preferred over Venus Bay from a risk perspective.	\$1.331m - \$1.888m	Based upon current programs, there may be capacity to access State Govt. funding because this infrastructure will respond to unmet service demand.
Meeniyah	Meeniyah Preschool	95 Whitelaw Street	Council	Refurbishment of existing infrastructure.	Long term 10 years	Building is in good condition, has some functionality issues but is generally fit for purpose. No unmet current or future demand.	\$500,000	May be capacity to access State Govt funding for minor improvement works but will need to be assessed at a later time because it is a long-term priority.
Fish Creek	Fish Creek Kindergarten	2 Ryan Street	Council	Investigate the feasibility of relocating Fish Creek Kindergarten to Fish Creek Primary School.	Long term 10 years	Upgrade works extended the life of the building but access to the site is difficult. It is an old building which will need to be replaced in the future.	\$40,000 - \$50,000	Council. Unlikely to be opportunity to access State Govt. funding for planning as there is no unmet service demand.
Leongatha	Leongatha Children's Centre	7 Symons Street	Council	Refurbishment of existing infrastructure.	Long term 10 years plus	Building is in good condition, is functional and fit for purpose. No unmet current or future demand.	\$600,000	May be capacity to access State Govt. funding for minor improvement works but will need to be assessed at a later time because it is a long-term priority.

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Location	Existing Service	Address	Ownership	Infrastructure / Service Response	Priority	Rational	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
Korumburra	Karmai Community Children's Centre	22 Princes Street	Council	Refurbishment of existing infrastructure in the long term.	Long term 10 years plus	New building, in good condition, functional and fit for purpose. No capacity to expand on the site.	\$600,000	May be capacity to access State Govt funding for minor improvement works but will need to be assessed at a later time because it is a long term priority.
Poowong	Poowong Kindergarten	Main Street	Council	Long term the building will need to be replaced.	Long term 10 years plus	Interim works proposed above will extend the lifespan of the building by 10 years or more, but it will eventually need to be replaced.	\$1.571m - \$2.217m	Building replacement may attract funding if aligned with unmet demand, but will need to be assessed at a later time because it is a long term priority.
Loch	Loch and District Preschool	18 Smith Street	Council	Replacement of the existing building with contemporary like for like facilities with reduced licensed capacity (22 rather than 30). OR Consider the long-term need for kindergarten services in Loch.	Long term 10 years plus	The building age and functionality means replacement will need to occur, but with low demand and recommended investment in kindergarten facilities in Nyora and Poowong first, the long term need for kindergarten in Loch should be considered by Council.	\$1.022m - \$1.458m for building replacement	Council. Based upon current programs, there is unlikely to be State Govt. funding available to support replacement of the kindergarten.
Leongatha	Allora Kindergarten	1 Symons Street	Council	Refurbishment of existing infrastructure in the long term. Note: Assumes Allora is retained for kinder. Could bring Hassett St and Allora together east of the Hwy.	Long term 10 years plus	Facility built in 2001 and in good condition. No unmet current or future demand.	\$500,000	May be capacity to access State Govt funding for minor improvement works but will need to be assessed at a later time because it is a long term priority

Table 3: Proposed approach assuming 3- and 4-year-old kindergarten remains at 15 hours, South Gippsland Early Years Infrastructure

Additional Infrastructure required for 30 hours for 4-year-old kindergarten

Location	Existing Service	Address	Ownership	Infrastructure / Service Response	Priority	Rational	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
Leongatha	Hassett Street Kindergarten	9 Hassett Street	Crown (DELWP)	Additional kindergarten program 1 x 33 licensed places. Will deliver total service capacity of 66 licensed places. Note: Assumes Hassett St is retained for kinder. Alternatives east of the Hwy could be considered.	Medium to long term 5 - 10 align to 30 hrs of 4-year-old kindergarten	Additional capacity required to respond to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	\$1.331m - \$1.888m	There is likely to be capacity to access State Govt. funding because of unmet service demand.
Mirboo North	Mirboo North Kindergarten	8 Brennan Street	Council	Additional kindergarten program 1 x 22 licensed places. Will deliver total service capacity of 55 licensed places.	Medium to long term 5 – 10 years align to 30 hrs of 4-year-old kindergarten	Additional capacity required to respond to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	\$1.022m - \$1.459m	There is likely to be capacity to access State Govt. funding because of unmet service demand.
Meenyan	Meenyan Preschool	95 Whitelaw Street	Council	Additional kindergarten program room (22 places) and possibly expand existing program room (by 6). Licensed capacity to increase from 27 to either 49 or 55. Address functional issues with existing facilities.	Medium to long term 5 – 10 years	Additional capacity required to respond to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	\$1,272m - \$1,827m	There is likely to be capacity to access State Govt. funding because of unmet service demand.
Korumburra	N/A	N/A	N/A	Develop a 2-program room kindergarten with 44 licensed places. Site to be determined. Options include St Joseph's Primary School or a greenfield site.	Medium to long term 5 – 10 years align to 30 hrs of 4-year-old kindergarten	Additional capacity required to respond to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten IF the private childcare service (which has a planning permit), does not proceed.	\$1.571 - \$2,217m	There is likely to be capacity to access State Govt. funding to because of unmet service demand.

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Location	Existing Service	Address	Ownership	Infrastructure / Service Response	Priority	Rational	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
Nyora	N/A	N/A	N/A	Additional kindergarten program 1 x 22 OR 33 licensed places to be added to the proposed early years hub in Nyora. Will deliver total service capacity of 55 - 66 licensed places.	Medium to long term 5 - 10 align to 30 hrs of 4-year-old kindergarten	Additional capacity required to respond to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	\$1.331m - \$1.888m	There is likely to be capacity to access State Govt. funding because of unmet service demand.
Poowong	Poowong Kindergarten	Main Street	Council	Replacement of the existing building with 2 program rooms and increased licensed capacity. Will deliver total service capacity of 44 licensed places.	Long term 10 years	Additional capacity required to respond to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	\$1.571 - \$2.217m	There is likely to be capacity to access State Govt. funding because of unmet service demand.
Fish Creek	Fish Creek Kindergarten	2 Ryan Street	Council	No additional infrastructure recommended in response to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	N/A	No unmet demand with 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	N/A	N/A
Foster	Prom Coast Centres for Children	30 – 32 Pioneer Street	Crown	No additional infrastructure recommended in response to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten	N/A	No unmet demand with 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten provided functionality and accessibility constraints of the existing building have been addressed.	N/A	N/A
Toora	Toora Kindergarten	25 Gray Street	Council	If consolidation of Toora and Welshpool kindergartens to this site has occurred, the single program room will need to increase from 22 to 33 licensed places in response to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	N/A	No unmet demand with 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	\$1.331m - \$1.888m	Council. Based upon current programs there is unlikely to be State Govt. funding available to support expansion of Toora Kindergarten.
Welshpool	Welshpool Kindergarten	15 Main Street	Council	No additional infrastructure recommended in response to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	N/A	No unmet demand with 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	N/A	N/A

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Location	Existing Service	Address	Ownership	Infrastructure / Service Response	Priority	Rational	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
Tarwin Lower	N/A	N/A	N/A	No additional infrastructure recommended in response to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	N/A	No unmet demand with 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten, provided single kindergarten program room with 22 licensed places has been developed as recommended.	N/A	N/A
Korumburra	Karmai Community Children's Centre	22 Princes Street	Council	No additional infrastructure recommended in response to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	N/A	Unmet demand will be addressed with 66 licensed places proposed at Korumburra Primary School and either private childcare service or additional 2 program room service identified above.	N/A	N/A
Loch	Loch and District Preschool	18 Smith Street	Council	No additional infrastructure recommended in response to 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	N/A	No unmet demand with 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten.	N/A	N/A

Table 4: Summary of additional infrastructure required to support 30 hours of 4-year-old kindergarten, South Gippsland Early Years Infrastructure