Draft Kindergarten Asset Management Plan



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Executive summary

This draft Kindergarten Asset Management Plan (KAMP) provides a strategic, evidence-informed framework for how Yarra Ranges Council will manage and invest in its Council-owned kindergarten facilities over the next 20 years.

Developed in the context of the Victorian Government's Best Start Best Life reforms, changing enrolment patterns and a more complex early childhood landscape, the KAMP focuses on Council's role as asset manager and advocate rather than direct service provider. It applies a whole-of-municipality lens to Council's portfolio of 40 kindergarten buildings, with the aim of supporting equitable access, safe and fit-for-purpose facilities, and long-term financial sustainability.

The Kindergarten Asset Management Plan

- Clarifies Council's role as asset manager of 40 kindergarten facilities, while recognising its broader responsibility to monitor municipal-wide supply, demand, equity, and service distribution.
- Uses the kindergarten service supply and demand modelling undertaken in partnership with the State Government – the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP) to show that future need will vary across the municipality.
- Recognises that throughout the life of this plan unexpected opportunities may arise that support a revised approach.
- Applies a decision-making framework that brings together supply and demand, financial sustainability, accessibility and building condition, and vulnerability to guide future decisions.
- Highlights that investment decisions must balance service viability with equity, particularly in communities experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, limited local alternatives or higher barriers to access.
- Reflects engagement with Councillors and stakeholders, which reinforced the importance of strong evidence, clearly defined criteria, regular KISP updates, and a continued focus on fit-for-purpose, accessible and integrated early years facilities.
- Sets out short, medium and long-term regional recommendations centred on updating accessibility audits, pursuing grant funding, monitoring supply and market changes, revisiting feasibility studies in growth areas, and considering future options for facilities where oversupply persists or unexpected opportunities arise.

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1. Glossary

TERM	ACRONYM	DEFINITION
Best Start Best Life Reforms	BSBL	Victorian reforms expanding kinder hours and improving early childhood access.
Early learning centres and hubs	ELC	These facilities may have a number of services within the one facility e.g.: Maternal and Child Health, playgroups, kindergarten, and long day care.
Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan	KISP	An agreed plan between Council and the State Department of Education outlining future kindergarten demand and supply projections.
Kindergarten on School Site	KOSS	A dedicated kindergarten facility located directly on the grounds of a government primary or P-12 school in Victoria.
Long day care	LDC	A facility and program that operates extended hours, outside of and in addition to, the funded kindergarten hours. It can provide kindergarten within (integrated into) the long day care program.
Maternal and Child Health	MCH	Maternal and child health services provide free information and support to new parents and families. Services include information on feeding, development, immunisation, positive parenting etc
Playgroups		Informal sessions where young children play under the supervision of a parent/carer and parents/carers connect and socialise.
Region		A larger area grouping suburbs within Yarra Ranges.
Statistical Area 2	SA2	A standard geographic area used for population and planning data.

2. Introduction

The 2022 Victorian Government's Best Start Best Life reforms[i] introduced free kindergarten and significant increases to the number of hours children can attend kindergarten, improving children's access to early childhood education and the long-term benefits it provides.

In a staggered ten-year roll-out, maximum funded kindergarten hours for three-year-old children will triple from 5 to 15 hours and four-year-old kindergarten hours will double from 15 to 30 hours. This expansion prompted an analysis of projected supply and demand in Yarra Ranges and sharpened the focus on Council's role as asset manager and infrastructure provider.

The state government and commercial sector increasingly build and operate kindergarten facilities, and a pipeline of new services demonstrates their increasing investment in response to the Reform.

As the state government's role has grown, Council's focus has shifted to leasing buildings and maintaining infrastructure. While we collaborate with the state to support accessible services, Council's primary role with respect to infrastructure is as asset manager of 40 kindergarten facilities.

The kindergarten asset portfolio forms part of Council's $1.5 billion of infrastructure and property assets. Council's Asset Management Policy 2022-2032[ii] defines the guiding principles, practices, and responsibilities which Council consistently applies in managing these assets.

This draft Kindergarten Asset Management Plan has been developed to guide Council's long-term investment in kindergarten facilities, many of which are aging and require a strategic approach to ensure the quality of infrastructure, its equitable distribution of facilities and financial sustainability over the next 20 years.

This work is being undertaken in the context of significant sector reform, changing demand and a financially constrained operating environment. While the KAMP identifies the actions required to support a sustainable kindergarten asset portfolio, full implementation will depend on securing external grant funding and other investment opportunities to supplement Council's available resources.

3. Evaluation themes

Comprehensive analysis of Council's kindergarten asset portfolio focussed on:

- Areas of high socio-economic disadvantage
- Financial analysis
- Supply and demand
- Building condition, accessibility, and functionality.

This analysis, along with the asset principles, formed the basis of the preliminary evaluation model themes which were workshopped with Councillors and a stakeholder focus group, to review and validate the themes for importance.

4. Site information

4a. Yarra Ranges Regions

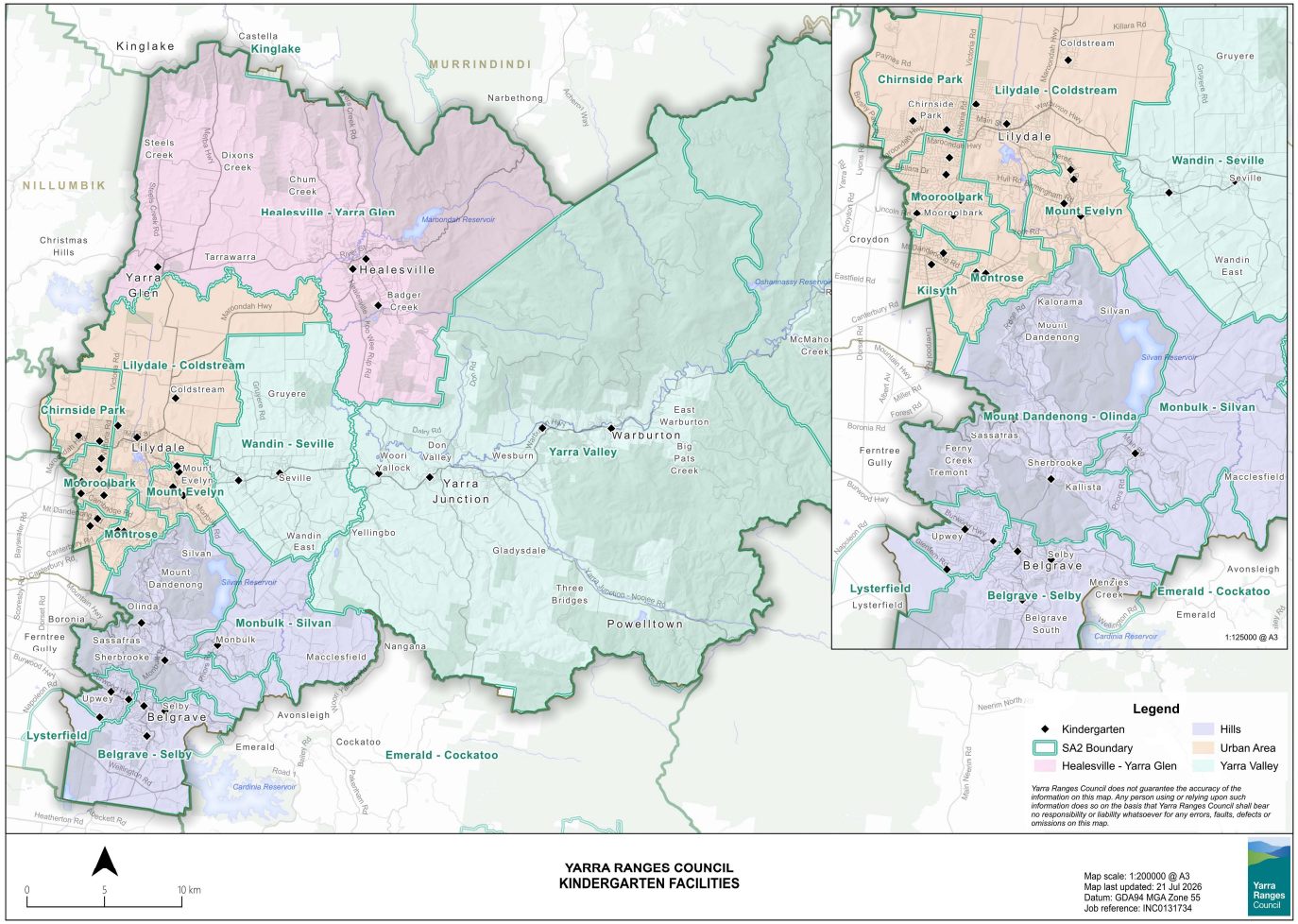
Yarra Ranges Council is located in Melbourne's outer east suburbs between 30 and 100 kilometres east of the Melbourne CBD. It stretches across 2,468 square kilometres encompassing both suburban and rural areas, resulting in significant diversity in the topography and makeup of the community.

In response to this diverse demographic profile, the community is assessed based upon four geographic regions as shown in Table 1 and alongside Council-owned kindergartens in Map 1.

Table 1. Yarra Ranges Council Regions

Hills	**Urban**	**Upper Yarra**	**Valley**
Mount Dandenong, Olinda, Sassafras, Kalorama	Gruyere-Coldstream-Yerring	Rural South & East	Yarra Glen & Surrounds
Monbulk-Silvan	Lilydale	Warburton & Surrounds	Healesville & Surrounds
Kallista & Surrounds	Chirnside Park	Seville-Seville East	
Upwey & Surrounds	Mooroolbark	Wandin & Surrounds	
Belgrave-Selby	Mount Evelyn		
Belgrave Heights & Surrounds	Montrose		
	Kilsyth		

Map 1. Council-owned kindergarten facilities



4b. Kindergarten locations

Council owns 40 kindergarten buildings, most are single classroom facilities, and some have spaces for Maternal and Child Health and Playgroups. Facility names and addresses are listed in Table 2 below.

*Table 2. Council-owned kindergarten locations. *indicates co-located with other service/s e.g. MCH, Playgroup etc*

HILLS	
Facility Name	Facility Address
Belgrave Preschool *	6 Hayes Place, Belgrave
Len Jeffrey Memorial (Belgrave South) Preschool	102 Colby Drive, Belgrave South
Kallista Preschool	2 Church Street, Kallista VIC 3791
Monbulk Preschool *	21 Main Road, Monbulk
Sassafras Preschool	2/394 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Sassafras
Selby Preschool	15 Lyons Drive, Selby
Sherbrooke Family and Children's Centre *	1443 Burwood Highway, Upwey
Tecoma Preschool	1534 Burwood Highway, Tecoma
Upwey Preschool *	1443 Burwood Highway, Upwey
Upwey South Preschool	125 Morris Road, Upwey South
URBAN	
Bimbadeen Preschool	15 Bimbadeen Drive, Mooroolbark
Chirnside Park Preschool	1 Meadowgate Drive, Chirnside Park
CIRE Chirnside Park *	33 Kimberley Drive, Chirnside Park
CIRE Children's Services Mt Evelyn *	20 Old Hereford Road, Mt Evelyn
Coldstream Preschool *	12 Kelso Road, Coldstream
Fernhill Preschool *	9 Fernhill Road, Mt Evelyn
Gray Court Preschool	6 Gray Court, Mooroolbark
Hansen Park Preschool	10 Tower Street, Kilsyth VIC 3137
Joy Ave Preschool	1 Joy Avenue, Mt Evelyn
Lancaster Preschool *	33 Lancaster Road, Mooroolbark
Lilydale North Preschool	1/9 Erldunda Court, Lilydale
Lilydale Preschool *	17 Chapel Street Lilydale
Manchester Preschool	132 Manchester Road, Mooroolbark
Montrose Preschool	1A Leith Road, Montrose
Mooroolbark Early Childhood Education Centre *	8 Charles Street, Mooroolbark
Mt Evelyn Memorial Preschool	24 Birmingham Road, Mt Evelyn
Palm Grove Preschool *	21 Palm Grove, Kilsyth
Rolling Hills Preschool *	54-56 Landscape Drive Mooroolbark
Sarah Court Preschool	25-27 Sarah Court, Montrose
UPPER YARRA	
Launching Place Preschool	1/1990 Warburton Highway, Launching Place
Millgrove Preschool *	24B Cavanagh Road, Millgrove
Seville Preschool	7 Link Road, Seville
Wandin North Preschool *	10 Union Road, Wandin North
Warburton Preschool	2 Riverside Drive, Warburton
Woori Yallock Preschool *	28A View Street, Woori Yallock
VALLEY	
Badger Creek Preschool *	370 Badger Creek Road, Badger Creek
Haig Ave Preschool *	6-16 Haig Avenue, Healesville
Queens Park Preschool	2/36 Don Road, Healesville
Robyn Jane Children's Centre *	6-16 Haig Avenue, Healesville
Yarra Glen Preschool	12 Anzac Avenue Yarra Glen

5. Prioritisation

Each area within Yarra Ranges has a different mix of kindergarten facilities with varying supply and demand pressures. In some areas these pressures are compounded by socio-economic disadvantage and limited supply e.g., council facility is the only kindergarten option within a 5-10km radius. Council's kindergarten infrastructure objectives prioritise equity and access, with additional focus given to communities experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

Areas in Yarra Ranges with the highest level of disadvantage[iii] include:

- Upper Yarra Valley and parts of the Yarra Valley – McMahons Creek, Reefton, Powelltown, Millgrove, Warburton, East Warburton, and Big Pats Creek
- Pockets of high disadvantage within Kilsyth, Mooroolbark, Lilydale, and Healesville

Prioritising investment in kindergarten infrastructure demands a careful balancing act because there are diverse needs within each community. Decision makers must weigh rising or shifting demand against the physical condition of buildings.

At the same time, the vulnerability of local communities including socio-economic disadvantage and cultural and linguistic diversity adds urgency to directing resources where they can have the greatest impact.

Accessibility considerations for children and families with disabilities, also shape whether a kindergarten can genuinely serve all families.

Bringing these factors together allows Council to invest not just in buildings, but in equitable, resilient, kindergarten facilities that support every child's start in life.

Table 3 below, describes how the facilities are ranked under each theme. The Region priorities (in section 6) summarise these factors, reflecting the evaluation themes and grounding the analysis in local context and levels of vulnerability.

Table 3. Ranking Descriptions

Supply and demand	Fit for purpose /accessibility	Financial sustainability/condition	Vulnerability
Unmet: projected to need more places by or before 2036. **Meeting**: projected to have adequate supply through to 2036. **Over**: projected to have more places than needed by 2036.	**Poor**: No accessible toilet and no nappy change facilities. **Average**: Has accessible toilet or nappy change facilities but not both. **Good**: Has accessible toilet and nappy change facilities.	**Average**: minor maintenance or intervention and/or minor component replacement required. **Good**: Asset is functional and displays superficial defects only, minor signs of deterioration but does not require major maintenance. No major defects. **Excellent**: Near new and providing a high level of service.	**Low**: low levels of socio-economic disadvantage (SEIFA) and low developmental vulnerability (AEDC), compared to rest of Yarra Ranges. **Moderate**: pockets of high disadvantage in some but not all SA2s in the region. **High**: Areas in Yarra Ranges with the highest level of disadvantage both for AEDC and SEIFA

6. Regional priorities and recommendations

The following Regional priorities reflect Council's current position not to build new kindergarten facilities that would increase the current portfolio, as the current supply and demand of Kindergartens is generally being met by commercial and State Government investment.

The Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP) is updated every 2-3 years to assess supply and demand modelling. The Kindergarten Asset Management Plan (KAMP) will be reviewed in conjunction with the KISP, including assessment of supply and demand, local context, and commercial and state government interest. KISP and KAMP updates may trigger changes to priorities.

With Council's limited capacity for significant capital investment, proposed projects will be assessed and advanced through the formal budget processes. Works will be channelled through the capital building minor works program and council officers will work with service providers to apply for funds through suitable grant programs.

Reactive and planned maintenance will be actioned according to identified need.

Assessment is based on consideration of the evaluation themes: firstly, supply and demand; then the quality of the building and its fit-for-purpose/accessibility assessment; and finally, the facilities that support the most vulnerable communities.

Accessibility can be assessed across a broad range of features. For the purposes of this plan, the initial assessment focused on core features such as accessible bathrooms, toilets and change tables. Accessibility requirements are broader than these initial criteria, and any future upgrades will need to consider the full range of relevant features when assessing project affordability and prioritisation.

Priority time frames are listed below.

Short Term projects are less complex projects that would only be included in the Capital Works Program through minor works, maintenance programs, or early design to inform grant applications. Works will only be completed if Building Blocks Inclusion Grants Building Blocks Grants – Inclusion | schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au (co-contribution not required) are received.

Medium Term projects are initiatives that either have a lower operational priority, require time to monitor utilisation, or require additional planning before they can be scheduled, costed, or incorporated into the Capital Works Program.

Long Term projects are those with lower immediate priority, subject to external timing dependencies (e.g., awaiting state government decisions), or involve complex processes such as the closure or sale of a facility.

Priority Time Frames		
Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
1-4 years	5-10 years	11-20 years

The following tables list the facilities in each region with an assessment against each theme, followed by the resulting overview of the proposed program. These priorities are based on the supply and demand assessment through the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP) undertaken in 2025. The KISP is reviewed approximately every 2-3 years, and these priorities should be refined to respond to the revised analysis.

Table 4. Hills region priorities

Region: Hills					
SA2	Facility Name	Supply & Demand Projections	Fit for Purpose/ Accessibility	Financial Sustainability/ Condition	Vulnerability
Belgrave-Selby	Belgrave Preschool	over	average	good	moderate
Belgrave-Selby	Len Jeffrey (Belgrave South) Preschool	over	poor	good	moderate
Belgrave-Selby	Selby Preschool	over	average	good	moderate
Monbulk-Silvan	Monbulk Preschool	meeting	good	**average**	moderate
Mount Dandenong	Sassafras Preschool	over	average	good	moderate
Mount Dandenong	Kallista Preschool	over	poor	good	moderate
Upwey-Tecoma	Upwey South Preschool	unmet	good	good	low
Upwey-Tecoma	Sherbrooke Family and Children's Centre	unmet	good	good	low
Upwey-Tecoma	Upwey Preschool	unmet	good	excellent	low
Upwey-Tecoma	Tecoma Preschool	unmet	good	excellent	low

Supply and demand varies in the Hills. Unmet demand is expected in Upwey-Tecoma however current commercial interest exists in this area which has potential to reduce unmet demand projections. Over-supply is expected in Belgrave-Selby and Mount Dandenong.
Fit for purpose/accessibility: Len Jeffrey Memorial (Belgrave South) and Kallista Preschools have poor accessibility, the remaining facilities are average to good.
Financial sustainability/condition: Improvement works at Monbulk Preschool have begun.
Vulnerability: vulnerability in the Hills is low to moderate, less concerning than other Regions.
Recommendations: Prioritise Len Jeffrey Memorial (Belgrave South) and Kallista Preschool for accessibility audits/improvements, although over-supply is expected, Kallista is an area with no other kindergarten options. Monitor supply in Belgrave.

	Short Term	**Medium Term**	**Long Term**
Hills Region	Complete accessibility audit at, Kallista and Len Jeffrey Memorial (Belgrave South) Preschools to determine works required. Apply for Building Blocks Inclusion Grant to improve accessibility at Kallista and Len Jeffrey Memorial (Belgrave South) Preschools. Update KISP and KAMP	Re-apply for grants if previous applications were unsuccessful. Monitor supply in Belgrave, Update KISP and KAMP	Monitor supply in Belgrave. Continue to make accessibility improvements as funding becomes available. Update KISP and KAMP

Table 5. Valley region priorities

Region: Valley					
SA2	**Facility Name**	**Supply & Demand Projections**	**Fit for Purpose/ Accessibility**	**Financial Sustainability/ Condition**	**Vulnerability**
Healesville-Yarra Glen	Badger Creek	Unmet	good	good	moderate
Healesville-Yarra Glen	Haig Ave Preschool	Unmet	average	good	moderate
Healesville-Yarra Glen	Queens Park Preschool	Unmet	poor	good	moderate
Healesville-Yarra Glen	Robyn Jane Children's Centre	Unmet	good	good	moderate
Healesville-Yarra Glen	Yarra Glen Preschool	Unmet	poor	good	low

Supply and demand: This region is projected (in the most recent KISP) to have unmet demand by 2036, however recent commercial interest in Healesville has significantly reduced unmet demand, making it likely that demand will be met in this area. Yarra Glen has one long day care centre and one Council-owned kindergarten.
Fit for purpose/accessibility: Yarra Glen and Queens Park have poor accessibility; the remaining facilities are average or good.
Financial sustainability/condition: All facilities are in good condition. Suggesting limited works are likely to be needed in the short term.
Vulnerability: Overall, the Valley has low to moderate levels of socio-economic disadvantage.
Recommendations: Unmet demand projections seem less likely to eventuate due to the opening of two long day care centres in Healesville. Prioritise accessibility audits/improvements at Queens Park and Yarra Glen Preschools to support long term inclusion.

Valley Region	**Short Term**	**Medium Term**	**Long Term**
	Complete accessibility audits at Yarra Glen and Queens Park to determine works required. Apply for Building Blocks Inclusion Grant to improve accessibility at Yarra Glen Preschool Update KISP and KAMP	Re-apply for Building Blocks Grant if previous application was unsuccessful. Update KISP and KAMP	Continue to make accessibility improvements as funding becomes available. Update KISP and KAMP

Table 6. Urban region priorities

Region: Urban					
SA2	Facility Name	Supply & Demand Projections	Fit for Purpose/ Accessibility	Financial Sustainability/ Condition	Vulnerability
Chirnside Park	Chirnside Park Preschool	Unmet	average	excellent	low
Chirnside Park	CIRE Chirnside Park	Unmet	good	good	low
Kilsyth	Palm Grove Preschool	Unmet	average	good	moderate
Kilsyth	Hansen Park Preschool	Unmet	poor	good	moderate
Lilydale-Coldstream	Coldstream Preschool	Unmet	poor	good	low
Lilydale-Coldstream	Lilydale North Preschool	Unmet	good	good	moderate
Lilydale-Coldstream	Lilydale Preschool	Unmet	poor	good	moderate
Montrose	Montrose Preschool	Unmet	good	good	low
Montrose	Sarah Court Preschool	Unmet	average	good	low
Mooroolbark	Bimbadeen Preschool	Unmet	good	average	high
Mooroolbark	Gray Court Preschool	Unmet	good	good	high
Mooroolbark	Lancaster Preschool	Unmet	average	good	high
Mooroolbark	Manchester Preschool	Unmet	average	good	high
Mooroolbark	Mooroolbark Early Childhood Education Preschool	Unmet	good	good	high
Mooroolbark	Rolling Hills Preschool	Unmet	good	good	high
Mount Evelyn	Fernhill Preschool	Unmet	good	good	low
Mount Evelyn	Joy Ave Preschool	Unmet	poor	good	low
Mount Evelyn	Mount Evelyn Memorial Preschool	Unmet	poor	good	low
Mount Evelyn	CIRE Childrens Services Mount Evelyn	Unmet	good	excellent	low

Supply and demand: Unmet demand is expected across all SA2s by, and possibly prior to 2036. A long new day care centre opened in Mount Evelyn in 2026 which may decrease the unmet demand projections for that area.
Fit for purpose/accessibility: Lancaster Preschool received a grant and is hoping to upgrade bathrooms in the near future. Hansen Park, Coldstream, Joy Avenue, Lilydale, and Mount Evelyn Memorial Preschools have poor accessibility, the remainder are average or good.
Financial sustainability/condition: Bimbadeen Preschool condition is average suggesting minor maintenance or intervention may be needed in the short to medium term.
Vulnerability: High socio-economic disadvantage exists in Mooroolbark. Moderate socio-economic disadvantage exists in pockets of Kilsyth and Lilydale.
Recommendations: Prioritise accessibility audits/improvements at Coldstream, Hansen Park, Joy Avenue, Lilydale, and Mount Evelyn Memorial Preschools to improve inclusion. Identify and plan for works that might be needed at Bimbadeen. Develop grant applications for any required works. Advocate for a state funded Kindergarten on School Site (KOSS) in areas of projected unmet demand.

Urban Region	**Short Term**	**Medium Term**	**Long Term**
	Complete accessibility audits at Hansen Park, Coldstream, Joy Avenue, Lilydale Preschool and Mount Evelyn Memorial Preschool. Apply for Building Blocks Inclusion Grant to improve accessibility at identified facilities. Advocate to State Government for a KOSS in areas of projected unmet demand. Identify and plan for any works required at Bimbadeen Preschool. Update KISP and KAMP.	Re-apply for Building Blocks Grant if previous applications were unsuccessful. Continue to improve accessibility at identified kindergartens as grants are approved. Prioritising improvements in Mooroolbark facilities. Update KISP and KAMP.	Continue to make accessibility improvements as funding becomes available. Update KISP and KAMP.

Table 7. Upper Yarra region priorities

Region: Upper Yarra					
SA2	**Facility Name**	**Supply & Demand Projections**	**Fit for Purpose/ Accessibility**	**Financial Sustainability/ Condition**	**Vulnerability**
Wandin-Seville	Seville Preschool	meeting	poor	excellent	moderate
Wandin-Seville	Wandin Preschool	meeting	poor	average	moderate
Yarra Valley	Millgrove Preschool	over	average	excellent	high
Yarra Valley	Warburton Preschool	over	average	good	high
Yarra Valley	Launching Place Preschool	over	average	good	moderate
Yarra Valley	Woori Yallock Preschool	over	poor	good	moderate

Supply and demand: Over-supply is likely in Yarra Valley. A new Kindergarten on School Site at Seville Primary School (due to open 2027), continue to monitor supply alongside KISP updates.
Fit for purpose/accessibility: Seville, Wandin and Woori Yallock Preschools have poor accessibility and accessibility at Millgrove and Warburton is average meaning either nappy change facilities or accessible toilets could be needed.
Financial sustainability/condition: Wandin Preschool condition is average suggesting minor maintenance or intervention may be needed in the short to medium term.
Vulnerability: high levels of socio-economic disadvantage in Millgrove and Warburton, and moderate levels of disadvantage throughout the remainder of the Upper Yarra Region.
Recommendations: Monitor supply in Seville. Although Millgrove, Seville, Warburton, Launching Place are likely to have over-supply in the longer term, maintaining these facilities in the short to medium term is recommended as there are few kindergarten options available. Prioritise accessibility audits at Seville, Wandin and Woori Yallock. A state funded early learning centre is in the pipeline for Yarra Valley by 2031, monitor supply alongside KISP updates.

	Short Term	**Medium Term**	**Long Term**
Upper Yarra Region	Continue support and advocacy for an ELC in Yarra Valley (planned for 2031) Complete accessibility audits at Seville, Wandin and Woori Yallock Preschools. Apply for Building Blocks Grants at identified facilities. Identify and plan for any works required at Wandin Preschool. Update KISP and KAMP.	Monitor supply in Seville. Continue to improve accessibility at all facilities in the Upper Yarra as grants are approved. Update KISP and KAMP.	Monitor supply in Seville. Continue to make accessibility improvements as funding becomes available. Update KISP and KAMP.

7.Summary of recommendations

A summary of recommendations are listed in tables 8-11 below. These recommendations and priority order may change based on updates to the KISP, KAMP, grant funding approvals or as other unexpected opportunities arise.

The recommendations compliment, rather than replace, reactive maintenance or renewals works. All kindergarten facilities will continue to receive maintenance as needed, along with renewal works managed as part of Council's broader asset portfolio.

Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP)
The KISP is updated in collaboration with State Government every two to three years from 2025 onwards.
Updates to the KISP may alter KAMP priorities.

Kindergarten Asset Management Plan (KAMP)
The KAMP will be updated in conjunction with the KISP including re-assessment of Council-owned kindergarten facilities, changes in local context and shifts in enrolment trends or government policy.

Grants
Various State Government Grants are currently available. Some are ongoing and others open and close at various times of the year.
Grant guidelines stipulate that recipients must continue to offer funded kindergarten for at least 4 years after receiving the grant.
Facilities in areas with projected unmet demand are more likely to receive grant funding.
Council will continue to consider grant application proposals raised by kindergarten providers, whether they sit within or outside of regional priorities.

State Government Pipeline
A kindergarten on School Site (KOSS) is due to open in 2027 at Seville Primary School. A State Government Early Learning Centre (Long Day Care with integrated kindergarten) is expected to open in 2031 in Upper Yarra region.
Advocate for a KOSS in areas of expected unmet demand.

Reactive and Planned Maintenance
Maintenance will continue to be provided in accordance with lease agreements at all Council owned kindergarten facilities. The following tables describe the current work proposed for each facility and approximate time frames.

Table 8. Short term priorities.

Short Term Priorities: One to four years		
Facility Name	**Region**	**Action**
Hansen Park Preschool, Kilsyth	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Queens Park, Healesville	Valley	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Lilydale Preschool	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Coldstream Preschool	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Joy Avenue Preschool, Mt Evelyn	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Yarra Glen Preschool	Valley	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Mt Evelyn Memorial Preschool	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Millgrove Preschool	Upper Yarra	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Wandin Preschool	Upper Yarra	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application. Identify and plan for works if needed.
Bimbadeen Preschool, Mooroolbark	Urban	Identify and plan for works if needed.
Kallista Preschool	Hills	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Len Jeffrey Memorial (Belgrave South) Preschool	Hills	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Sassafras Preschool	Hills	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Woori Yallock Preschool	Upper Yarra	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Belgrave Preschool	Hills	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Seville Preschool	Upper Yarra	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.

Table 9. Medium term priorities.

Medium Term Priorities: Five to ten years		
Facility Name	**Region**	**Action**
Manchester Preschool, Mooroolbark	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Haig Ave Preschool, Healesville	Valley	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Palm Grove Preschool, Kilsyth	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Sarah Court Preschool, Montrose	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Chirnside Park Preschool	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Warburton Preschool	Upper Yarra	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Selby Preschool	Hills	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Belgrave Preschool	Hills	Monitor supply in Belgrave
Len Jeffrey Memorial (Belgrave South)	Hills	Monitor supply in Belgrave
Seville Preschool	Upper Yarra	Monitor supply in Seville.

Table 10. Long term priorities.

Long Term: Eleven to twenty years		
Facility Name	**Region**	**Action**
CIRE Chirnside Park	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant applications
Launching Place Preschool	Upper Yarra	Complete accessibility audit and support grant applications
CIRE Mt Evelyn	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant applications
Tecoma Preschool	Hills	Complete accessibility audit and support grant applications
Belgrave Preschool	Hills	Monitor supply in Belgrave
Len Jeffrey Memorial (Belgrave South	Hills	Monitor supply in Belgrave
Seville Preschool	Upper Yarra	Monitor supply in Seville
Gray Court Preschool, Mooroolbark	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Rolling hills Preschool, Mooroolbark	Urban	Complete accessibility audit and support grant application.
Lancaster, Preschool Mooroolbark	Urban	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Mooroolbark Early Childhood Education Centre	Urban	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Fernhill Preschool, Mt Evelyn	Urban	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Lilydale North Preschool	Urban	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Upwey South Preschool	Hills	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Upwey Preschool	Hills	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Monbulk Preschool	Hills	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Sherbrooke F&CC, Upwey	Hills	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Badger Creek Preschool	Valley	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Robyn Jane CCC, Healesville	Valley	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.
Montrose Preschool	Urban	Priorities may be identified when KAMP is next updated.

Over the life of this Kindergarten Asset Management Plan, circumstances may change and opportunities may arise that support a revised approach. Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan updates, commercial or state government interest, demographic shifts, provider decisions, enrolment trends, and the pace of Best Start Best Life reform implementation can trigger re-assessment of priorities. Areas that are currently projected to experience unmet demand may move closer to balance, while areas with projected over-supply may require further review if local demand changes.

Council will apply a consistent evaluation methodology to monitor enrolments, assess ongoing service need, and guide future decisions about the role, use, and long-term retention of kindergarten assets.

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