Newport Gardens Early Years Centre
Opening January 2014
Maddox Road Newport
(Located on the Newport Gardens Primary School site)

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Hobsons Bay City Council is proud to announce the establishment of a new $5.4 million Early Years Centre in Newport. This centrally based facility will provide families within this precinct with the highest quality care and education in a state of the art early years building located on the Newport Gardens Primary School site.

This new facility will see the consolidation of services from Williamstown Childcare Co-operative, Hobsons Bay Kindergarten and the Hobsons Bay Toy Library.

The location of the new facility on Maddox Road, Newport, only 5kms from central Williamstown and in close proximity to the Hobson Bay Kindergarten, provides convenient access for families using the existing services.

A not for profit provider will manage this facility in conjunction with Council actively encouraging and fostering community participation from the families accessing the facility and the broader community. It is anticipated the management provider will be engaged by Council by the start of 2013.

Programs and Services

The Newport Gardens Early Years Centre will provide integrated, inclusive and collaborative early year’s services that will offer high quality early learning programs, aligning the preschool experience closely with the commencement of primary school.

The Newport Gardens Early Years Centre will boast innovative design features with the incorporation of a variety of rooms around a central courtyard garden to allow the integrated, seamless service delivery for families. The centre will provide access to a range of quality services and programs that are accessible and affordable creating an inclusive environment that promotes community engagement and participation. The building is designed to feature environmentally friendly materials in both the indoor and outdoor areas.

Services will include:

- Childcare – birth to 6 years
- Funded four year old Kindergarten
- Maternal Child Health
- Hobsons Bay Toy Library
- Yooralla (early intervention services)
- Community rooms
- Family support services
- Other early years programs

Childcare/Kindergarten Places in 2014

The centre is planned to open in January 2014. Families who wish to register for long day care and kindergarten programs will need to contact Council’s Kindergarten Access Officer on 99321000.

For more information regarding services at the Newport Early Years Centre please contact the Early Years Unit on 99321000 or via email at earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

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