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Breaking New Ground for Childcare in Kadina

Copper Coast Council welcomed a significant step forward for local families yesterday, 4 November, with the official sod-turn for Kadina Child Care Centre's new facility on Bute Road.

Copper Coast Mayor Roslyn Talbot and Chief Executive Officer Dylan Strong were in attendance for the ceremony, which also brought the announcement that the new long day care centre will expand into an integrated early years hub, providing additional services and support for families and children across the Yorke Peninsula.

The South Australian Government has announced an additional $1 million investment in the project to enable Kadina Child Care Centre to deliver the extra services and programs. This adds to a $3.2 million grant from the South Australian Government's 'Flying Start' Infrastructure program, a $5 million contribution made by the Federal Government, donation of land and planning support from Council, and additional support from registered charity Coaxial Foundation.

The hub is expected to open in early 2028. The new facility will create an extra 109 places – boosting capacity to 162 early learning places – and help meet growing demand in the region. The hub will combine the Flying Start 3-year-old preschool, long day care, child health and development services, parenting programs and community co-designed supports.

An expanded preschool program of up to 30 hours per week will be provided to improve children's learning and development outcomes. Additional facilities, including a community room, consulting rooms and meeting spaces, will support improved access to high-quality, evidence-informed services.

Kadina Child Care Centre Director Caren Hammerstein said she was excited to be able to provide families with additional supports and programs in the new expanded centre. "We look forward to working with the children and families across our community to design these supports together and are already building relationships to start this process".

Copper Coast Council Mayor Roslyn Talbot said the development will unlock economic potential for the region. "This development will not only impact those with young children, it will stimulate the local economy by allowing parents to return to the

workforce or explore study opportunities, give families the options they deserve, and provide a vital space for allied health professionals to operate”.

Copper Coast CEO Dylan Strong said the integrated hub would be an asset in meeting the needs of the growing community into the future.
“Not only will the new centre allow more families to explore work and study options, it will also provide strong foundations, support, and consistency for the next generation of Copper Coast residents to thrive ".

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