



Goolwa
Children's Centre
for Early Childhood
Development and Parenting



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Brooking Street

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CONTEXT STATEMENT 2017

Goolwa Children's Centre is situated 80kms from Adelaide in the FLEURIEU DISTRICT. This centre is an integrated service which incorporates Child Care, DECD Kindergarten, Community Development, Family Services and Child and Family Health at the same site and has 87 licensed places.

The children's ages range from 6 weeks to 6 years old and they can access all programs offered across the centre. This engenders caring and supportive relationships. Developing and maintaining relationships between children, staff and parents is a centre priority and part of the centre philosophy. The centre operates with 2 main groups of children – 0-3 years and 3-5 years. The children with additional needs are supported through Inclusive Directions, the Southern Fleurieu Health Service and the DECD Pre-school Support Program.

Goolwa is situated on the Murray River close to the Coorong and the coast. Small business, tourism and farming are the communities main economic drivers. Socio economic backgrounds vary comprising of self-employed, full to part-time working families that necessitate traveling or working away from home.

Transport is a problem for some families. The Goolwa Children's Centre is situated close to the Goolwa Primary School and Investigator College. The majority of children come from the Goolwa township and surrounding areas including Middleton, Port Elliot, Hindmarsh Island and Currency Creek.