



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

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**Centre number:** 6680

**Centre name:** Wudinna RSL Memorial Kindergarten

## 1. General information

Director: Rebecca Sampson

Postal address: PO Box 261 Wudinna SA 5652

Location address: 1 Wilkins street Wudinna SA 5652

DE Partnership: Central Eyre Partnership (part of the Port Lincoln portfolio)

Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 570km

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### **Programs operating at the preschool**

#### **Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children**

We offer children two full days of Preschool on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:25 – 3:35pm. To ensure children receive their full 15 hour a week entitlement, parents have elected that we hold our Pupil free days once a term in lieu of a session. Children may attend kindergarten via the school bus depending on available spaces.

#### **Lunch/Full Day Program**

All children attending our kindergarten program are offered supervised lunch time care.

#### **Preschool Support**

Preschool support programs are available to assist children with additional needs. All

children attending our kindergarten have their speech/language and Phonological awareness screened in their first term of kindergarten and children requiring additional assistance are referred to a speech pathologist for assessment.

### **Funded Occasional Care**

Our Occasional Care program is offered twice a week on Thursdays. Both sessions are for children over 2 years. Session times are from 9:00 -11:45 am and then 12:30pm -3:15pm. Occasional care is staffed by a diploma trained ECW2. For bookings please telephone the kindy 86802252.

## **2. Key Centre Policies**

### **Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose**

## *2023 philosophy*



At Wudinna Kindy we believe that Early Childhood is the foundation on which children build their lives, as they learn life skills and make sense of the world around them. We believe young children learn best when they are engaged in play-based learning. Our educators aim to develop a sense of belonging and strong reciprocal relationships to support this. We encourage children to have a voice in their learning. We want them to think critically and creatively to solve problems. We support them to act independently as well as work collaboratively with others. We connect with our local environment through Nature play and we have a strong relationship with our local community who have a shared commitment to the future of our youngest citizens.

Our Kindy motto is: “At Wudinna Kindy we are all learning for life”

## **3. Curriculum**

Framework used:

Our curriculum is based on the 5 areas within the new Early Years Learning Framework:

- ❖ Children have a strong sense of identity
- ❖ Children have a strong sense of well being
- ❖ Children are effective communicators
- ❖ Children are confident and involved learners
- ❖ Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

## **4. Centre Based Staff**

Director/teacher : Rebecca Sampson

Teacher: Lucy Schultz

ECW2: Jessica Parsons

Finance Officer: Alanna Barns

### **Performance Development Program**

All staff have performance development discussions which includes sharing goals and directions, a cyclic plan for improvement and an opportunity to celebrate achievement of these goals.

### **Access to special support staff**

Support needs are reviewed by educators and children requiring support referred for assessment by Special Educators. This generally occurs early in the year. Speech or relevant support hours are implemented as recommended. All support staff have completed a minimum Certificate 3 and attend additional training in related special needs.

## **5. Centre Facilities**

### **Buildings and grounds**

The Grounds are now well established due to the tireless efforts of the parents and Educators who have redeveloped the outdoor area. Special features include a poly boat, play platform, rocks around the sandpit.

In the past few years we have upgraded our swings, replaced two shades and added a shade over the new swing set and the platform. We have also purchased some new climbing play equipment through fundraising efforts and grants.

We are completed our building renovation in 2019 and our physical capacity has now grown to 30 children. This has given us a wonderful opportunity to integrate our Occasional Care program.

### **Capacity (per session)**

Our physical capacity is 30 children per session.

### **Access for children and staff with disabilities**

The Building has a ramp and there is a disabled toilet facility.

## **6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)**

### **General characteristics:**

Wudinna is located on central Eyre Peninsula, South Australia. The council area encompasses the townships of Wudinna, Minnipa, Kyancutta, Warrambo and Yaninee. Its attractions include Mount Wudinna and Pildappa Rock. The Gawler Ranges National Park is located just north of the district, a short drive from the Wudinna or township. Wudinna's main industries are cereal and livestock farming and many of the local businesses operate to support this industry.

### **Parent and community involvement in the preschool**

Parents are involved in our Kindy community through participation in fundraising events, parent help rosters, Governing Council, working bees and special events such as Father's and Mother's days. Wudinna Kindy strongly encourage parent engagement and act on suggestions and recommendations by families.

### **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool**

Our Kindergarten is adjacent to Wudinna Area School which caters from Reception to year 12. The majority of the children attending our Kindergarten will transition into the Wudinna School.

### **Other local care and educational facilities.**

Family Day care is available within the town and there are 2 care providers to choose from.

### **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**

The main shopping area for Wudinna is located behind the wheat silos. Located on Burton Terrace is the Wudinna Newsagency, a public phone, a coffee shop, Wudinna Post Office and associated Commonwealth Bank Agency, a Foodland supermarket, and butcher shop can also be found in the heart of the town. The Stateliner travels between Adelaide, Streaky Bay and Ceduna several times per week. BankSA also offers EFTPOS facilities and an ATM machine.

### **Other local facilities**

Within Wudinna is a 26 bed hospital that has the services of an on call Doctor. A Dentist also practises within the Medical centre. Wudinna has many specialist services available through Mid West health with consultants visiting the surgery frequently. This includes Podiatrists, Occupational Therapists, Physios, Speech Pathologists Mid Wives and Dieticians.

### **Availability of staff housing**

Housing is available in the area though availability is varied as housing is shared amongst all government services.

### **Accessibility**

Wudinna is accessible via car and bus. Our nearest major centres are Port Lincoln, Ceduna and Whyalla and all have flights available to Adelaide (cost ranging from \$150- \$200). Flights run frequently from Port Lincoln. Flight time to Adelaide is 45 minutes.

### **Local Government**

Wudinna is a part of the Wudinna District Council which encompasses Wudinna, Kyancutta, Yaninee, Minnipa and Warrambo. The District Council can be contacted by phoning 0886802 296.