

Carcoola Childrens Centre - Tumbarumba

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Funding requested: \$250,000

Summary: Snowy Valleys Council is seeking to upgrade the outdoor play areas at Carcoola Children's Centre, the only long day care facility in Tumbarumba and surrounding areas. Serving up to 89 children daily, the centre supports ages 6 weeks to 12 years. The proposed upgrade covers 810 m² and includes landscaping, resurfacing, and installation of age-appropriate, inclusive play equipment. The design will meet Department of Education safety standards and cater to diverse developmental needs. The new playground will be divided into three zones to suit different age groups and abilities, promoting imaginative, active, and social play. The project will be delivered in partnership with a contracted landscape company and maintained by Snowy Valleys Council. It aims to create a safe, engaging, and modern environment that supports early childhood development and enhances the appeal of Tumbarumba as a family-friendly community.

Community value: This project supports local education and skills development and social legacy initiatives under the HumeLink Community Investment and Benefits Program. By upgrading the playground, Carcoola Children's Centre will offer a more stimulating and inclusive environment that fosters physical, emotional and cognitive growth. The improved facility will help attract skilled workers and families to Tumbarumba, supporting regional development and workforce sustainability. Research shows that early childhood experiences are critical to lifelong learning and wellbeing, and a well-designed play area enhances these outcomes. The project will also strengthen community pride and cohesion, offering a lasting legacy for future generations. The upgrade will result in increased enrolments, positive feedback from families, and improved child development indicators, making a measurable difference in the lives of local children and their families.



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