



## **Heidi Victoria MP**

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## **Upgrade to children's centre brings 30 kindergarten places for Bayswater District families**

Local Bayswater families can now access high-quality early childhood services with the new Birch Street Children and Family Centre thanks to a \$600,000 investment by the Victorian Coalition Government.

Bayswater District MP Heidi Victoria said the upgraded centre provides 30 additional high-quality early years places at any one time.

"In the short term, not only has this centre provided more kindergarten places, it also brings many long-term benefits to local families, including giving children the best possible preparation for school."

Ms Victoria congratulated the Knox City Council for their contribution of \$363,000 towards the new children and family centre.

"The Coalition Government has invested \$900,000 in the City of Knox through record investments in early childhood infrastructure."

"This early years centre is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when state and local governments work hand-in-hand with the local community," Ms Victoria said.

Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development Wendy Lovell welcomed the upgraded Birch Street Children and Family Centre.

"Upgrading children's facilities is part of the Victorian Coalition Government's plan to build a better Victoria by ensuring young children have a great start in life.

"The Victorian Coalition Government is building a better Victoria with more than \$120 million in state and national partnership funding invested since December 2010 towards building and upgrading hundreds of early years services across Victoria."

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