

## **11.2 TUMBARUMBA START STRONG PRESCHOOL - REQUEST FOR REFUND AND WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT FEES - ATTACHMENTS**

### **Attachment Titles:**

1. Tumbarumba Start Strong Preschool - Request for refund and waiver of development fees
2. Tumbarumba Start Strong Preschool - Annual Report 2022/2023
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**Attachment 1 - Tumbarumba Start Strong Preschool - Request For Refund and Waiver of Development Fees**

19<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

Nick Wilton

Executive Manager – Growth and Development, Snowy Valleys Council

Dear Mr Wilton,

Thank you for letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The committee appreciates the Snowy Valleys Council making a considered decision for our request to have the fees for the Development Application waived. We will try to provide Council with answers to explain the funding and the project.

Tumbarumba Start Strong Preschool was awarded \$1.9 million (excluding GST) under the Major Start Strong Capital Funding project 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022. (Letter attached) This was gratefully received by the committee and by many in the Tumbarumba Community and surrounds.

The Preschool has now negotiated a plan to build a 50-place preschool using the Tumbarumba local; Hugh McGrath. The plans are attached.

When we applied for the grant in late 2021, we had thought \$1.9 million was generous. Since then prices have increased with materials, builders and tradespersons. We have applied unsuccessfully for contingency funding. The builder can build the preschool for \$1.9 Million however it is for the build only. There is no money for fencing, equipping the preschool, landscaping or for the playground.

During 2024 we will be active fundraising and sourcing donations to make sure when the preschool opens in 2024, we are fenced, equipped and have the start of a playground. We are fortunate the land SVC have provided is surrounded by beautiful trees.

The request to have the SVC DA fees waived is sincere in wanting to reduce costs so we are able to fulfill our goal of opening in 2024 with enough equipment and fencing to be licenced. In the attached annual report's financials, you will see that we have been fortunate to have been supported by Vinnies and the Pratt Foundation. Both donated \$50,000. This money has been used to pay the architect, engineers, soil testers, interior architect, and other fees.

Should the Council decide to waive SVC fees it would make a big difference to achieving our goals.

With thanks for your consideration,

Ali Grant,

Secretary, Tumbarumba Start Strong Preschool.

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**Attachment 2 - Tumbarumba Start Strong Preschool - Annual Report 2022 to 2023**

# TUMBARUMBA START STRONG PRESCHOOL



ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR 2022-23



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our hopes to start the build early 2023 were dashed when it was found the land in King St was not zoned for childcare centres even though it was zoned for to be used as a community facility. My thanks to SVC council staff, particularly Nick Wilton, for working through the red tape to get the zoning changed in our favour. This should be completed early 2024.

During this time the build went out for tender. As expected it was way over budget. With the support of the architect Steven Murray the plans have now been modified to fit with the \$1.9 million dollar grant from the NSW Dept of education.

The build does not cover the cost of fencing, solar panels and outdoor landscaping. This will have to be found from grants, fundraising and philanthropic organisations.

So far we have received \$50,000 from the Pratt Foundation (VISY) and Vinnies post bushfires

My thanks to the committee: Ali Grant Secretary, Jo Duke Treasurer, Bev O’Ryan Public officer, Alysha Pearsall, Vanessa McGrath, Lucy McRorie. This committee organised the constitution, ACNC and incorporation Some of the committee will not have children benefit from the preschool. However their dedication to the cause has been outstanding. Thank you.

**JULIA HAM**

President TSSP

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Consolidated Balance Sheet at 30th June 2023



Income			
	Date		
	27th Sept, 2022	Vinnies	\$50,000
	1st Nov, 2022	Pratt Foundation	\$50,000
	3rd March, 2023	ATO Refund	\$409.60
	9th June	SVC refund	\$2,450
	Total		\$102,860
Expenses			
	4th Nov, 2022	S Murray Architect	\$18,920
	4th Nov, 2022	Incorporation costs	\$1,870
	4th Nov, 2022	Post Office	\$92
	13th Nov, 2022	Launch of plans	\$240
	5th Dec, 2022	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	6th Dec, 2022	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	8th Dec, 2022	S Murray Architect	\$3,310
	16th Dec	SVC - DA	\$3,479
	6th Jan, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	7th Jan, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	8th Jan, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	9th Jan, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$2,612
	25th Jan, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	26th Jan, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	28th Jan, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$4,107.50
	2nd Feb, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	3rd Feb, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	4th Feb, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	6th Feb, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$3,150
	7th Feb, 2023	ATO	\$409.60
	16th Feb, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	17th Feb, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$5,000
	20th Feb, 2023	S Murray Architect	\$445.10
		Bank charges	\$15.50
		Total expenses	\$98,651
	30th June, 2023	Balance	\$4,209



# What is happening in 2024

- Building will start once the land is gazetted. Feb, March
- Hugh McGrath Builders have accepted the contract to build
- Fundraising and philanthropic donations will be needed to fence, provide indoor equipment, and complete outdoor playspace.
- Bendigo Bank has pledged \$25,000 with positive support
- The number of trees being cut down is limited to bare minimum. We want the preschool to be surrounded by trees.



# Plans a 50 place Tumbarumba Start Strong Preschool to be built in 2024

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**Attachment 3 - Tumbarumba Start Strong Preschool - Funding Deed**

Julia Ham  
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Dear Julia,

Thank you for your Stage 2 Invitation to Apply (ITA) application in response to the Major Capital Fund under the 2021 Start Strong Capital Works Grants Program.

The Program aims to improve access to preschool by creating additional community preschool places in areas of need and demand across the state. Under the Major Capital Fund, applicants can apply for funding to create additional community preschool places through new builds, extensions and renovations of centre-based community preschools.

The Department assessed your Major Capital Fund application against the assessment criteria set out in the Major Capital Fund Guidelines.

I am pleased to inform you that the outcome of the assessment process is that your ITA application to undertake a new build to deliver 40 new preschool places has been assessed to receive grant funding, subject to conditions.

The grant amount awarded to Tumbarumba Start Strong Preschool under the Major Capital Fund is \$1,900,000.00 (excluding GST) subject to the following conditions:

- Confirm the budget table and quotes attached and address the discrepancies.
- Provide clarity and/or justification to follow the higher quote of the two provided.
- Improve your cost per place and value for money.
- Confirmation of the capital works site (ie, the site of the construction works) and provide a 10-year land arrangement document (e.g. lease) for this site.
- Provide evidence on how you will reach and prioritise the equity cohorts.

Before the Department is able to execute the funding agreement and finalise the grant award, you are required to:

- Agree to the conditions specified above to confirm your grant award
- Once the award is confirmed, accept the Program's Terms and Conditions.

Please note, the outcome of your application is under media embargo until the 29 August 2022 and you are not to engage in any media publications regarding the Program or your successful grant award until after such time.

The Department will contact you shortly to provide you with information on the next steps. In the meantime, we encourage you to review [Major Capital Fund Guidelines](#) for further guidance.

The Department congratulates you on your grant application and looks forward to your cooperation in formalising the documentation required for the delivery of your capital works project.

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If you have any questions about your Major Capital Fund application or the Program, please contact the Department via phone on 1800 619 113 or email on [capital.works@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:capital.works@det.nsw.edu.au)

Yours sincerely



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**Executive Director**  
**ECE and Schools Policy**  
1 July 2022



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