

Communities for Children FP

Raymond Terrace, Karuah, Tea
Gardens-Hawks Nest and Tanilba
Bay-Lemon Tree Passage, NSW
Program Overview 2021-2022



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Our Community is smart, strong and skilled. It is a place where stars are born.

Priority areas

- **My Smart Community:** quality early childhood development, education and care, and; success at school
- **My Strong Community:** physical health and wellbeing
- **My Skilled Community:** skills development and support for parents/carers of children aged 0 to 12 years

Communities for Children Facilitating Partner (CfC FP) is a place based initiative that develops and facilitates a whole of community approach to support and enhance early childhood development and wellbeing for children from birth to 12 years.

Communities for Children Raymond Terrace - Karuah has been operating since 2004. The site includes Tanilba Bay-Lemon Tree Passage and Tea Gardens-Hawks Nest.

During June-November 2021 the Facilitating Partner will be undertaking extensive Community Strategic Planning to inform priorities for 2022 -2026. Community Strategic Planning involves data analysis, community consultation and priority setting. The Facilitating Partner contracts service delivery to address community needs (through Community Partners), and actively supports service provider networks, sector engagement and capacity building.

A Committee of local leaders and influencers continues to guide, advise and inform Communities for Children, and is the basis for a Collective Impact coalition.

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Community Partners are funded to deliver services within the Raymond Terrace CfC FP site for children aged from birth to 12 years and their families.

CHILD WELLBEING PROJECT

The Child Wellbeing Project is an activity delivering Evidence Based Programs in primary schools to children aged 5-12 years including DRUMBEAT and Seasons For Growth. These Evidence Based Programs support emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and emphasise teamwork. They focus on increasing children's confidence, establishing positive relationships and prompting engagement with learning.

Both programs operate within school settings and in partnership with teaching and support staff. Qualified support workers and educators who are accredited as Facilitators deliver the programs.

Community Partner: Samaritans Foundation

Service delivery area: Raymond Terrace, Karuah, Tanilba Bay-Lemon Tree Passage, Tea Gardens-Hawks Nest

Eligibility: Children aged 5 - 12 years attending participating schools

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PLAY2LEARN

Play2Learn is an evidence based program providing a mobile supported playgroup. The aim is to enhance parenting, family resources, and social inclusion, and to improve access to education, health and other services. The multidisciplinary practice team includes fortnightly provision of a speech pathologist to provide a focus on language and speech development and communication skills for children aged 0-5 years.

Qualified educators, family workers and speech pathologists deliver the Play2Learn activity.

Community Partner: Save the Children Australia

Service delivery area: Raymond Terrace Public School and Tanilba Bay Public School



Eligibility: Children aged 0-5 years and their parents or carers.

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STEPS TO STARTING SCHOOL

Steps to Starting School is a dedicated school readiness and transition activity of children aged 3-6 years old and their parents. The activity is inclusive of children with developmental vulnerabilities and children who are not participating in formal early learning environments. The focus is on building parents' capability to support their child's development and

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provide a home environment that supports a positive transition to school. Qualified educators, family support workers and speech pathologists support this activity.

Community Partner: KU Children's Services

Service delivery area: Tanilba Bay Public School and Raymond Terrace

Eligibility: Children aged 3-6 years and their parents, especially those in the year before school and upon commencing school (in classroom support).

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PARENT SUPPORT ACTIVITY

Parent Support Activity supports parental capability to meet the needs of their children through secure attachment, respectful parenting, and healthy parent-child relationships. It includes the delivery of Bringing Up Great Kids, Bringing Up Great Teens, 1,2,3 Magic, Parents Not Partners, Building Connections and other evidence based parenting programs. Individual counselling support is also provided.

Parent Support Activity also supports the capacity of the child and family services sector in relation to evidence based parenting programs and practice responses to vulnerable and disadvantaged clients. This element includes practice development sessions and capacity building workshops such as trauma informed practice.

It is staffed by a qualified family worker and a counsellor.

Community Partner: Interrelate Limited

Service delivery area: Raymond Terrace, Karuah, Tanilba Bay-Lemon Tree Passage, Tea Gardens-Hawks Nest

Eligibility: Parents with children aged 0-12 years

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OUR HEALTH RULES!

Our Health Rules! Is a community health activity that engages parents/ carers with the aim of improving health literacy, building skills and influencing positive behaviour change.

Our Health Rules! provides a range of regular community health groups, led by a community Dietician. The focus is on fun, hands on engagement and access to information and support.

Community Partner: The Family Action Centre, University of Newcastle.

Service delivery area: Raymond Terrace, Karuah, Tanilba Bay-Lemon Tree Passage, Tea Gardens-Hawks Nest

Eligibility: Parents with children aged 0-12 years and their children.

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