PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6603
Centre name: Ardrossan and Districts Community Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director Jane Klaebe
- Postal address 1 West Terrace Ardrossan SA 5571
- Location address 1 West Terrace Ardrossan SA 5571
- DECD Region Yorke and Mid North
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 160kms
- Telephone number [08] 88373284
- Fax number [08] 88373007
- Preschool website address: www.ardrossankgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address kindy.director @ardrossankgn.sa.edu.au
- Co-located/stand-alone Stand alone
- Programs operating at the preschool

▶ Pre Entry: Integrated in with preschool session either in a morning or afternoon session. As from 2013 pre-entry will be negotiated in term 4.
Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: Currently 5 sessions per week. Tuesday full day (2 sessions), Wednesday morning (1 session), Thursday full day (2 sessions). Full day programs include lunch provided by families.

Occasional Care: Occasional Care is for children 6 months to 5 years. Children may access one session per week, where demand permits. One session is for children under 2 years and two sessions are for children over 2 years. Over 2’s Thursday morning and Under 2’s and Over 2’s Friday morning.

Preschool Support: Where there are children with additional needs.

2. Key Centre Policies
   - Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose: At Ardrossan and District Community Kindergarten we provide friendly, safe and caring environment that supports and encourages positive relationships with staff, children, families and community to ensure opportunities for quality learning. We value the importance of a play-based approach using the Early Years Learning Framework- Belonging, Being, Becoming. We work together to promote learning for all.

3. Curriculum
   - Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework – with individual observations and records of children.
     You Can DO It! Program used with the core teaching on Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience
     Child Protection Curriculum – Principles used

   - Specific curriculum approaches: Child focused interest based learning through a planned play curriculum; Opportunities for children to interact individually and in small groups; Development of children’s confidence, independence and self-esteem; Emphasis on interaction and development of social skills.

   - Joint programmes/special curriculum projects: Transition visits with Ardrossan Area School.
4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: 0.7 Director; 0.6 ECW; Occasional Care Worker 8hrs and Occasional Care Worker 3.5hrs.
  The Director works 0.5 hours with the children and 0.1 admin for preschool and 0.1 admin for Occasional Care.
  Additional 0.1 planning time for ECW.
  We have a Preschool Support Worker whose hours vary depending on children and funding.

- Performance Management Program: Staff work together as a team supporting each other, utilising and providing opportunities to further develop individual skills and interests both personally and professionally, encouragement for participation in social activities and formally evaluate performance and achievements once a term.

- Access to special support staff: York e and Mid North Regional Office provides access to Special Educator, Speech Pathologist, Disability Services, Hearing Impairment, Early Childhood Consultant, Social Worker and Psychologist.

- Other: Playgroup is regularly held Monday mornings 9:30am to 11:30pm.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds: Large versatile and well maintained outdoor area with structure and unstructured play area – lawn, paving, sand and garden.
  Centre is one main building with an enclosed verandah, change bench, kitchen and separate office.

- Capacity: 25

- Centre Ownership: The building is owned by DECD. The land is owned by the District Council of Yorke Peninsula and dedicated to DECD.

- Access for children and staff with disabilities: There are ramps into the building and lever taps in the bathroom.

- Other: Two school buses service the area and are available for full time kindy children. The local child and Youth Health nurse provides a free Health Check for all children before they start school.
6. **Local Community** (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: Ardrossan is a seaside town located within a wide farming district servicing outlying towns including Port Clinton, Price and Pine Point.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool: We welcome any parents/caregivers that wish to spend time in our sessions and join in various activities. Families can be involved by joining in sessions, becoming a member of the Governing Council, volunteering for the cleaning roster and participating in events and fundraising activities. We regularly visit the Community library located on the Ardrossan School grounds.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool: Ardrossan Area School

- Other local care and educational facilities: Community Library, School Dental Clinic located in grounds of Maitland Area School, Child and Youth run regular clinics at the Maitland Health Centre, Family Day Care is accessed through the Maitland office, and CYP Gymjams (kindergym) operates in the Ardrossan Area School gymnasium.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities: Major industries are OneSteel (dolomite mine), Viterra (grain silos) and Cheetham Salt at Price (approx. 17kms north of Ardrossan (salt production)). There are two caravan parks. The Community has good shopping facilities including a Foodland store, a Post office, hardware stores, newsagency, a butcher, hairdressers and more.

- Other local facilities: Services include a private hospital, aged care facilities, doctors, dentists, ambulance, cfs and police officers. The town has a strong tradition in sporting activities including tennis, cricket, football, netball, hockey, basketball, golf and lawn bowls.

- Availability of staff housing: Minimal rental accommodation, caravan parks or motel.

- Accessibility: There is a regular bus service to Adelaide and a well serviced road with dual highway from Port Wakefield.

- Local Government: District Council of Yorke Peninsula ph: 88320000
7. **Further Comments**

- Partnership arrangements with other groups: Managed by Governing Council who regularly meet on a night that suits most members.
- Fundraising committee – Organises and runs Kindy fundraising activities
- Cleaner & Groundsman – employed through kindergarten agreement
- Finance Officer – Contracted with Ardrossan Area School