

2022

Darlington Point - Feasibility Study – March 2022



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Executive Summary

This study has been requested by the Murrumbidgee Council

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The research into Darlington point and surrounds demonstrated there was a need and a want for local childcare which caters for children under the ages of three years and a desire for five day a week early education and care.

A survey completed by interested stakeholders stated that driving half an hour for childcare was stopping people from returning to work. The people who were driving the distance were finding the time taken, up to two hours a day was a burden. Others found they were on awaiting list and unable to get their child in even if they wanted to. This was a particular concern with children under the age of three.

Some parents said they schooled their older children out of Darlington Point because of the lack of childcare and the need to have children in the same town.

There is a demonstrated need for a small Out of School Hours Care in Darlington Point.

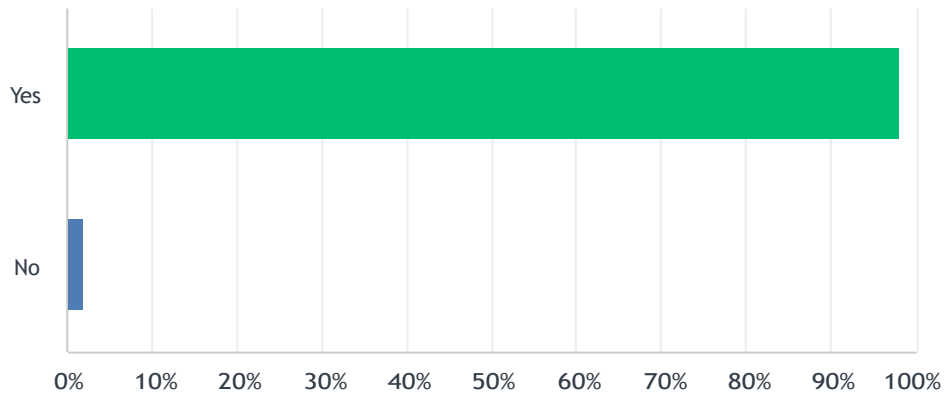
Should the Darlington Point be successful in obtaining total capital funding a small 43 place centre it would be a viable option. It would cater for children from 6 weeks to school age and include and preschool and a before and after school program. There is a precedent of other small towns with a similar population running successfully with a community-based model.

Family Day Care is a model which would be effective. There is a shortage of educators. If a Family Day Care operator was able to source educators, it would be an excellent option.

Findings from Darlington Point Questionnaire.

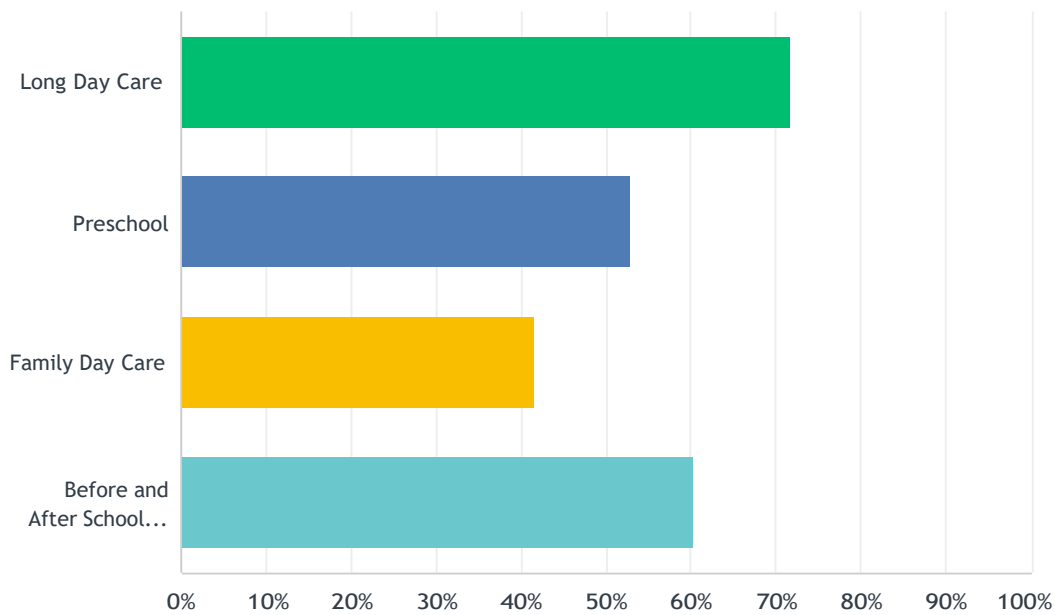
52 People responded to a questionnaire. The Questionnaire was shared with local social media and schools.

When ask if they would use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point. The answer was a definite yes.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.08%	51
No	1.92%	1
TOTAL		52

What childcare would you like to see in this area? You can choose more than one.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Long Day Care	71.70%	38
Preschool	52.83%	28
Family Day Care	41.51%	22
Before and After School Care	60.38%	32

Response summary

All comments were in favour of Childcare in Darlington Point.

Comments were:

- I would drive to Griffith for Childcare if I could get my child into care but I am only on the waiting list.
- I must rely on family to work and mind my children
- Mobile is full so my child is not able to attend
- It is impossible for me to work
- I would like safe and secure childcare. This is not an option in Darlington Point for under school age.
- I could get work if I could access Childcare
- I want to support the wonderful local schools however I must drive for Childcare so am looking to put all my children into schools in Griffith.
- I would have an extra 2 hours a day.
- I could start work earlier
- There would be less travel
- It would be an asset for the community
- I need a mental health break. I have no family in town and my partner works away from home
- OOSHC would allow me to work.
- It would attract more people to town

Economic benefits for Darlington Point if a centre Based Childcare was built

- Support and grow the local workforce
- Attract more people to town
- Support and grow local schools
- Directly provide employment for 11 FTE
- Grow the community
- Support mental Health in the region
- Attract young families to town
- Support the rural industry with safe childcare options
- Allow more flexibility with work
- Reduce travel for families
- Reduce the use of fuel for families.

As shown by economic, employment and demographic data, “Australia’s regions are diverse, innovative and closely linked to urban and global marketplaces”. However, this diversity is not always recognised by policymakers or city-based communities, and has contributed to the feeling of marginalisation amongst regional residents. If not addressed, Australia risks a widening of the existing divide between “small-town and big-city economic Australia”, posing dangers for national cohesion in the future. Regional NSW: A demographic and economic snapshot Briefing Paper

No 01/2020 Chris Angus [Regional NSW Snapshot.pdf](#)

Current Early Childhood Services available in Darlington Point and surrounds

Darlington Point Preschool

Serviced By Riverina Children's Activity Van. This is a mobile preschool catering for 3 to 5 year olds Thursday and Friday 9am to 3pm, Landers Street, ,Darlington Point

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES - LONG DAYCARE and surrounds

- Dorothy Waide Centre for Early Learning (Griffith Child Care Centre Inc), 1 Middleton Avenue,Griffith
- Goodstart Early Learning - Griffith, Clifton Blvd, 105 Clifton Blvd,Griffith
- Goodstart Early Learning - Griffith, Coolah Street, 70 Coolah Street,Griffith
- Goodstart Early Learning - Griffith, Sanders Street, 4-8 Sanders Street,Griffith
- Western Riverina Family Day Care Scheme, 29 Yambil Street,Griffith

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES - PRESCHOOLS

- Barellan Preschool, Community Health Centre,Bendee Street, Barellan
- Belong Family Day Care, 1-18-20 Probert Ave,East Griffith
- Goolgowi Preschool, Brownie Hall,Napier Street,Goolgowi
- Griffith Central Preschool, 29 - 31 Yambil Street,Griffith
- Griffith East Preschool Inc. 47 Poole St,Griffith
- Griffith Preschool Kindergarten Inc, Kindergarten Lane,Griffith
- Griffith Wiradjuri Aboriginal Preschool Inc, 101 Blumer Avenue,Griffith
- Rankins Springs Preschool, Community Hall,Boomerang Street,Rankins Springs
- Yenda Preschool Kindergarten Inc, 2 Bingar Street,Yenda

DISTANCES TO OTHER Early Childhood Services

- Griffith 35 km.
- Yenda 58 kms
- Barellan 93 kms
- Coleambally 31 kms
- Jerilderie 98 kms
- Rankin Springs 121 kms
- Carrathool 70 kms

Different scenarios for a Children's Service

Long Day Care

Preschool – stand alone

Family Day Care

Out of school hours care - OOSCH

Possible funding sources for a long day centre

Funding for a long Day Care Centre could be State or Federal Funding. Funding is sometimes a joint project. Total funding needs to be obtained. A small service would have trouble servicing a debt.

One established ongoing funding is funded federally through Childcare subsidy and the childcare management system.

Long day Care whole centre income.

Based on 85% occupancy rate and 43 places 50 weeks a year in 2022

Income from a 43 place long day care.

Per day

Room One: $20 \times \$114 \times 85\% = \1938 (Over 3 year old room)

Room Two : $15 \times \$116 \times 85\% = \1479 (Long day care for under three's)

Room three $8 \times \$118 \times 85\% = 802.40$ (long day care for under two year olds.

Total income per day = \$4219.40

Total per week $5 \times \$4219.40 = \$21,097$

Total Long Day income: $\$21,097 \times 50 = \$1,054,850$

Approximate cost to run a 43 place long day care centre \$900,000. Conservative annual profit \$100,000.

Before and After School Care is another option which can be added to the long Day care.

Costs to Families

Long Day Care

Information about Child Care Subsidy. (CCS)

There are three key factors that determine how much Child Care Subsidy families may receive:

- The combined family income – how much families earn
- Your fortnightly family activity level – how much families work (including on farm or self-employed business), train, study or volunteer
- The fees charged by the child Care service

CCS percentage is the amount the government will subsidise. It will apply to either to the hourly or the relevant hourly rate cap, whichever is lower.

The Family income	Child Care Subsidy percentage
\$0 to \$70,015	85%
More than \$70,015 to below \$175,015	Between 85% and 50% The percentage goes down by 1% for every \$3,000 of income your family earns
\$175,015 to below \$254,305	50%
\$254,305 to below \$344,305	Between 50% and 20% The percentage goes down by 1% for every \$3,000 of income your family earns
\$344,305 to below \$354,305	20%
\$354,305 or more	0%

Families can still claim this subsidy even if the family income estimate is \$354,305 or more. If families actually earn less than this, the government will pay the subsidy families are entitled to. This is done at the end of the financial year. From March 2022 families with more than one child may get a higher subsidy.

- While you do not have to verify your activity, the Government has said that it will look to audit about 10% of families each year to seek some form of verification that the activity is valid
- Families earning less than \$64,710 are exempt from activity tests for up to 24 hours care per fortnight

To help families increase their hours of activity, families can volunteer at the centre.

Providing meals and nappies.

Children are provided with up to 70% of their daily nutritional intake with meals made on premises. A part-time cook would be employed.

Nappies will be included.

At capacity the centre would employ 11 FTE.

What to do next:

Form a community working group

Apply for funding. Renovation is possible. Area needed is 3.5 m² for inside, 7 m² for playspace.

Lobby state and federal politicians

Develop plans

Apply to Council for a DA

Keep families and community informed.

Build or renovate

Apply to become to become an approved provider. To operate a service, you will need to apply for provider approval and service approval.

Apply for child care subsidy.

Employ a Director/Nominated Supervisor . Formulate policies and handbook needed for long day centre. Purchase equipment needed for a long day centre

Things to consider:

Name and logo

The service must employ or engage a full-time or full time equivalent early childhood teacher, or have an early childhood teacher in attendance for:

- 6 hours per day, when operating for 50 hours or more per week OR
- 60% of the time, when operating for less than 50 hours per week

Hours for the service to run.

Governance structure

Precedent

Small towns with a similar population have succeeded in Childcare. Batlow in Southern NSW has run a successful 43 place LDC for 25 years. It runs at an average of 85% occupancy. It is community based and though it loses some children to Tumut 30 kms away the majority of people use the service in town.

Appendices

1. Result of the questionnaire
2. Statistics of Darlington Point
3. Legal requirements

Appendix 1.

Responses to survey.

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

zero

Q3

Long Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

40 kms

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Definitely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2 year

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

No story

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

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Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Mobile preschool for ages 3+ on Thursdays and Fridays. None for infants or after school care

Q3

Long Day Care,
Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

200km x 3 days a week

100km to drop off and return to Darlington point for work and then 100km to pick up from daycare and return to Darlington point

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Definitely as there is none in our local area and many families have to travel to nearby towns

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I currently travel 200km 3 x days a week to access childcare for my 1 year old. This means I have to leave by 7.30am each morning to drop my 1 year old to childcare and return to Darlington point to drop my 5 year old to school and start work by 9am. My only options for my 5 year old is to come to my workplace for 2 hours after school until I can finish work.

I've considered looking for work in Griffith so I can be closer to daycare and would only have to do one round trip a day but that means I would have to remove my 5 year old from our local school as I don't have any options for after school care in Darlington Point. I want to continue to work in our local community and support our wonderful little school but the lack of childcare options makes it extremely difficult and the extra 2 hours travel plus added fuel costs puts a huge strain on our young family.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes, I would be able to work more days.

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

After school care

Q3

Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

10km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

We are interested in your story about childcare options.
Can you please write your story.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

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Q1 Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2
What childcare options are there available in your area?

Preschool

Q3 Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4
How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

I travel for school drop off and pickup

Q5
Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6
How old are your children currently?

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I work in another town and finish work early because there are no afterschool care options

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Pre school. 3-4 year old only and only 2 days a week during school hours

Q3

Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

I don't travel for childcare. I just can't access childcare before or after school so my work schedule has had to be cut back

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Absolutely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

My eldest son is a boarder in high school. My 2 school age children often have to go to friends houses after school when we have to work.

My youngest son goes to a local babysitter.

I have had to cut back on work hours so I can be home for my children as I work in Griffith and my kids go to school in Darlington Point.

We would use before and after school care

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes. Definitely.

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

none

Q3

Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

35km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

4, 6, 8

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

no options here, only family or friends

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

yes

#7

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

Don't have

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Definitely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

8, 6, 4

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Don't have any

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Definitely

#8

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Family and friends

Q3

Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

None

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

10,8&&6

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Looking to go back to work. Most jobs start around 8am and I require 30minutes travel time to get there if it's not a local job. Most jobs also end at 5 so no one would be home when school gets out.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#9

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Nothing at all!!!

Q3

Long Day Care,

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Preschool,

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

30kms every day!

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes definitely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

3 and 4

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I drive to Griffith every day for my children to be in child care so I can work. I am afraid what is going to happen once they go to school. There are no before and after school care options here in Darlington Point. This could force me to have to send my children to a school not here in Darlington point as there is no before and after school care. We need a long term daycare and before and after school care!

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

No

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care,
Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

Half hour

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes for sure

Q6

How old are your children currently?

3,,4

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Could get work if reliable child care was permanently available.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes for sure

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

The nearest childcare center is 30-40 minutes away

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care,
Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

40 mins

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes I strongly agree

Q6

Need for Childcare in Darlington Point

How old are your children currently?

Child has not yet been born but local child care would be utilised greatly

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

We are interested in your story about childcare options.
Can you please write your story.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Possibly depending on circumstances

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

1 pre school 2 days a week

Q3

Long Day Care,
Family Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

I do not yet need to travel for childcare but I will eventually have to travel approximately 30km a day

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Need for Childcare in Darlington Point

I'm currently pregnant with my first and unsure what I will do for child care

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I am pregnant with my first and am very nervous when it comes to eventually getting back to work after my baby is born. Currently there are very limited affordable and local options for childcare In Darlington point and will make it very difficult to return back to work.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

I would be able to go back to working a part/full time job a couple months after having my baby

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Nil that I'm aware of. I understand there's a mobile preschool and primary school, but no childcare

Q3

Long Day Care,

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Preschool,

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

30km each way and do that trip twice per day, so 120km every day, 5 days per week

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Absolutely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

6 and 4

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

We partner and I work full time- I work from home for a large Australian insurer. We have no family locally and so have been reliant on long daycare for 6 years now. We have to travel into Griffith to access this service. We chose to send our eldest child to primary school in Griffith rather than Darlington Point because we still require long daycare for our younger child and some after school care for the elder child. Logistically it was difficult to have one child at daycare in Griffith and one at school in Darlington Point.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

No, but it would save a lot of money on petrol and give me back 2 hours in my day.

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Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Long Day Care,

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

35km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2.5

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I have to travel to Griffith to take child to daycare and then return for work then back to Griffith to pick up as no reliable registered daycare in Darlington point

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

There are none.

Q3

Long Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

None at the moment.

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I live in Darlington Point and work in Coleambally. I work evening and night shifts so my husband will be home with my daughter. There is nowhere for her to go during the day

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Preschool two days a week.

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care,
Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

25mins.

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

22 mo, 3 and 4

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

We are interested in your story about childcare options.
Can you please write your story.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes.

#17

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

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Q3

Long Day Care, Family

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Day Care,

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

40kms

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2.4

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

N/A

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#18

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

50 kms

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

6,4 and 3

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

With a partner working away it's just me, I need a break mentally and physically but aside from one babysitter in town there's nothing available in school holidays unless you can find a older child that babysits

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Once all kids are at school before and after school care would allow me to get a job yes. As of right now no.

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Long Day Care, Family

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Day Care,

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

A minimum of 30 minutes in 3 different directions so for work I'd probably have to travel up an hour or an hour and half making it rather impossible for myself as a single mother to afford fuel wise and also if the child need to be pick up early

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Absolutely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2 and 4

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I moved to the Darlington Point 10 months ago have had a few work opportunities but the day cares are over 30 minutes away and the work in other directions I wouldn't be able to get to the job on time due to travelling

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#20

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None in Darlington Point that I know of, my child goes to day care in Griffith there are a few there but all have long waiting lists

Q3

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

80km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes definate need

Q6

How old are your children currently?

21mths

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I work in Griffith , my son goes to day care in Griffith, it took 3 months to find a spot in a day care after visiting multiple day care centres and being on waiting lists. I was also on a waiting list for family daycare they were full and I never heard back from them so I presume their spots are still full. Having his daycare in Griffith is fine when I'm working but if I have a sick day or because of Covid I at times work from home it is a long way to travel to take him to day care and then return home in the mornings and then have to go back in the afternoon to collect him so I usually just keep him home which is hard would be so much easier if there was a day care 2 minutes away he could be dropped off too.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

It would make working from home easier.

#21

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Preschool, Family

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Day Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

35 min

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2 & 3

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Work is restricted currently around availability of family to help. Travelling 35 min each way to Griffith is not viable when working in Darlington Point

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#22

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Preschool

Q3

Long Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

40ks

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

14 months and another bub on the way

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I currently am on a lot of waiting lists for leeton and griffth but live 5 ks out of Darlington point, and it would be great to have to only travel 5 ks into town for day care instead of 40 ks

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Not at this stage but it may in the future

#23

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care,
Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

30km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2.3

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

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Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#24

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

0

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care,
Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

45

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2 months

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

New mum, full time worker and no childcare options for under 1 year old close to home

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#25

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

In-laws, childcare centre, pre-school,

Q3

Long Day Care,
Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

12km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes- those that live or work in Darlington Point or Coleambally would utilize it, a center would also attract more young families to live in both towns

Q6

How old are your children currently?

10 months, 2 years

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Live in Griffith and work in Darlington Point. I'd like long daycare as an option so that I'm not stressed for time to start/ finish work to rush and collect children by a certain time, or if they're sick/ incident it's not a 30 minute drive to collect them from a Griffith Centre.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes, work more hours

#26

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Only private home set ups

Q3

Preschool,

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

35km each way before leaving for work

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes, definitely. It'll give all the parents peace of mind and there's a huge opportunity for locals to also find employment during building stage right through to finding staff.

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2 and 7

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I'd like to see this idea get off the ground so that parents who work out of town have a safe, secure place for their little ones until they finish work of a day. It's a struggle finding reliable suitable care.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes, most definitely! I could do longer hours and have weekends off

#27

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Q1

Respondent skipped this question

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None in Darlington Point

Q3

Family Day Care,
Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

30 minutes

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

9, 12

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

We are interested in your story about childcare options.
Can you please write your story.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#28

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Nothing

Q3

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care,
Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

How old are your children currently?

Need for Childcare in Darlington Point

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

#28

We are interested in your story about childcare options.

Can you please write your story.

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Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

#29

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Preschool only

Q3

Long Day Care,
Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

30 minutes

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

1 and 6

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I have a casual job but wish to work more, it is currently impossible as there isn't care facilities available

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#30

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Long Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

I don't travel at the moment. When I am ready to return to work after maternity leave, in Carrathool, I may not be able to as there are no daycare options for me. I would have to find work in Griffith as there is daycare there.

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes, definitely. It would be so beneficial for the town and surrounding areas. It would make it a lot easier for parents to get back into the workplace without having to travel or find alternate work due to no daycare in Darlington Point.

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Three month old son.

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I currently live on a farm in Carrathool and also work on a farm in Carrathool, as does my partner. I am on maternity leave at the moment though. There is a mobile daycare here one day a week - which I am on a wait list for as there are no spots available this year. There is also a farm based care which is only three days in a school term. You have to meet a certain criteria for the farm Based care though. We are looking at moving into Darlington Point, as I would more than likely need to get work in Griffith due to lack of childcare options I am faced with. If there was a daycare in Darlington Point, it would mean I can keep my current job. I also have the option with my job to work from home some days, which would mean less travel.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes, absolutely. I could keep my current job. And not be forced to have to find alternative work in Griffith.

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Long Day Care,

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Preschool,

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

80 mins

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

We travel to Griffith from Darlington Point for daycare and preschool. Will be unable to enrol our child in local schools as well due to lack of before and after school care as we both work in Griffith.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#32

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Zero

Q3

Preschool, Family

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Day Care

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

YES

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

We don't have child care options, there are none. Griffith has limited spaces and we are on a waiting list. 2 full time working parents and 1 two year old who is watched by a family member missing out on learning and playing with kids her age

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#33

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None that I am aware of

Q3

Long Day Care,

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Preschool,

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

I don't atm, but I would be travelling an hour a day.

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes absolutely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

3 years old & 9 months old

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I don't have children in day care atm, but if there was a childcare in Darlington Point I would so I could return to work without having to travel to daycare in surrounding towns.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes absolutely.

#34

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None that I know of

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Long Day Care,
Preschool,
Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

To griffith front darlington point daily.

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

5 and 2.

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

We are currently a young working family with 2 kids. We require child care for our 2 year old daughter and up until this year pre school for our 5 year old son. He now going to before and afterschool care at the same place as his sister. There are no options in the Point that support working parents. This has also made us make a decision to take our son to school in griffith as there is before and after school care. It wouldn't logistically work for us to send him to the public school here in the point due to start and fi is times being working parents.

It really limits the families in this area and may be the reason some move away. Also it would provide employment and skill opportunities for locals.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#35

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Long Day Care,
Preschool

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

50km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

0

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

We Need a day care

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes of course

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Not sure

Q3

Family Day Care,

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

10km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

3/7/9

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I'm 33 work for the council my partner is 27 works for the local school. Childcare would be amazing

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#37

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care,
Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

I don't at the moment but if I did it would be more then an hour a day

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes definitely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Need for Childcare in Darlington Point

3 years old

9 months old

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

If we had a childcare in darlington point it would make it easier for my partner to return to work

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#38

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Barely any

Q3

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

How old are your children currently?

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

none

Q3

Long Day Care,
Preschool

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

50ks

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

yes 100% we need a childcare facility, as some families can't drive to surrounding areas when they work in Darlington point. it's time manageable and would definitely help our mums and bubs in the darlington point area. i would 100% use this childcare centre

Q6

How old are your children currently?

0. will be born this year

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

i believe it would be very helpful for families as we have nothing like that here and the closest one is 40 plus ks away. i also work in childcare and have to travel to griffith everyday for work and i would 100% work at the Darlington point childcare centre if one was to be built. i also know of parents that travel long distances to get their children into daycare and they would also be very keen in this. i myself have a baby on the way and would happily put my child into a daycare here as it would be more beneficial for me to access work. we have never had an investment like this and something so meaningful to families. even if it is a small daycare it's still something for the community!

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

yes definitely for the better as it's saves driving 40ks to the nearest daycare!

#40

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

52km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

YES

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Still baking inside my partner

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Darlington Point needs a child care centre & it would be good for the people that live here & nearby such as like Coleambally. Would be good for the town in general because Nothing ever gets done in this town for the town to grow an attract travelers so it would be good an even create jobs. I know my partner would love to work for a childcare centre in our town so she doesn't have to travel to work (she's worked at a childcare centre in Griffith four years & still there loving it) she's also half way through pregnancy with our first baby.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

For the better yes as we live in Darlington Point after buying our first home here at the beginning of 2021

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Long Day Care,
Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

35 mins

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes I think it would be more convenient for many parents in our town

Q6

How old are your children currently?

11 months

Need for Childcare in Darlington Point

7 years

9 years

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

We need a child care in Darlington point

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes would be alot easier

#42

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Preschool once a week

Q3

Long Day Care,

Preschool

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

70km round trip 4 days a week

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Definitely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

4years 2 years

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

My children go to a long daycare/preschool 4 days a week. I work in Darlington Point so I travel early before work to Griffith then back out to Darlington point then back in later and rushing before the centre closes to pick my children up. Our family gets very tired and we spend a lot of time in the car.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes I could start work earlier as I do not have to go into Griffith to drop the kids off.

#43

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Several that are 30kms away

Q3

Long Day Care,
Preschool

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

140kms round trip

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

N/A

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#44

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Next to none

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Long Day Care,
Preschool, Family
Day Care,
Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

30km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes 100%

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Need for Childcare in Darlington Point

15 and 17 but I also care for my sister 2 toddlers and baby because day care/ preschool not available locally

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Both of my sons had to travel to other towns for their day care and preschool needs. It is not ideal for families to have to navigate that around work or study commitments.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes for sure.

#45

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Private daycare only

Q3

Long Day Care,

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Preschool,

Before and After School Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

70km round trip

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Most definitely

Q6

How old are your children currently?

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

In our small community of Darlington Point we only have private in home daycare. It would be brilliant to be able to have a daycare centre 5 days a week and possibly extend preschool from the 2 days to 5 days in preparation for the kids to get ready to school.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

No

#46

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Private babysitter

Q3

Family Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

6 months

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

We are interested in your story about childcare options.
Can you please write your story.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#47

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Coleambally Pre school and hired baby sitting

Q3

Long Day Care,
Preschool

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

0km. Currently not at the childcare stage yet.

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes, as availability is limited and the more opportunities the better. Makes it attractive to move closer to town too and gives mums a chance to go back to work. With limited opportunities for childcare, in out case, my return to work is indefinitely.

Q6

How old are your children currently?

1.5yrs

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Newish to Coleambally. So far I haven't seen too many opportunities for our little little ones, Covid impacted as well, however I would still rely on fulltime working family members to look after my son.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes, as mentioned it may allow my return to work at least part time.

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Q1 **No**

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3 **Long Day Care**

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

I work at a childcare centre in Griffith

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yeah

Q6

How old are your children currently?

16,18

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

We are interested in your story about childcare options.
Can you please write your story.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yeah

#49

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None!

Q3

Preschool

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

35kms

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Definitely, yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

3.5yrs, 19months and 2 week old

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I have been on waiting lists for 8 months now with no hope of any movements

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes, child care would mean I could work more days and hours

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

Family Day Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

None

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

4 months and 16 months

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Have been looking for a spot in child care for my children

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

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Q1

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Yes

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Coleambally preschool

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

60ks

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

2 & 4 months old

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Long daycare or preschool would be nice

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

#52

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

Not sure. We drive into Griffith

Q3

Long Day Care,
Before and After School Care

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

35km

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes

Q6

How old are your children currently?

9, 6, 4,

Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

I know there is a preschool in Darlington point. However I need long day care. And before and after school care to allow me to work.

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes

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Q1

Yes

Would you use childcare if there was an option in Darlington Point?

Q2

What childcare options are there available in your area?

None

Q3

What Childcare would you like to see in the area? You can pick more than one answer

Feasibility Study – Darlington Point need for Childcare

Long Day Care, Preschool, Family Day Care

Q4

How far do you travel for Childcare per day?

Griffith

Q5

Do you feel there is a need for Centre based Childcare in Darlington Point and surrounds?

Yes definately

Q6

How old are your children currently?

3and5



Q7

We are interested in your story about childcare options. Can you please write your story.

Julia Ham, Dip, Post Dip, Med, GAID. Early Education Consultant 0411 585 479.

Feasibility Study – Darlington Point need for Childcare

Need a child care or pre school closer than Griffith

Q8

Would having childcare options in Darlington Point change your working options?

Yes



Appendix 2.

Statistics of Darlington Point

People	930
Male	53%
Female	47%
Median age	41
Families	248
Average children per family for families with children	2
for all families	0.8
All private dwellings	424
Average people per household	2.4
Median weekly household income	\$1,066
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$1,083
Median weekly rent	\$180
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	1.8



Education as stated in the 2016 Census

Preschool	19	6.4	132,047	5.7	347,621	4.8
Primary - Government	74	24.8	417,465	18.0	1,314,787	18.2
Primary - Catholic	8	2.7	122,099	5.3	380,604	5.3
Primary - other non Government	0	0.0	67,611	2.9	231,490	3.2
Secondary - Government	44	14.8	269,249	11.6	827,505	11.5
Secondary - Catholic	11	3.7	117,689	5.1	338,384	4.7
Secondary - other non Government	0	0.0	79,915	3.4	280,618	3.9
Technical or further education institution	21	7.0	144,103	6.2	424,869	5.9
University or tertiary institution	13	4.4	376,133	16.2	1,160,626	16.1
Other	3	1.0	63,673	2.7	198,383	2.8
Not stated	105	35.2	535,266	23.0	1,707,023	23.7



In Darlington Point (L) (Urban Centres and Localities), 31.7% of people were attending an educational institution. Of these, 26.8% were in primary school, 19.9% in secondary school and 11.7% in a tertiary or technical institution.

Families — employment status of couple families – 2016 Census

[family composition](#) | employment status of couple families

<u>Employment status of parents in couple families</u> <i>Labour force, parents or partners aged 15 years and over</i>	Darlington Point (L)	%	New South Wales	%	Australia	%
Both employed, worked full-time	36	19.8	360,916	22.6	1,084,006	21.6
Both employed, worked part-time	0	0.0	63,106	4.0	203,596	4.1
One employed full-time, one part-time	40	22.0	329,567	20.6	1,086,460	21.7
One employed full-time, other not working	29	15.9	240,084	15.0	749,886	15.0
One employed part-time, other not working	12	6.6	96,933	6.1	302,037	6.0
Both not working	45	24.7	334,742	21.0	1,006,697	20.1
Other (includes away from work)	12	6.6	80,905	5.1	264,145	5.3
Labour force status not stated (by one or both parents in a couple family)	8	4.4	90,630	5.7	311,381	6.2

In Darlington Point (L) (Urban Centres and Localities), of couple families with children, 19.8% had both partners employed full-time, 0.0% had both employed part-time and 22.0% had one employed full-time and the other part-time.



Appendix 3.

Legal requirements

The legislation

The Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations applies to all long day Centres.

The long day care centre will be enrolled in the National Assessment and Rating program.

How to become a Childcare Provider

To provide long day care, management need to apply for Child Care Subsidy.

To receive the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) payment on behalf of families, child care providers must apply for CCS Approval and be granted it under Family Assistance Law. There are seven steps to applying for CCS Approval and information about each of these steps is provided below.

Step 1 – Check you are eligible.

Step 2 – Apply for National Law Approval. Completed

Step 3 – Gather needed documents

Step 4 – Complete PRODA (provider Digital Access) registration. This is an online authentication system that department uses to check the identity of child care provider entities and personnel.

Step 5 – Undertake fit and proper checks for all personnel. A requirement of a CCS application is that you declare, and are able to provide evidence on request, that specified personnel are fit and proper and that the necessary checks have been undertaken. Documentary evidence of some of these checks must be attached to the application. There may be a requirement for a key personnel to attend a training session and quiz in Sydney. As you have been running a successful preschool this may not be the case.

Step 6 – Submit application on line. For information look up. <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/50781>



Step 7 – Wait for approval CCS approval is not automatic or guaranteed. Each application is assessed on its merits and against specific criteria. All new providers must go through a thorough approvals process which is necessary to ensure that they and their personnel are fit and proper to administer public funds.