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Media Release - Lady Gowrie supports extending Kindy to three-year olds

Lady Gowrie Queensland welcomes the announcement today by the Federal Opposition to extended access to Kindy in Queensland to three-year olds.

The announcement would guarantee 15 hours a week of subsidised early childhood education for three-year olds.

Lady Gowrie Qld Chief Executive Officer Louise Jackson said the announcement is an endorsement of the importance of early learning and would bring Australia in line with international best practice.

“This means Queensland children will have access to two years of a quality kindergarten program before they start school.

“Research tells us that three-year olds do better at school if they have had the foundation of a quality early learning program,” Ms Jackson said.

Lady Gowrie is one of Queensland’s preeminent and respected providers of quality, affordable early childhood education and care. It provides services to more than 6000 families and children a week from as far north as Thursday Island, west to Blackall and south to Coolangatta.

Lady Gowrie is well prepared to accommodate universal access to Kindy for three-year olds.

The early childhood education and care sector however needs certainty of funding for quality kindergarten programs long term.

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