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Old Courthouse Community Centre
4 Farquhar Street
P.O. Box 75
Wingham NSW 2429
Phone/Fax: (02) 6553 5121
Email: mvns@mvns.org.au
Or visit the web: www.mvns.org.au

Our vision is joyous, diverse inclusive community which celebrates its uniqueness and strengths.
Web Links: cont.

www.centacare.org.au
www.playgroupaustralia.com.au
www.breastfeeding.asn.au
Nursing Mothers’ Association of Australia – provides information on all issues relating to breastfeeding.

www.immunise.health.gov.au
Immunise Australia Program – provides information on standard childhood immunisation.

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Introduction:

This guide contains information on services, contacts and support groups for parents and caregivers living in the Manning and Great Lakes Areas. It was developed as a result of feedback from community participants in our Strengthening Families Project.

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The aim of the project was to provide educational opportunities and skills development for parents within the wider community. It focussed on parents/grandparents and couples. Free seminars were facilitated to build parenting skills, help families to develop better relationships, and resource families to access appropriate support with the underlying premise that ‘stronger families lead to stronger communities’.

Our program provided a way to reach, engage and work with couples, parents and grandparents to build stronger family relationships which in turn, we hoped, would create a more resilient, skilled and self-reliant community.

Reference groups were held to obtain feedback from

www.raisingchildren.net.au
The Raising Children Network – An online guide to raising children aged 0 – 8 years, including information on behaviour, nutrition, safety, health & daily care.

www.kidscount.com.au
Valuable information for parents.

www.kidsafe.com.au
The child accident prevention foundation.

www.napcan.org.au
The National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) - provides information about child abuse and neglect, and promotes child-friendly communities.

www.kidshelpline.com.au
Online counselling for young people.

www.reachout.com.au
Information to help young people through tough times.

www.menslineaus.org.au
Support for men with family and relationship problems.

www.lonefathers.com.au
Information for single fathers.

www.relationships.com.au
Relationships Australia – relationships counselling.
participants in this project. The development of this resource was identified as a result of those meetings with those involved identifying the need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach from services to ensure better access and connection for parents within our community.

We would like this resource to be utilised by workers, services and community members as a tool for working towards this goal.
EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

Lyn’s Place Women & Children’s Refuge & Support Services
P.O. Box 237
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 0011 or
Ph: 1800 629 445

Open Door Youth Refuge
P.O. Box 1049
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 6996 or
Ph: 0408 867 842

Dympna House
Child Sexual Assault and Incest Service
(Outside Sydney)
Ph: 1800 654 119

Domestic Violence Line
Ph: 1800 656 463

Mensline Australia:
A service for men who are dealing with family and relationship difficulties, family break-down or separation. Services include:
- Confidential, professional & non-judgmental short-term counselling
- Direct telephone linkage to local services if required
- Relevant information & referrals to services and support.
Ph: 1300 789 978

Lone Fathers Association
Ph: (02) 6258 4216

Beyondblue info line:
Ph: 1300 22 4636
New South Wales

Centacare
Ph: 1300 138 070

NSW Family Services Inc.
Ph: (02) 8512 985

Relationships Australia:
Services include:
• Counselling & mediation
• Relationships and parenting skills courses
• Primary dispute resolution
• Post separation parenting
• Children’s contact services
• Family violence prevention
• Trauma & crisis services
Ph: 1300 364 277

Aboriginal Children’s Services
Ph: (02) 9698 2222

Indigenous Call Centre
Ph: 136 380

Department of Community Services Helpline
Ph: 13 21 11

Blue Cross Emergency Relief – Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 3849 or
Ph: 0427 459 776

Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc.
Old Courthouse Building
4 Farquhar Street
Wingham
Ph: (02) 6553 5121

Salvation Army – Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 2154

St Vincent de Paul – Taree
Welfare Ph: (02) 6551 0143
Op Shop Ph: (02) 6552 1510

St Vincent de Paul – Wingham
Ph: (02) 6553 5598
EMERGENCY RELIEF SERVICES

M.D.E.A. Manning District Emergency Accommodation – Women’s Service
Ph: (02) 6551 0011 or Ph: 1800 629 445

Biripi – Indigenous Specific Services
Ph: (02) 6552 2154

Support Services

Samaritans Open Door Youth Refuge
Ph: (02) 6550 1191

Christian Outreach Centre – Taree (Global Care)
Ph: (02) 6552 6422

Child Support Agency
Ph: 13 1272

Family Relationship Advice line
Ph: 1800 050 321

Family Court of Australia
Ph: 1300 352 000

Playgroup Australia Inc.
Ph: 1800 171 882

New South Wales

Parentline (Parents Helpline):
(Telephone counselling)
Ph: 13 20 55

Kids Help Line:
A free, confidential & anonymous, 24-hour phone counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 -18 years.
Ph: 1800 551 800

Tresillian (Parent Help Line)
(Outside Sydney)
Ph: 1800 637 357

Early Childhood Intervention Infoline
Ph: 1300 656 865
Crisis & Helplines:

National Help Lines

Centrelink Family Assistance and Parent Information Line:
Ph: 136 1 50

Lifeline:
24 Hour phone counselling
Ph: 13 11 14

Family Services Australia
Services include:
• Family relationships counselling, mediation & education
• Adolescent mediation and family therapy
• Family relationships skills training
• Children’s contact services
• Contact orders program
• Specialised family violence services
• Primary dispute resolution
• Men & family relationships program.
Ph: 1300 365 859

Parenting Australia
Ph: 1300 766 859

Child Care Access Hotline
Ph: 1800 670 305

Health

Child Adolescent & Family Health
A team of Child and Family Health Nurses assist parents with all aspects of infant care. This includes sleep/feeding problems and the provision of education & support to enhance positive & enjoyable parenting.

This is a free service, offering a first home visiting to all parents for infants 0 -6 weeks. An extended home visiting service is provided for parents with special needs.

Clinic times are designed to suit all families with children from 0 – 6 years for both health and behaviour assessments.

Support and Education groups are provided and some Outreach Clinics are provided in some rural areas.

For further details and venues phone Child & Family Health in your area.

Taree – (02) 6592 9315
Health

cont.

Early Childhood Centre – Wingham
Wingham Community Hospital
Bungay Road
Wingham

Early Childhood Centre – Harrington
Harrington Community Health Centre
Pilot Street
Harrington
Ph: (02) 6592 9315

Early Childhood Centre – Old Bar
Old Bar Medical Centre
Old Bar Road
Old Bar
Ph: (02) 6592 9315

Early Childhood Centre – Taree
Taree Community Health Centre
64 Pulteney Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6592 9315

Immunisation Clinic
Taree Community Health Centre
64 Pulteney Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6592 9315

Australian Army Cadets – 28th Regional Cadet
Unit Manning Valley
Macquarie Barracks
17 Muldoon Street
Taree
Officer Commanding: 0409 810 876

TS Manoora Australian Navy Cadets
Macquarie Barracks
17 Muldoon Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 2778
Commanding Officer: (02) 6551 4133
**Leisure activities cont.**

**Scout Association of Australia – Taree Group**
Ph: (02) 6551 5689

**Scout Association of Australia – Wingham**
1st Wingham Group
Bungay Road
Wingham
Ph: (02) 6552 5549

**Taree Police & Community Youth Club**
(PCIYC)
95 Commerce Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 0292

**St John Ambulance Australia – Manning**
Division
Storm Village Boardroom
Cowper Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 3183
Officer-in-Charge 0427 513 183

**Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service**
Town Clinic
106 High Street
Taree
Ph: - (02) 6551 7444

Children’s Dental Service
Ph: - (02) 6551 3955

Maternal Health
Ph: - (02) 6552 2154

Nambi Mental Health Service
Manning River Drive
Purfleet
Ph: - (02) 6552 4777
**Family Support services**

Family Support Services
Manning • Great Lakes • Gloucester
78 Wynter Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 5660

Host Family/Social Support – Manning Valley
Respite Care Services Inc.
80 Wynter Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 7374

LinC Manning Valley
Taree Church of Christ
95 Victoria Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6557 7007

Manning Valley Family Care Centre Inc.
P.O. Box 243
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 2560

Men and Family Relationship Service
78 Wynter Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 2560

**Leisure activities**

Chatham High School Junior Rock Band
Davis Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 2588

Mainly Music
Taree Baptist Church
441 Kolodong Road
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 4849

Guides NSW – Taree District
Guide Hall
Wrigley Park
Douglas Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6553 3960

Scout Association of Australia – Manning District
Scout Hall
Rifle Range Road
Taree
Ph: (02) 6553 0748
**Play Centres & Children’s Parties**

**Monkey Mayham Fun Centre & Café**  
Monkey Mayhem provides a special toddler area dedicated to children aged 0 to 2 years and a large multilevel indoor play structure for children aged 1 to 12 years.  
3/12 Mill Close  
Taree N.S.W. 2430  
Ph: (02) 6551 8577

**Awesome Castles & Full Force Sumos**  
Pirate Pete, Sparkle the Fairy & Disney Jumping Castles  
Bouncy Boxing  
Gladiator Duel  
Adult & Kids  
Castles & Sumo  
All areas  
Ph: (02) 6557 5593  
Mob: 0417 601 645

**Flutterby The Fairy & Pirate Pete**  
Face Painting, Balloon Sculptures, Magic Shows, Games & Prizes  
Diamond Beach  
Ph: (02) 6559 3415  
Mob: 0401 483 817

**Manning Support Services**  
- Home modification & maintenance  
- Family support  
- Neighbour aid  
- Respite options  
- Volunteer connections & Community Visitors Scheme  
78 Wynter Street  
Taree  
Ph: (02) 6551 5665

**Global Care – Rivercity Christian Outreach Centre**  
Shop 4, Bushland Fair  
Mudford Street  
Taree  
Ph: (02) 6552 6422

**Lifeline Midcoast**  
30 Commerce Street  
Taree  
Ph: (02) 6551 0842

**Taree Family Relationship Centre**  
- Free mediation services  
- Provision of confidential information and support  
- Referral to Other Services  
- Focusing on the needs of Children  
- Safe, friendly environment  
- Grandparents welcome  
146 Victoria Street  
Taree NSW 2430  
Ph: (02) 6551 1200
Children’s Services

Services For Children 0 – 5 years:

Communities for Children – Taree

Communities for Children is a Government initiative aimed at assisting children 0 – 5 years and their families. Mission Australia delivers the service in Taree.

Communities for Children activities aim to provide opportunities for the best emotional, social & physical development in early years to assist in the health & wellbeing of children in later life.

The project provides activities & resources for families with children under 5, including:

- Service Links – Linking families to services
- Antenatal classes, workshops & reunions
- Dads and supported playgroups
- Mentoring transition to school program
- Nutrition & hearing project
- Library lets read & story time resources
- Engaging dads program and resource bags
- Community & child friendly play spaces
- Forums & training for early childhood service providers, parents & carers
- Strengthening links between local early childhood services
- Parent & family friendly spaces & events
- Males in childcare group & forums
- Sensory room & garden

Mission Australia Youth Pathways
Shop 3, Clarence Centre
46a Wynter Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6550 0785
Home-Start is a voluntary home visiting scheme offering practical support and friendship to families.

If you are:
- A parent with at least one child under the age of 5 years
- A new mother
- Exhausted, feeling overwhelmed by the stresses of life with small children
- Depressed
- Isolated, lonely
- A sole parent
- New to our area
- A parent who has had a multiple birth
- A parent of a child with a disability, or you have a disability yourself

Then call Home-Start and speak to the coordinator.
Ph: (02) 6557 5933
Services for children with special needs

Service Links Project

This program is part of the Australian Government Stronger Families and Communities strategy developing stronger communities for families and children from birth to 5 years of age.

The program is to develop an assessment/referral pathway for children with hearing loss, to network with other agencies to develop a nutrition and physical activity program and develop local community early intervention programs for families with children with additional needs.

Brighter Futures

A NSW Government early intervention initiative.

Brighter Futures early intervention program improves the level of support available to vulnerable families by providing access to a range of services that research shows time and time again, improve children’s’ abilities at school, the way they make and keep friends; and their skills at managing various problems they encounter as they grow up.

Australian and international research shows that early intervention services reinforce positive family relationships, increases resilience, promotes healthy child development and prevents child abuse and neglect.

Cundletown Pre School & Long Day Care Centre
39 George Street
Cundletown
Ph: (02) 6553 9951

Nabiac & District Pre School Association Inc
30 Nabiac Street
Nabiac
Ph: (02) 6554 1170

Jabiru Pre School
7 Jabiru Drive
Harrington
Ph: (02) 6556 1722
Old Bar Beach Child Care & Early Learning Centre
Educational Pre-school & Infant Programs
All meals provided.
Catering for Children 0 – 12 years
Bus service available
Kindergym & music classes
Corner of Old Bar & Warwiba Roads
Old Bar
Ph: (02) 6553 3063

Wingham & District Preschool
Community owned, non-profit preschool with university trained, experienced & dedicated teachers offering school readiness program & same age classes.
9 Price Street
Wingham NSW 2429
Ph: (02) 6553 4884

Cuddlepie Early Childhood Learning Centre
Highly trained & experienced staff
All Meals catered for by a qualified chef
Open 7:00am – 5:45am
Catering for children 6wks – 6 years old
Queen Street
Wingham
Ph: 6553 4062
Email: cuddlep@bigpond.net.au

For Further information on Brighter Futures Contact:
Department of Community Services
Level 1, 242 Victoria Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 65912100
or
Northern Regional Office Ph: (02) 66861907

Manning & Great Lakes Early Intervention
33 Florence Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 7333
**Indigenous Services**

G.L.M.A.C.S. – Great Lakes, Manning

Aboriginal Children Service

This service targets parents under 25 and children under 8.

Offers groups and programs aimed at enhancing Koori families skills.

Provides:
- Hands on assistance for young Koori families
- Education
- Support
- Exciting programs tailored to the local area

102-112 Victoria Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 2088

**Marungbai After Care**

102-112 Victoria Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 2088

**Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service**

Town Clinic – (02) 6551 7444
Children’s Dental Service – (02) 6551 3955
Maternal Health – (02) 6552 21 54
Nambi Mental Health Service – (02) 6552 4777

**Little Flippers Kindergarten**

A traditional pre-school program with the convenience of long day care hours
Enrolling 0 – 6 years
7:30am – 5:30pm
8 Coolabah Drive
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 2028
Web: www.littleflippers.com.au

**Manning Gardens Public School Preschool**

Mudford Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 6333

**Manning River Steiner School**

80 Wynter Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 3403

**Old Bar Community Pre School Inc.**

Bryan Street
Old Bar
Ph: (02) 6553 7817
Pre Schools cont.

The Cubbyhouse
Preschool & Long Day Care Centre
Centrally located in the CBD Taree
Safe & Secure Environment
Catering for Children 0 – 6 years
Open 8am – 6pm
54 Pulteney Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 2100
Email: thecubbyhouse@hotmail.com

The Little Grub Kindergarten & Child Care Centre
465 Kolodong Road
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 2700

Girrawong Preschool
The only local Aboriginal Preschool.
Enrolling 3 – 5 year olds.
Daily meals provided.
Transport to and from home.
Fees $5 per day
Ph: (02) 6552 3880

Ghinni Ghinni Youth & Culture Aboriginal Corporation
P.O. Box 641
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 2160

Woombarra Wunggan Youth Services Taree PCYC
Commerce Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 5715

Aboriginal Legal Service
Suite 1 80a Wynter Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 3928
Support Groups

Young Mum’s Group
Young Mum’s Group provides friendship, support and information for mothers and expectant mums under the age of 21. They meet each Tuesday from 12pm to 3pm in The Garden Room at the Uniting Church in Taree. Lunch and Child Minding are provided. This project is funded under the Community Services Grants Program and Families NSW Initiative. For further information contact Family Support Services, Taree on 6551 5660.

Women’s Group – Family Support Services
78 Wynter Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 5660

Manning Pregnancy Support Association Inc.
75 Albert Street
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 3900

Autistic Spectrum Disorder Manning Great Lakes Support Group
Taree
Ph: 0403 884 849

Pre Schools

Taree & District Pre School Limited
31 Barton Street,
P.O. Box 251
Taree N.S.W. 2430
Ph: (02) 6552 1906
Fax: (02) 6551 6906

ABC Developmental Learning Centre – Taree West
24 Robusta Parade
Taree N.S.W. 2430
Ph: (02) 6551 6222
Fax: (02) 6550 1484
Web: www.childcare.com.au

Aussie Kindies
Family owned & operated.
Long Day Care & Preschool
Catering for Children 0 – 6 years
47 Orana Crescent
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 6062
Childcare

Out of School Hours Care

Hallidays Point Public School
300 Diamond Beach Road
Diamond Beach
Ph: (02) 6552 7000

Nabiac Kids Shack
Clarkson Street
Nabiac
Ph: 0438 273 360

Snugglepot Day Care Centre Inc. – Cool Kidz Care
Myall Avenue
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 6630

Snugglepot Kids Beach Hut – Old Bar Out of School Hours Care Service
Old Bar Public School
David Street
Old Bar
Ph: (02) 6552 6630

Camp Quality Manning Valley Support Group
P.O. Box 73
Taree
Ph: (02) 6553 1264 Or
(02) 6553 7760
**Play Groups**

**Chatham Playgroup**
Fridays 10am
Chatham tennis court club house
Lyndhurst Street
Chatham

**Coopernook Playgroup**
Tuesdays 10am
St Luke’s Anglican Church Hall,
West Street
Coopernook

**Cundletown Playgroup**
Wednesdays 9:30am
Cundletown Tennis Club
High Street
Cundletown

**Hallidays Point Playgroup**
Tuesdays 9:30am
Community/Uniting church
Diamond Beach Road
Hallidays Point

**Harrington Playgroup**
Tuesdays 9:30am
Esmond Hogan Park
Murray Street
Harrington

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**Cuddlepie Early Childhood Learning Centre**
Highly trained & experienced staff
All Meals catered for by a qualified chef
Open 7:00am – 5:45am
Catering for children 6wks – 6 years old
Queen Street
Wingham
Ph: (02) 6553 4062
Email: cuddlep@bigpond.net.au

**Kiddies Hut @ Diamond Beach**
High Quality care & education for 0-5 year olds by
qualified & experienced owner & staff
Open 7:30am—5:30pm
11 Panarama Drive
Diamond Beach
Ph: (02) 6559 2020
Fax: (02) 6559 3520
Email: kiddieshut@bigpond.com

**Jabiru Pre School**
7 Jabiru Drive
Harrington
Ph: (02) 6556 1722
**Childcare cont.**

**Old Bar Beach Child Care & Early Learning Centre**
- Educational Pre-school & Infant Programs
- All meals provided.
- Catering for Children 0 – 12 years
- Bus service available
- Kinder gym & music classes
- Corner of Old Bar & Warwiba Roads
- Old Bar
- Ph: (02) 6553 3063

**The Cubbyhouse**
- Preschool & Long Day Care
- Safe & Secure Environment
- Conveniently located in Wingham
- Catering for Children 0 – 6 years
- Open 8am – 6pm
- 1316 Gloucester Road
- Wingham
- Ph: (02) 6553 0111
- Fax: (02) 6553 0999
- Email: thecubbyhouse@hotmail.com

**Little Sunflower**
- Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30am
- Manning River Steiner School Playgroup
- 80 Wynter Street
- Taree N.S.W. 2430
- Ph: (02) 6551 3404

**“Mainly Music” Playtime**
- Thursdays 9:30 – 10:30am
- 441 Kolodong Road,
- Taree N.S.W. 2430

**Moorland Playtime**
- Tuesdays 10am
- Moorland Community Hall
- Moorland N.S.W.

**Old Bar Playgroup**
- Fridays 10am
- Rushby Casino
- Old Bar N.S.W.

**Old Bar Playpals**
- Wednesdays 9:30am
- Soldiers Memorial Hall, Hall Street,
- Old Bar N.S.W.
Play Groups

Parkside Playgroup
Thursdays 10am
Fotheringham Park
(Family Support Services Ph: (02) 6551 5660)

Taree Playgroup
Tuesdays 10am
Uniting Church, Albert Street
Taree N.S.W. 2430

TAFE Playgroups
Thursdays & Fridays 9:30am
E Block, Taree TAFE
Taree N.S.W. (waitlist)

Tinonee Playgroup
Wednesdays 10am
Old Mondrook School House
Tinonee Road
Tinonee N.S.W.

Wiggly Wombats Playtime
Fridays 9:30 -11:30am
Taree & District Preschool
31 Barton Street
Taree N.S.W. 2430
Ph: Cindy (02) 6552 1906

Willow Tree Child Care Centre
Catering for 0 – 6 year old
Meals hats & bedding supplied.
Specialist kindy gym & OT program
15 Rosebank Ave
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 7000

Children’s Haven
Providing quality education care for children
Open 7am – 6pm
• Individual programs
• Photographic records
• All team members First Aid trained
Specialist music program
15 Chatham Ave
Taree N.S.W. 2430
Ph/Fax: (02) 6557 7965

Kids Beach Hut
Old Bar School
Ph: (02) 6557 4676
**Childcare**

**Bright Beginnings**
High quality care & education programs
Nutritious Meals & nappies provided
Catering for children 0 – 6 years
Open 7:15am – 5:45pm
2 Wingham Road
Taree
Ph: (02) 6557 7711
Fax: (02) 6557 7713
Email: brightcc@bigpond.net.au

**Aussie Kindies**
Family owned & operated.
Long Day Care & Preschool
Catering for Children 0 – 6 years
47 Orana Crescent
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 6062

**The Little Grub Kindergarten & Child Care Centre**
465 Kolodong Road
Taree
Ph: (02) 6551 2700

**Wingham Playtime**
Fridays 10am (Fortnightly)
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Corner Moon St. & Gloucester Road
Wingham N.S.W. 2429

**Wingham Playgroup**
St. Mathews Anglican Church
Bent Street
Wingham N.S.W. 2429

**School Based Playgroups**

**Elands Public School**
Fridays 9am – 12noon
Main Road
Elands
Contact Principal on (02) 6550 4557

**Manning Gardens Public School**
Mondays 9:15am
Mudford Street
Taree N.S.W. 2430

**Chatham Public School**
Fridays 9am
19 Chatham Road
Chatham N.S.W. 2430
Play Groups cont.

Supported Playgroups

Good Beginnings & Biripi AMS – Playgroup

Good Beginnings is a free parent support program for families with new babies or young children (under 5 years) living in the Taree area.

Good Beginnings & Biripi AMS together offer a program for parents & their children from birth to school age. Playgroup provides opportunities for parents to form relationships with other families and access parenting information and support services.

The playgroup is staffed by an Aboriginal family health worker, family strengthening worker, child development worker, family support worker and volunteers. The focus is on providing high quality, age appropriate development experiences for parents, carers and their children to share together.

Playgroup sessions operate each week during school term.

Session Details:
Every Tuesday & Thursday
(during school terms)
9:30am – 1pm
At 5 Hughes Street
Taree N.S.W. 2429
Good Beginnings—Ph: 0458 791 294
Biripi—Ph: 0427 026 290 or 0418 979 796

Cool Kidz Care
Myall Ave
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 6630

The Cubbyhouse
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Email: thecubbyhouse@hotmail.com

Little Flippers
A traditional pre-school program with the convenience of long day care hours
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7:30am – 5:30pm
8 Coolabah Drive
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 2028
Web: www.littleflippers.com.au
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Five Star Family Day Care -
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Accredited Professional Home Base Child Care
For children from 6 weeks
All types of care & hours
Suite 6, Level 1
219-221 Victoria Street (P.O. Box 270)
Taree NSW 2430
Ph: 6552 5088
Fax: 6551 0399
Email: tadfdc@bigpond.net.au

**Long day care**

ABC Learning Centre – Taree West
Providing childcare for children aged 0-5 years.
24 Robusta Parade
Taree N.S.W. 2430
Ph: (02) 6551 6222
Fax: (02) 6550 1484
Web: www.childcare.com.au

Snugglepot Day Care Centre Inc.
Long Day Care
Myall Ave
Taree
Ph: (02) 6552 6630

**Dads and Kids Playgroup**
This is a Playgroup NSW supported playgroup with qualified early childhood coordinator.

Session Details:
Saturday Mornings
9:30am – 11:30am
Manning Uniting Church,
29 Albert Street
Taree N.S.W. 2430
Ph: 0427 454 827

**Young Mums Group**
Tuesdays 12 – 3pm
For Mum aged 21 & under
Lunch provided
Family Support Service
Ph Mydie 0488 029 857

**Families First Mobile Supported Playgroup – Great Lakes/Gloucester**
Resources and support for families with children 0-6 years in remote rural areas.
All enquiries to Great Lakes, Gloucester Child/Family Service Inc.
Ph: (02) 6555 7244
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NSW In-Home Childcare Services

In-home Childcare Services aims to support the growing number of parents who are trying to balance work and family commitments. It offers great flexibility in hours of child care especially those families whose needs are not being met by current services.

In-home Care Provides:
- The comfort & security of the child’s own home
- The benefit of government subsidised fees
- Personalised child care
- Best Practice through the monitoring of care by professional child care workers

Support for working parents

In-home Care Offers:
- Child care for sick children or those who are recuperating from illness
- Child care for parents who work outside normal business hours such as shift workers
- Child care when parent is ill or hospitalised
- Child care for a family who lives in a rural/remote area where distance/isolation prevents access to other forms of child care
- Child care for families whose needs cannot be met by an existing service.

In Home Child Care -
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This service supports families who cannot access mainstream childcare, in isolated rural areas, shift workers, families with disabilities, multiple births (3 or more children).

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