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Supported Playgrounds Facilitator for the Strathbogie Shire

Strathbogie Shire Council has welcomed new funding from the Victorian Government for more and better support for young children in the Strathbogie Shire.

The Victorian Government funding will be utilised by Council to deliver supported playgroups and in-house support for families in need of a helping hand.

Hristina Serovska has been appointed by Strathbogie Shire Council as the Supported Playgroups Facilitator and will be conducting these playgroups.

Smalltalk Playgroups will assist parents in supporting their child's learning and development during their early years (0-4 years) to provide a smooth transition to kindergarten.

Hristina said the program is all about empowering parents to use every day opportunities in their home to support their child's development.

"Studies have shown that a significant portion of a child's learning and development happens in the first four years of life," Ms Serovska explained.

"I will be helping families in need of extra support to make the most of their child's early years," she said.

This initiative comes as part of the Victorian Government's \$202.1 million investment across the state in early childhood and making services more accessible, more inclusive and higher quality.

Playgroups are expected to commence in June.

If you would like to know more details about the program, including eligibility, please contact Strathbogie Shire Council Office on 1800 065 993.

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