

Bass Valley Children's Centre (BVCC)

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This newsletter will be published on a regular basis to keep all stakeholders informed of the works as they progress. It will also highlight any specific issues you may need to be aware of from time to time.

Project information

Construction of the new BVCC will begin on 7 November. TS Constructions has been awarded the building works.

A new driveway and entrance for the BVCC is currently being constructed. It will create 32 carpark spaces and include two dedicated accessible spaces. There will also be roadworks on Corinella Road to improve vehicle access into the new children's centre.

The total cost of the project is in the order of \$2.5 million:

- Bass Coast Shire Council (\$1.5 million)
- Department of Education and Training – Children's Facility Capital Grants (\$900,000)
- Bass Valley Children's Centre Inc. (\$70,000).
The high level of contribution and commitment to this project from these local groups is acknowledged.

UnitingCare Gippsland will continue to run the existing kindergarten program until the end of 2017. Childcare and kindergarten enrolment enquiries for 2018 should be directed to Bass Valley Primary School.

Key Dates for building works in 2016:

14 November – Site possession for builder

14 November – Foundation construction commences

23 December – Concrete slab complete

What works are happening now?

SR Excavations Pty Ltd has started the access driveway and car park works late September. Drainage works, concrete edge strips and part of the pavement have been completed. Unfortunately works have slowed down due to recent poor weather conditions.



Progress of works for the carpark area

What works will happen in the next couple of months?

Remaining works for the carpark area include placement of final crush rock layer, bituminous spray sealing and line marking of the car park.

Because of the poor weather conditions, we will not be able to finish the carpark prior to the building works commencing. However, we intend to open the carpark early November.

It is intended that the final carpark works will be completed during the Christmas school holidays in readiness for the 2017 school year.

Further vegetation is required to be removed for construction of the concrete foundations. This work will be undertaken on Thursday, 10 November.

Use of new carpark

Parents and children will access JLM from the new car park area during building construction. A temporary access path and child safe gate will be built for the kindergarten from the new carpark area.

The current entrance gate will be relocated to the back fence on **Thursday, 10 November 2016**.

All parents, children and visitors to JLM are requested to use the new car park and entrance from Friday, 11 November 2016.

Worksite Safety

It is always challenging to deliver the necessary works with minimal impact to user groups, especially when much of the work is determined by weather conditions.

Temporary protection fencing will be established to protect the existing kindergarten from the new building works. Appropriate site control and protection measures will be in place throughout the construction period. For your own safety

and that of others, access to the building site will be restricted.

It is expected that there will be some minor delays to traffic during these works. Appropriate pedestrian and traffic control measures will be implemented. Our staff and contractors will notify stakeholders who may be impacted by these works.

We appreciate that these works may present an inconvenience and we ask for your patience during these times. Our contractors will make every effort to minimise disruptions to motorists and community members.

Where can I get more information?

For information or assistance please contact:

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