



In 2023, The Koorie Preschool Assistant initiative will be rolled out across the five Local Government Areas (LGA's) within the Western Melbourne region.

These LGA's include:

- Wyndham City Council;
- Hobsons Bay Council;
- City of Melbourne;
- Maribyrnong Council; and
- Moonee Valley Council.

The program will support all services within the Western Region municipalities that offer a funded kindergarten program.

Cassie Davis and Caz Favier from One Tree Community Services are the Koorie Preschool Assistants, and their role will involve:

- Supporting the access and participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in culturally inclusive and supportive Kindergarten programs.
- Working collaboratively with the local community and integrated services to support Koorie families with Kindergarten enrolment and transition to school.
- Providing guidance and support to staff of funded Kindergarten services at all levels to increase their capacity to ensure their service is culturally inclusive and welcoming, and working collaboratively to ensure cultural perspectives are embedded in the educational program.
- Building upon and strengthening trusting relationships between families and funded Kindergarten services by making information available to families and communities that enhances and grows Early Years participation.

Cassie will provide support by working closely with educators and service providers within their educational settings and programs, and Caz will work closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, community services and organisations.

If you would like more information about the initiative or would like to book in a time to meet with Cassie or Caz, please find their contact information below:



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