Centre number: 6684
Centre name: Snowtown Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director - Vicki Reichelt

- Postal address – 19 Glen Davidson Drive, Snowtown, SA 5520

- Location address – 19 Glen Davidson Drive, Snowtown, SA 5520

- ECD Local Partnership – Mid North Clare

- Geographical location – 150km north on Highway One

- Telephone number - 88652195

- Fax number - 88652459

- Preschool website address – www.snowtownkgn.sa.edu.au

- Enrolment/Attendance
  - In 2010 enrolments averaged 11 and attendances averaged 8
  - In 2011 enrolments averaged 12 and attendances averaged 8
  - In 2012 enrolments averaged 12 and attendances averaged 11
  - In 2013 enrolments averaged 11 and attendance averaged 11
  - In 2014 enrolments averaged 8 and attendance average 8

- Co-located/stand-alone
  - a separate building across the road from Snowtown Primary School

- Programs operating at the preschool
  From Term 3, 2011 the centre has increased sessions as a result of the Universal Access system established by the Federal Government

- Pre Entry – please contact the centre
Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children – children are entitled to 600 hours of preschool prior to commencing school. The centre operates Thursday and Friday 8.30am-3.10pm and every second Tuesday (even weeks) 8.30-12.00pm.

- Occasional Care – an unfunded Occasional Care program operates. Please contact the centre.

- Lunch/Full Day Program – As kindy children attend for full days a lunch care program is included.

- Bilingual Support – can be arranged if needed

- Preschool Support – this is negotiated with Support Services team on a term by term basis depending on the individual needs of the children enrolled
2. **Curriculum**

- Framework used – Early Years Learning Framework, Belonging, Being and Becoming
- Core Values – “All children have the best start to life to create a better future for themselves and for the nation” - EYLF
- Specific curriculum approaches – emphasis on play based learning and recognising the importance of communication and language (including early literacy and numeracy) and social and emotional development
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects - Weekly interactions on a Friday with the Snowtown Primary School Junior Primary Class

3. **Centre Based Staff**

- Staff Profile - Director (0.5), ECW (0.45) plus supplemented universal access funding
- Performance Management Program – termly meetings with written feedback once per year
- Access to support staff – negotiated with Regional Office Staff when needed

4. **Centre Facilities**

- Buildings and grounds
  - a transportable building located across the road from Snowtown Primary School
  - the grounds are maintained by a grounds person (2 hours per week)
  - the centre is professionally cleaned once a week by a cleaner (1 hour per week)
  - there is a large sandpit with a water feature that can be turned on when needed and provides children with water that trickles down a rock feature into the sandpit
  - a wooden deck with overhead cover was built in 2009 provides a great area for children’s play and group activities
  - a bike track is around the perimeter of the yard
  - a cubby house was purchased in 2012

- Capacity - 21
- Centre Ownership - DECD

- Access for children and staff with disabilities – currently there is no special toilet access for staff and children with disability though there is easy access to the building
5. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
  - There is a mix of established farming families who live in Snowtown, Lochiel, Redhill and outlying areas and a transient population, mainly based in the town.
  - Currently all families identify themselves as Australians and speak English at home with one family identifying themselves as Indigenous Australians.
  - There are several active Community Services Committees including the Lions Club and Snowtown Community Management Committee, local Progress Association and the Wind farms close by and offer some financial support to the community in terms of grants.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  - The Governing Council consists of a small group of hard working parents who are very committed to helping the Centre offer quality Pre school for all children.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  - Most children go to Snowtown Primary School although a small percentage are now going to Horizon Christian School at Balaklava.

- Other local care and educational facilities
  - Child care is available at Bute.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  - There is a supermarket, chemist, newsagent, post office, hairdresser, take away, hotel, roadhouse and second hand shop.

- Other local facilities – there is a hospital and a doctor’s surgery.

- Availability of staff housing – some Government Employee Housing exists in Snowtown, Clare and Kadina, limited private rental housing and some housing available for purchase.

- Accessibility – Snowtown is situated just off Highway One and is easily accessible.

- Local Government - Wakefield Regional Council Area.