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HAWKESBURY PRESCHOOLS TO RECEIVE A BUSHFIRE BOOST

Preschools in bushfire impacted areas of Hawkesbury will benefit from a one-off payment to provide fee relief and help with the recovery from this summer's devastating fires.

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning Sarah Mitchell announced the grants to more than 200 community preschools.

"Preschools are crucial to communities, bringing them together and allowing parents to rebuild while their children are educated and cared for," Ms Mitchell said.

"We know many communities have been hit hard by these fires, which is why the NSW Government will make a one-off payment of \$10,000 to community preschools and mobile preschools to provide fee relief for impacted families."

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston, said the payments will be another way the Liberal and Nationals Government are supporting bushfire communities get back on their feet.

"These payments will help relieve some of that pressure, allowing services to provide fee relief and other additional supports for their communities," Ms Preston said.

"Families in Hawkesbury have been hit hard by fire and floods this summer and focused support for preschools will help everyone from the families' staff to the broader community."

"Payments will be made from the end of this week and paid automatically to eligible services; no application is required."

The payments can be used for a range of activities including fee relief for families, counselling support, and rectifying fire damage and fire preparedness.

Commonwealth funded services that are eligible for Child Care Subsidy can apply for grants through the Community Child Care Fund and families suffering financial hardship can access fee relief through the Additional Child Care Subsidy.

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