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Tiny toots for tiny tots.

For 50 years, Cootamundra Pre-School has been providing education and life skills to children aged between three and five years of age. The pre-school provides the perfect social and cultural environment for young children, fostering and growing relationships with their peers and in particular preparing them for the transition to full time schooling.

Obtaining a grant through the Stronger Communities Fund a NSW State Government initiative and administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, was the ideal opportunity to refurbish the student bathroom.

Built in 1966 with a second stage built in 1984 the student bathroom was in desperate need of an upgrade, primarily due to age. The old toilets also had a “step-up” which presented access problems for some children especially those with physical and developmental challenges.

Cootamundra – Gundagai Regional Council’s Administrator Stephen Sykes said the refurbishment of student bathrooms was essential for the pre-school going forward.

“Giving children the opportunity to be capable, competent and active learners is so important for our future, as is providing them with a safe user friendly environment, tailored for their needs”. Stephen said.

Using local tradesmen, and utilizing a band of volunteers the project valued at over \$16,000 with \$12,000 coming from the Stronger Communities Fund grant has seen the project successfully completed.

Member for Cootamundra Katrina Hodgkinson MP said she is happy to support the renovation of Cootamundra Pre-School’s student bathroom through the NSW Government’s Stronger Communities program.

“It’s vital that children have appropriate bathroom facilities when they’re busy learning and playing, and I’m pleased by what the team at Cootamundra Pre-School have been able to achieve with the assistance of this funding,” Katrina said.

Keryn Bell, Cootamundra Pre-School director said the refurbishment of our student bathroom has allowed us to make a more inclusive space for our children.

“We would really like to thank the Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council and the Stronger Communities Fund for this grant, our students love their new bathroom”, Keryn said.

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Photo and caption– Pictured left to right: Cootamundra Pre School treasurer Brad Shields, Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council administrator Stephen Sykes and Pre School director Keryn Bell representative with plaque recognizing the new amenities at the Cootamundra Pre School made possible with grant funds from the Stronger Communities Fund.

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