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SDN Crookwell Preschool offers 30 new places

As the population has grown in the town of Crookwell, demand for early childhood education places has increased. SDN Crookwell Preschool has expanded its number of licensed places to meet this need.

The preschool's daily capacity has grown from 29 to 35 children, providing an additional 30 places per week at the service.

For Centre Director Mandy Wooll, this is about more than numbers; it's about how SDN listens to its community and responds with action.

"We were really listening and valuing feedback from the community and families who voiced they needed this, and we've worked really hard towards trying to create change."

When families in Crookwell spoke, SDN listened

That feedback set in motion a year-long journey of reflection, persistence, and collaboration, culminating in a proud milestone for the SDN Crookwell Preschool team.

Months of careful planning brought the expansion plans to fruition, with Mandy, SDN Operations Manager Colin Lee, and SDN's Property and Facilities Manager David George working closely alongside Upper Lachlan Shire Council and across multiple teams within the SDN village.

From site measurements and revised plans to council leases and approvals, every step reflected SDN's commitment to this collaborative work.

manda highlights: "It means all of the children in the year before school now have the opportunity to access quality early childhood education.

"This growth allows us to reach more families across our SDN village, strengthening our shared commitment to an equitable world where every child can thrive."

It's this same spirit of community that continues to define SDN Crookwell, reflected in the preschool's latest annual family survey, earning a 100% NPS score.

"The trust families place in us is enormous," Mandy says. "They value our relationships and the consistency of our communication. We really work hard to make sure they always know what's happening and feel part of it."

She adds, "Our team's relationships with families and children are number one," a commitment that lies at the heart of the preschool.

The increased licensing begins from 2026 and enrolments are expected to fill quickly.