

Eugowra Community Children’s Centre (ECCC)

Flood Recovery Update | 12 January 2023

The NSW Department of Education is continuing to coordinate the emergency, recovery and resilience response to support flood and weather-impacted school and preschool communities across NSW.

As you are already aware, Eugowra Community Children’s Centre (ECCC) was significantly impacted by flooding on the 14 November 2022.

The site has been non-operational since this incident and space at Eugowra Public School has been used for teaching and learning during December & January, at a reduced capacity.

Schools Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) have been working with ECCC, Cabonne Council and other key partners to assist in planning for a new permanent facility. A temporary site has been reviewed and commissioned to ensure learning and teaching can continue in the interim.

New temporary site for ECCC

A temporary site for ECCC will be erected within the grounds of the Eugowra Showground and is anticipated to be operational during Term 1 2023.

This temporary site will consist of several demountable classrooms and allow day care and preschool services to be run at full capacity. The demountable classrooms are modern, air-conditioned rooms that provide students and teaching staff with excellent quality facilities and are equipped with the same range of technology available in permanent spaces.

The temporary site at Eugowra Showground will also include grassed outdoor play areas and equipment, a separate staff facility and storage facilities for equipment.

For more information on how the department is using temporary learning spaces to support school communities please visit <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-build-schools/temporary-schools-support-school-communities-.html>

Next steps

Work has already started to make the site operational with the delivery of the demountable classrooms anticipated to take place from Monday 16 January 2023.

Other works include:

- Preliminary investigation by plumbers
- Excavation for footings
- Concrete for footings
- Delivery of the generator
- Sourcing furniture and fittings

Local procurement is being conducted to, where possible, source products and services from within the Eugowra region.

The timing of all work and handover of learning spaces will be subject to local weather conditions, access, and availability of trades and buildings.

Keeping you informed

The health, safety, and well-being of the students, staff and the local community is School infrastructure NSW highest priority.

We will continue to keep the community updated ahead of the completion of the temporary preschool site and on the longer-term planning for a new permanent facility.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, you can contact SINSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to manage this situation.

