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New Child Care Centre for Newcastle

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today welcomed the announcement of a new early learning and child care centre to serve the local community in the Merewether-Hamilton area.

The new centre was confirmed as part of last night's Budget, and delivers on Labor's election commitment last year.

"Last night the Treasurer announced a \$55 billion Working Families Package which will reward families for their hard work and help them cope with the rising cost of living," Ms Grierson said.

"This child care centre is one of the practical dividends that local working families will receive from that package, and recognises Merewether-Hamilton as an area of need in child care services."

"This Newcastle commitment is part of the \$114.5 million funding stream that will provide 38 child care centres across the country."

"This is the first phase of the government's commitment to establishing 260 centres on school sites and community land, and I will be continuing to work hard to ensure the needs of Newcastle families are monitored and met in this area."

"The new centre will be complemented by the increase in the child care tax rebate to 50 per cent of out of pocket costs which was also announced by the Treasurer last night."

"Having access to reliable and affordable child care is essential for working families in Newcastle who are continuing to face increasing cost of living pressures. This new centre will help address that issue by providing local residents with increased child care access."

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