

MEDIA RELEASE

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Botany Family Day Care: Getting Kids Reading

A free *Literacy Box* has been installed in front of the Family Day Care Cottage in Coward Street, Mascot, as part of the State Government's *Let's Read* program.

The *Literacy Box* is stocked with quality early childhood books as well as Let's Read 'Tip Sheets.' The books are accessible 24/7 and families are encouraged to take the books and return them when they have finished. There is no checking in or out.

"The idea of "sharing books" is becoming more and more popular in community neighbourhoods and it is great to see one set up in Bayside to help our young families," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said. "It means local families can access reading material for their little ones at no cost, and at any time."

"The can drop by the cottage on the way home, choose a book and return it when they can and select another."

The Let's Read initiative aims to raise the importance of early exposure to language and literacy for young children and is helping to improve literacy levels, Australia wide, by giving playgroups and families the information and tools needed to encourage reading from a young age," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

"Our first *Literacy Box* is a great way to encourage participation and has become a great conversation piece, especially with those visiting the Family Day Care Cottage."

The Botany Family Day Care is a unique and personalised Education and Care Service that is able to support individual family needs and has been actively involved in raising community awareness of the importance of early exposure to language and literacy for our children.

"Our Educators are experienced and qualified education and care professionals, who are registered with Council, and are managed and supported by dedicated and passionate Coordination Unit Staff," Mayor Saravinovski said.

For more information on Botany Family Day Care see:

<https://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/community/families-children/childrens-services>

Pictured: Eighteen month old Reign and her Family Day Care Educator Michelle choosing a book to take home from the Literacy Box.

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Serving Our Community



Eighteen month old Reign loves visiting the Literacy Box at Botany Family Day to select a new story for Family Day Care Educator Michelle to read to her

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