

Family Day Care offers home based child care

Parents looking for childcare in 2010 should consider using a Family Day Care setting for their children from birth to 12 years, according to Kerri Cone, Scheme Manager, of the Gunnedah Scheme.

Gunnedah Family Day Care has Registered Carers in Narrabri, Wee Waa and Boggabri, as well as Gunnedah and Quirindi.

Family Day Care provides care in the home of registered Childcare Providers, who have been assessed as meeting high Government and Scheme Standards.

"This type of childcare is very personal and flexible, with small numbers of children provided with

quality play and educational experiences by trained professionals" said Mrs Cone.

"Our Scheme runs regular Playgroups at Narrabri and Wee Waa, where children, Carers and Parents, can meet for larger group experiences," she said.

Carers are required to meet all Government Licensing and Accreditation standards, and Parents are eligible to claim both Childcare Benefit and the 50% Rebate through the Scheme, reducing the cost of childcare.

"Our Scheme had Government inspections in 2009, and was re-licensed by DOCS for five years, and received High Qual-

ity ratings on all its Quality Assurance indicators" said Mrs Cone.

Gunnedah Family Day Care has an Office at the Namoi Toy Library in Tibbereena street, where it's local staff member, Kate Rice, also runs it's Narrabri Playgroup.

"We currently have some limited vacancies both at Narrabri and Wee Waa, and would welcome enquiries from interested parents" said Mrs Cone.

"But we are keen to register a few more Carers, so we can meet community needs".

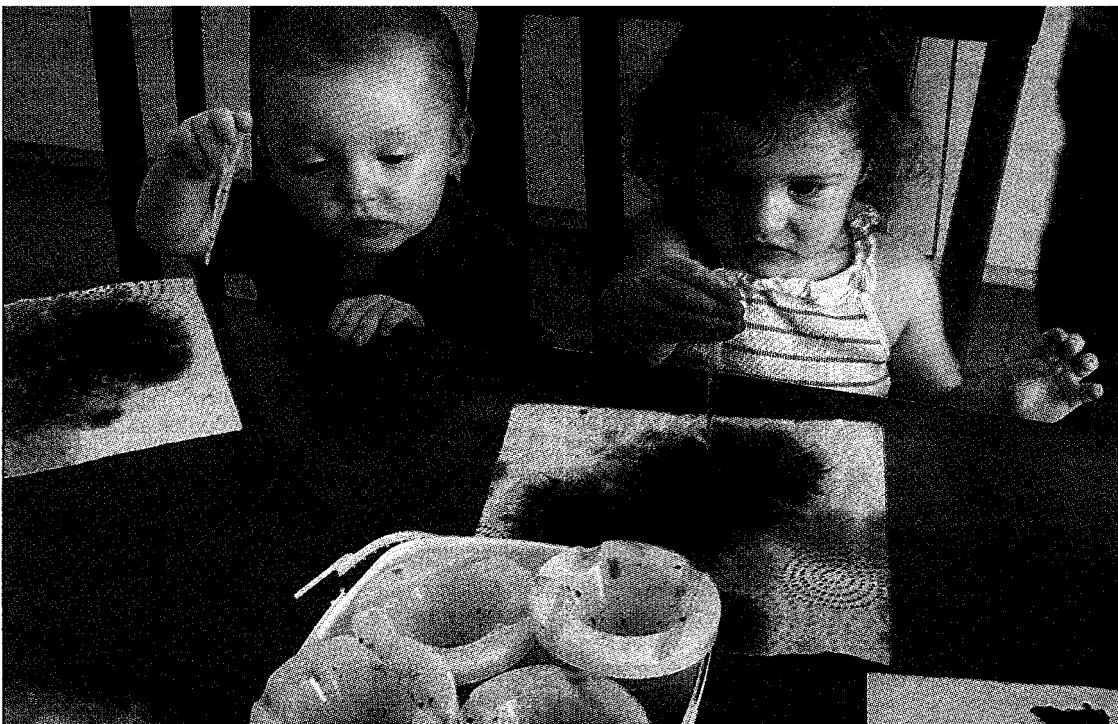
People interested in becoming Registered Carers must be able to provide a safe and loving environment, enjoy working with children and

adults, be prepared to undertake a Certificate 3 in Children's Services in the next few years, and hold a current First Aid Certificate.

They must be prepared to have Criminal Records Checks completed.

"Registered Childcare Providers are self employed business people, who can make a good income through their Family Day Care work, and enjoy significant job satisfaction" said Mrs Cone.

People interested in becoming Carers, or seeking referrals to vacancies for children can contact Kate Rice Narrabri or the Gunnedah office - see ad. below.



Riley Seccombe and Isabella Suckling at Emma Skelton's Family Day Care Service working on their eye dropper paintings. The activity helps enhance children's development in many areas and is lots of fun.