

Rental support for child care centre

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Relationships Australia (SA) has provided almost \$10K per year to the Hindmarsh Occasional Child Care Centre in subsidised rental costs since it purchased the property from the City of Charles Sturt in 2003.

The non-profit community service organisation will continue its support for the centre to stay at its current location for as long as desired, and will be disappointed if the centre is forced to move because of a cease in funding from the City of Charles Sturt.

Relationships Australia (SA) has charged the child care centre \$1200 per month (\$14,400 per year) for almost five years despite the true cost being \$24K per year. The agency will introduce its first ever CPI increase in February next year to bring the rent up to \$1500 per month (\$18K per year).

Relationships Australia (SA) CEO Judith Cross said that in addition to providing over \$10K of rental subsidy, the agency will continue to cover the water, electricity, maintenance and other operating costs if the centre is able to remain. 'We are happy to provide ongoing support to the child care centre for as long as it can stay with us.

'The centre provides a valuable and much needed service to over 100 children. Moving the centre will cause a great amount of inconvenience for parents, and will be quite a difficult task for the centre itself.'

Children at the centre have also benefited from using over \$25K worth of play equipment which Relationships Australia (SA) purchased for them in 2003.

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