



## THE GBOOSH COMMITTEE 2024/2025

The GBOOSH Management Committee meets once per month to oversee the governance and financial management of GBOOSH. Most meetings are online, which assists parents in balancing their family commitments.

In May 2024 the Committee held its AGM and new members were elected for the 2024:

Alecia Brooks - President

Natalie Chandler - Vice President

Craig Manwarring - Treasurer

Renee Kirchner - Assistant Treasurer

Heather Vincin - Secretary/Public Officer

Diana Abeleven - Assistant Secretary

The Committee will be working closely with the P&C this year to form a new entity to ensure GBOOSH is eligible for a licence agreement beyond 2026.

**Our next meeting is on  
Wednesday 23 July 2024 online.**

If you want to find out more please contact

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**Alecia, GBOOSH President**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **5 July:** last day Term 2 2024
- **8 July:** First day of Vacation Care
- **22 July:** Last day of Vacation Care (Pupil Free Day)
- **23 July:** School returns for Term 3
- **24 July:** GBOOSH Management Committee Meeting @ 6.30pm
- **Week 7, Term 3:** Vacation Care Program available
- **31 July 2024:** OOSH Educators Day

**We thank our GBOOSH families for their support in Term 2.  
Happy Holidays From Corinne, Cheryl, Kristin & the GBOOSH  
Team!**

## GBOOSH UPDATES

**Fee Updates:** GBOOSH is a not-for-profit community based organisation with all monies going straight back into the centre. Recent inflation, rising operational costs and changes to the award by Fair Work have significantly impacted how much it costs for GBOOSH to run each session of care.

As a result the GBOOSH Management Committee has had to make the difficult decision to increase session fees. The Department of Education oversees this process to ensure that fees are set at a level that is fair and equitable to families and sits within an approved hourly cost. The revised fee structure will commence from the start of Term 3 2024.

### GBOOSH Fee Structure effective from Term 3, 2024

- **Annual Enrolment Fee \$50.00 per family**
- **BSC (per session) Permanent \$22.60 Casual \$23.86**
- **ASC (per session) Permanent \$32.60 Casual \$33.86**
- **Vacation Care (per day) \$77.85 per day plus excursion/incursion cost**
- **Late Fees \$5.00 per minute/per child after 6pm**

**STAFF NEWS:** Last month GBOOSH said Goodbye to Skye. Skye had been a joint Coordinator with GBOOSH for 5 years, we wish her all the best as she seeks a new adventure closer to home.

This month we will welcome Lachlan & Michael back from work placement as well as 2 new Educators, Ava & Ethan to help support our existing team. Don't hesitate to stop and chat with our team on drop off/pick up we love getting to know our families!

### CAN YOU HELP GBOOSH:

- We are looking for donations of old magazines that children can use for craft experiences.
- Share your Skills and Expertise - we are looking for parents, grandparents, friends of GBOOSH that can share their skills, expertise or hobby with the children. Are you great at art or craft? Are you in the fire brigade, police force, health or another profession that you can talk about? If you have a skill you can share please let us know. We would love to have you visit and share it with the children.



## VACATION CARE UPDATE

GBOOSH had an overwhelming response to the July 2024 Vacation Care with many days filling to capacity very quickly! We hope that the children enjoy the range of activities, incursions and our movie day this holidays. Following the completion of the program we will be asking families for some feedback to assist us in planning the next 2 vacation care periods.

Please ensure you pack plenty of snacks and warm clothes these holidays!

The program is released in week 7 of each Term, if you need care for the holidays it is important to get your forms in ASAP as forms are processed in the order they are received. Vacation Care numbers are often limited by the activities we are providing or the staff available to work over each day, so please keep this in mind.

GBOOSH conducts thorough risk assessments for each activity, all external providers are also required to provide their Working With Children Check, Risk Assessment and Certificate of Currency. If you have any questions or concerns about the program do not hesitate to ask one of the Leaders.

We look forward to providing a fun and engaging program this holidays!

## NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

*Did you know that GBOOSH is assessed under the same Quality Standards as long day care/preschool?*

GBOOSH is currently rated as Meeting the National Quality Standard.



In line with the NQS and the Child Safe Standards, GBOOSH has recently updated their website to include the Acknowledgment of Country, Statement of Commitment and Our Philosophy. *For more details please visit the website [www.gymeabayoosh.com.au/our-commntment/](http://www.gymeabayoosh.com.au/our-commntment/)*

**Medication and medical action plans:** if your child has a diagnosed medical condition or requires medication, GBOOSH must consult with families on a regular basis to ensure plans are kept up to date, regularly reviewed and medication remains within used by date. If we email you to request new medication, an updated plan or signatures for your child please be sure to action this as soon as possible. This is a requirement of both the Regulations and NQS. Failure by parents to provide this may result in suspension of placement or cancellation of bookings.

As there are lots of children in our care with various medical conditions please ensure that you consider this when packing lunch boxes. For the safety of all children and staff, GBOOSH is an EGG FREE and NUT FREE service.

## CCS REMINDERS

### A REMINDER FOR END OF FINANCIAL YEAR:

Please remember to keep your details up to date with Centrelink in regards to changes to your family income, work hours or other changes in circumstances. Every year families **MUST** login to update their *Estimated Income* for the coming financial year.

GBOOSH is also unable to report on changes to family circumstances or access additional funding for families without an active CCS approval.

Centrelink/Services Australia has direct access to your GBOOSH account and can therefore cancel or vary your rate of CCS at anytime. This includes retracting money paid on previous attendances. GBOOSH can not stop or investigate any deductions made by Centrelink.

It is also worth noting that CCS is not payable on absences during the notice period, when cancelling permanent care or when commencing a new booking.

All enquiries regarding CCS must be made by the individual parent. If you can not resolve the issue via your MyGov account, you will need to contact **Services Australia on 136 150.**