



Families at the Centre research project  
**Insights into child care and early education:  
Orange**



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## What is this about?

This report is about families in Orange with young children aged up to 5 years.

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Therefore we conducted a research project in six neighbourhoods around

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This booklet details what we found out in Orange.

## Who did the research?

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## Where was the research done?

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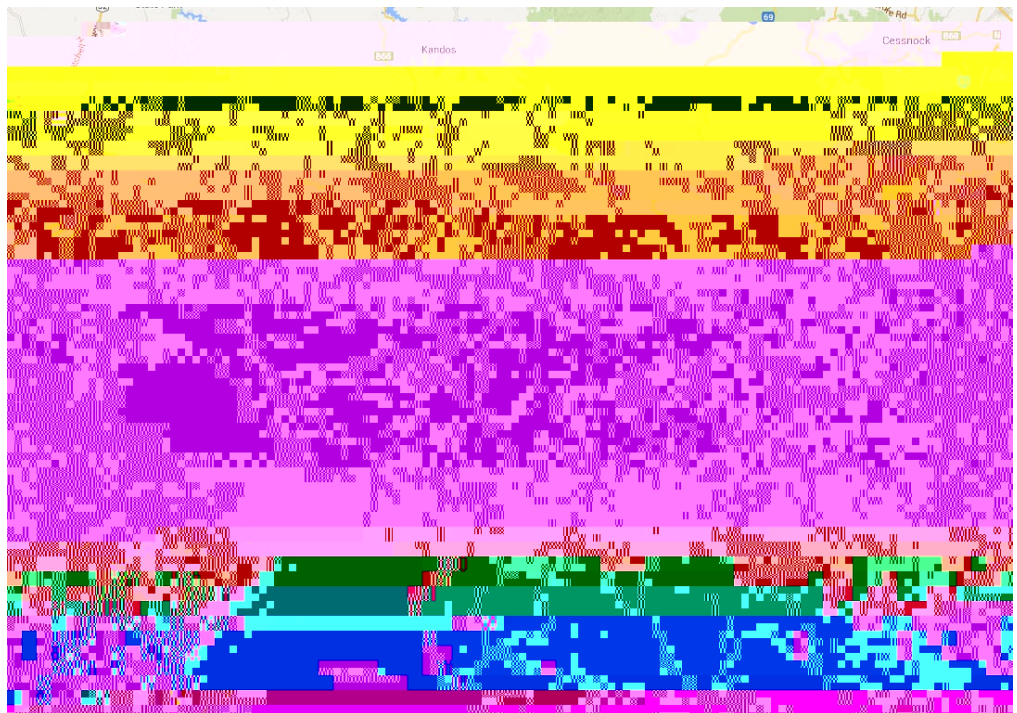
## How was the research done?

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## About Orange

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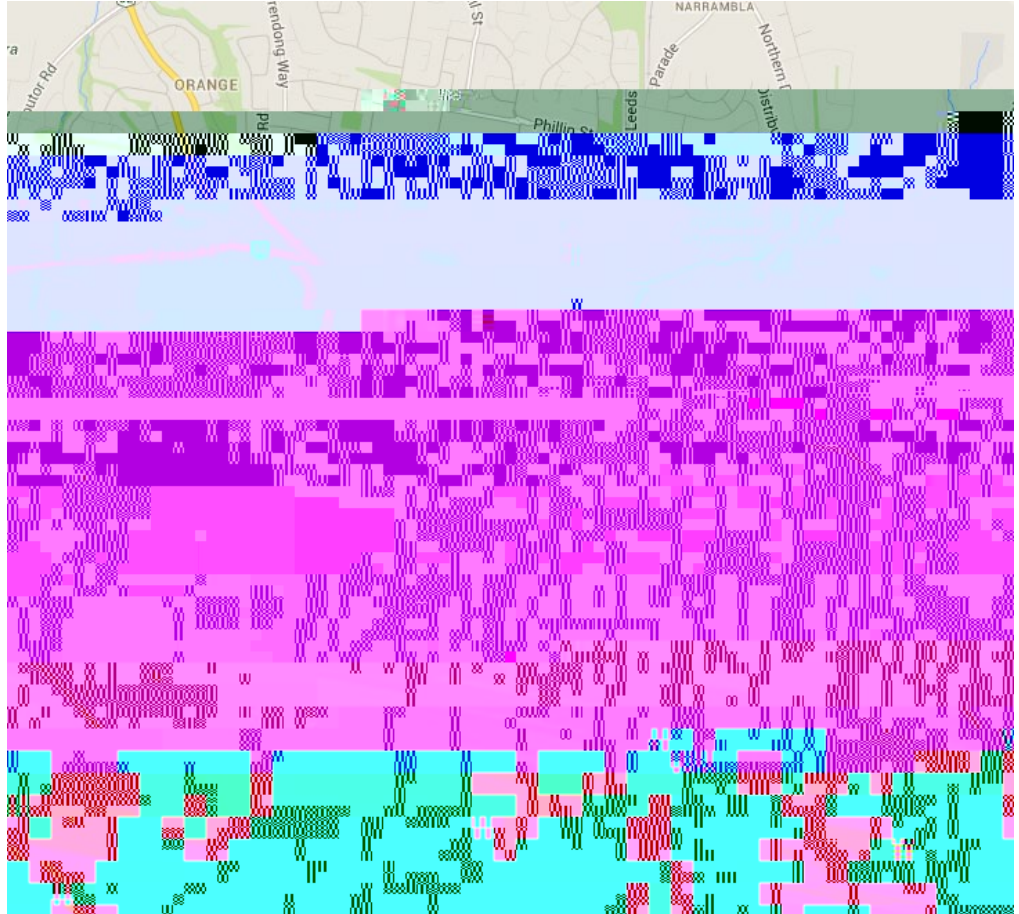


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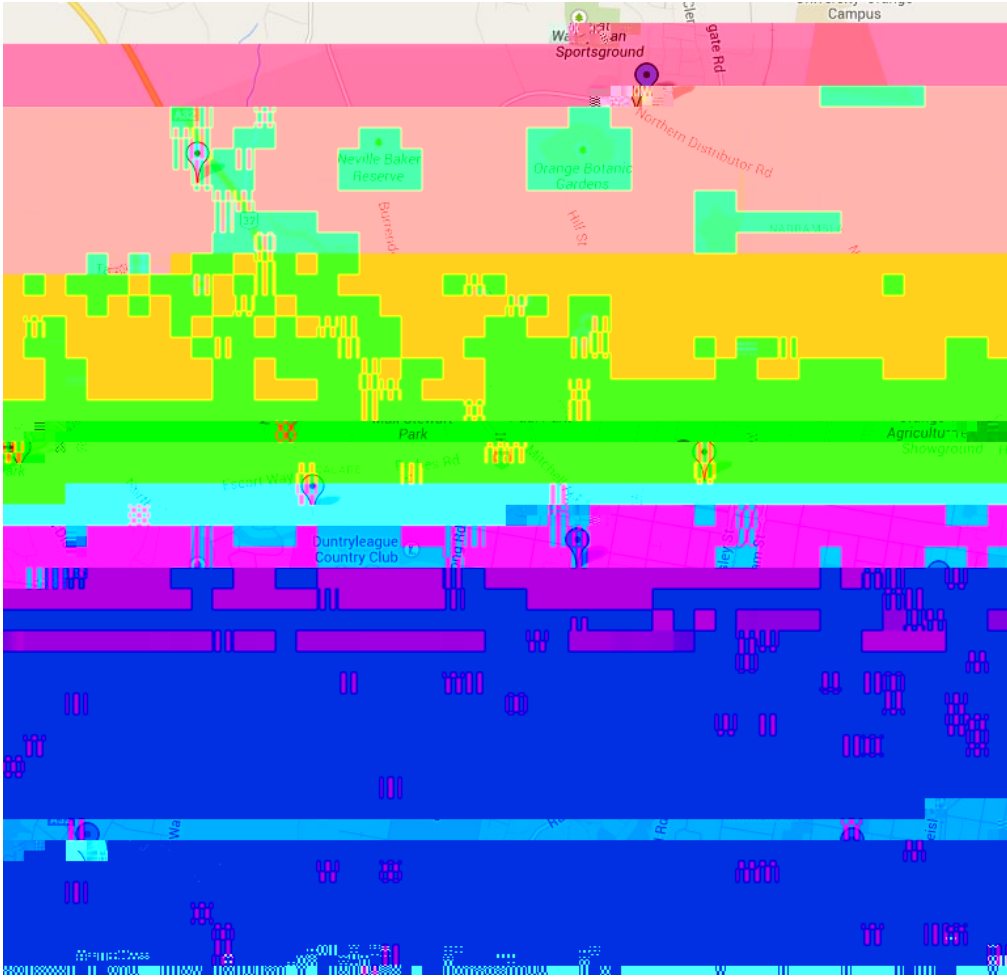


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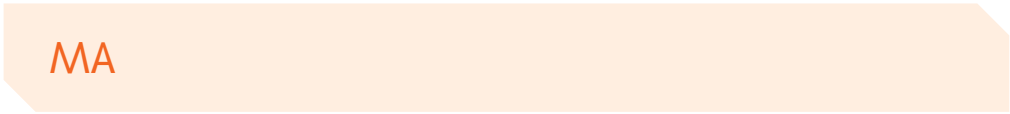
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MAP 3: ORANGE CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES





# ORANGE



## About the families who talked to us

around Orange, including supported playgroups, a preschool, a long day care  
families who spoke to us appears in the table below.

Table 1: The people who talked to us

Their gender	Male	Female
Their age	0-17	18-24
	25-34	35-44
	45-54	55-64
	65+	
Where they were born	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	Other
	Other	Other
	Other	Other
	Other	Other
	Other	Other
	Other	Other
The languages they speak at home	English	Other
	Other	Other
	Other	Other
	Other	Other
Whether they are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders	Yes	No
What their current work is	Employed	Unemployed
	Retired	Other
What their net income is	Less than \$10,000	More than \$10,000
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Their type of housing	Owned	Rented
	Owned	Rented
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## What the families told us

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Playgroups

children were able to play and socialise with other kids their age, mothers support for some of the mothers we spoke to.

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“There’s a Facebook page from all mothers and I wrote on there and asked people what their recommendations were.”

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“It’s just that [this child care centre] was convenient because it was right around the corner. It was a two minute walk from my place...I don’t drive.”

