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### **GROUNDBREAKING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN MURRUMBATAMAN**

**25 January 2017:** Construction of the state of the art, purpose-built, Fairley Early Childhood Education and Care is currently underway in Fairley Estate, Murrumbateman, NSW.

An initiative of ArnoldCo and Hewlett Property Group, this innovative, open plan early childhood education and care facility is scheduled to be open and operational by June 2017.

Approved to care for one hundred children from Murrumbateman and surrounding communities, the service will be managed and operated by YWCA Canberra.

A leading Australian not-for-profit organisation, YWCA Canberra has been providing award-winning children's services in Canberra for more than 30 years.

Rohan Arnold, Director of ArnoldCo said the development of Fairley Early Childhood Education and Care is the result of a community-wide need for excellent children's services in regional NSW.

"The facility will boast vast indoor and outdoor play areas with a country, homelike atmosphere, and will provide a long lasting, positive impact on the children and families of Murrumbateman and surrounding communities.

"We're excited to provide high quality services to a community that is not only deserving of such a development, but has shown demand for services of this type.

"We are delighted that this joint initiative is about to become a reality for the community."

YWCA Canberra's Executive Director, Frances Crimmins said they will create a beautiful, calm, learning environment for children, as well as develop a gender-neutral curriculum.

"Our centre-based care nurtures children's individual development and needs, and all children are treated equally and are respected as individuals.

“Cultural diversity is also a significant consideration in the development of our programming, with a specific emphasis on children’s social, emotional, creative, intellectual and physical development.

Ben Hewlett, Director of Hewlett Property Group said, “Stage Two of the development will see completion by the end of 2017 for over 900m2 of quality commercial space, due to be advertised for lease over the coming months.

"Alongside the Fairley Early Childhood Education & Care, we are creating three individual commercial buildings varying in lease capacity from 100m2 to 300m2.

“This will allow local business to cement a foothold in what is planned to be a vibrant and very exciting commercial hub within Murrumbateman.”

For more information on Fairley Early Learning Centre please contact Rohan Arnold, Director – ArnoldCo on [rohan@arnoldco.com.au](mailto:rohan@arnoldco.com.au) or Joanna Le, Director of Communication, Advocacy and Fundraising – YWCA on [Joanna.Le@ywca-canberra.org.au](mailto:Joanna.Le@ywca-canberra.org.au)

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**About ArnoldCo:** ArnoldCo is second generation family business, established in 1976 which has undertaken numerous commercial, industrial, and residential projects throughout Australia. ArnoldCo is supported by offices in Australia, China and the Philippines which enables us to take advantage of supply chains in lower cost markets. In most cases ArnoldCo has an equity stake in the developments it is involved in.

**About Hewlett Property Group:** Hewlett Property Group is a privately-owned company who specialise across the multi-unit residential and commercial space within growth corridors of Sydney and regional New South Wales. In recent years, Hewlett Property Group have been involved in the crafting of small to medium density development sites ranging in size from twenty-five to three hundred units.

**About YWCA Canberra:** YWCA Canberra is a feminist, secular, not-for-profit community organisation that has been providing community services and representing women’s issues in the Canberra community since its establishment in 1929. YWCA Canberra employs more than 300 staff across the ACT, and delivers 30 quality programs in children’s services, community development, housing, youth services, women’s leadership, advocacy, and training. Represented in 122 countries, the YWCA has a global reach of 25 million women and girls. As part of this international movement, YWCA Canberra works for a world where reconciliation, justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and care for the environment are promoted and sustained through women’s leadership. For more information visit:

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