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Introducing Belinda Goold

Belinda discovered the Pooraka Farm Community Centre through social media marketing.

Belinda, a mother of 4, became involved in the Introduction to Aged and Disability program at the end of 2015. She had lost her father a year earlier and was coping with significant anxiety and panic attacks. Additionally, she had suffered a back injury and was unable to work at this time. Throughout all of this, she still turned up to class every week. She undertook a Basic Home Maintenance program before deciding to attempt completing her previously commenced youth work certificate.

After several bad experiences with bullying at her youth work placement, she found herself lacking confidence and unsure what to do next. The Community Centre was looking for a crèche worker at this time and Belinda’s gentle and caring nature made her perfect for this role. Belinda jumped at the chance and has now been working at the crèche for over a year. The parents and children absolutely adore her for her passion, and ability to understand each child’s unique personality.

Belinda is now considering a Certificate 4 in Child Care and when the time is right for her and her family, she will undertake this study. In the meantime, Belinda is a valued staff member at the Centre and wonderful example of the impact of the ACE program.