



# PROJECT BRIEF

**PROJECT:** Country Buddies Child Care Centre, Yarrowonga VIC  
**INTERIOR DESIGN:** Creative Ambience, Lynne Mewett  
**INSTALLATION:** Bigger Floorworld  
**PRODUCT:** Polyflor 'Decorative Mystique PuR' & 'Astral' safety flooring

## flooring design for a better environment™

Choosing the right flooring for a childcare centre requires attention to detail. As well as the safety, slip factors, ability to take hard wear and ease of cleaning, the floor must also be comfortable for children to sit or lie on, and be brightly coloured and comforting as well as stimulating.

Country Buddies Childcare Centre operators Matthew and Robin Kibble were very keen to create a childcare centre that was child orientated, where the children could learn from their surroundings and experiences; a place the children loved to come to and feel comfortable. At the same time, it had to be practical, hard wearing and safe.

Professional Colour Consultant and Interior Designer Lynne Mewett of Creative Ambience was asked to specify interior and exterior colour, finishes and fittings. She specified Polyflor flooring products for all the rooms except the office areas.

Ms Mewett designed all the shapes set into the floors – fish, flower and

geometric shapes in bright primary colours. She also chose the softer colours for the centre's logo in the reception area – a stork carrying a swing with a happy child on it.

"My whole design emphasis was based on the age group and cognitive development of the children, as were the floor designs," she said.

"I wanted to incorporate vocabulary development, concepts, spatial relations, shape and colour as well as forming designated areas for activities. This provides opportunities for staff to use the different shapes and colours for learning activities, such as 'stand beside the blue square', 'sit in the red triangle', 'walk on the curved or wavy line'.



She chose Polyflor Decorative Mystique PuR for the day rooms. "It filled each of the requirements I was looking for, as it provides polish free maintenance, Class D slip resistance for dry usage and is a low maintenance floor."

In the wet areas she selected Polyflor Polysafe Astral, utilising the bright attractive colours within the range. The Supratec maintenance system allows this product to be used in areas where hygiene and ease of maintenance is critical - kitchens, children's toilet facilities and the laundry. The R10 slip resistance rating is guaranteed by Polyflor for

the life of the product.

Ms Mewett said she chose Polyflor because they have a great range of products in suitable colours. In addition, the technical assistance she received from Polyflor representatives was "invaluable".

"We've had a lot of comments about our logo in the floors at the front reception, and the shapes in the floors in the children's rooms," Matthew Kibble said.

"At the same time, staff say the floors are easy to clean, dry quickly and are very servicable."

