

Generational Learning at Coal Creek

Local primary and secondary school children congregated at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum to take part in a Generational Learning Community History Program.

The program ran for two days with students taking advantage of the breadth of historical resources to prepare a project they will present to teachers, their families and local dignitaries in September.

The innovative event is a celebration of local history through the eyes of children that Coal Creek Education Program Leader, Emma Fellows- Cooke, said provided a unique point of view.

“The project provides a link between young people and the custodians of our local heritage within our community,” she explained.

“By interviewing family members of soldiers and local history experts in Coal Creek’s unique setting, students are immersed in the past so they have direct experience of their heritage.”

The program is made possible through funding provided by the Department of Education and Training (DET) Strategic Partnership Program, which recognised this educational experience could not be duplicated in the school environment.

“This program shows that Coal Creek is more than just a tourist attraction,” Mrs Fellows-Cooke said. “This program demonstrates our capacity to be an invaluable educational services provider.”

The following schools will be presenting their Generational Learning projects on Thursday 8 September from 7.00pm;

- Loch Primary School - *Loch’s banking history and the history of the Loch Primary School*
- Korumburra Primary School - *Percy Tolson and Thorton Newton, Korumburra recruits in WW1*
- Nyora Primary School - *The History of the Nyora Hall*
- Korumburra Secondary College - *Antonio Radovick; a Korumburra Pioneer*

Photo captions:

1. *Coal Creek Education Program Leader, Emma Fellows- Cooke, takes the students through their paces.*
2. *Loch Primary School students researching their history project.*
3. *Nyora Primary School students researching the Nyora Hall.*

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