

Teddy Bears Have Their Picnic

South Gippsland Shire Council hosted a Teddy Bears Picnic this week to recognise Children's Week.

Children's Week is a national program recognising the talents, skills, achievements and rights of young people. The 2017 theme is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

During Children's Week, local councils, organisations, schools and early childhood services organise a range of open days, displays and special events that celebrate childhood and showcase children's achievements.

Over 140 people attended Coal Creek Community Park and Museum for the free event including many children with their teddy bears in tow.

Children were entertained with face painting by Fair Wendy, storytelling by Michael Hogan from the Leongatha Library and a sausage sizzle by the Leongatha SES.

There was a host of activities that were enjoyed on the day and a train carriage full of teddy bears that children were excited to share the event with.

The event was promoted to local playgroups in the area to ensure families with children under five years of age had the opportunity to attend.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Coordinator of Children and Family Services Sally Baker was delighted the day had been such a great success.

"The Teddy Bears Picnic was a fantastic event to celebrate our local children and create a day out for families.

"I would just like to thank everyone involved in the day, particularly the Supported Playgroup Facilitators who organized the event. We hope that all children and families enjoyed the day as much as we did," said Ms Baker.

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