



LATROBE VALLEY WEATHER

WEDNESDAY

21
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THURSDAY

19
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OR TWO



FRIDAY

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CLOUDY



SATURDAY

25
MOSTLY
SUNNY



KIDS KINGDOM

Parents Maddie Kennedy from Moe and Traralgon's Rochelle Aland, eight-month-old Ellie, Lola (2) and Logan (3) had a blast at the local Children's Week celebration in Newman Park.

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Picture perfect picnic, play for Children's Week

By KATRINA BRANDON

MORE than 150 people celebrated Children's Week with a Teddy Bear Picnic, enjoying the warmth of the sun and the coolness of the shade in Newman Park, Traralgon.

The picnic was brought on by Playgroup Victoria, which is working towards further unity between Latrobe Valley playgroups.

Playgroup Victoria FLAG Officer, Shascha Reese-Sharam said: "The event came about from us looking at all of the playgroups in the area, and we were like, 'we need something that brings playgroups together and showcases all the amazing work these volunteers and employees put into making their playgroups absolutely amazing week-by-week'."

"We decided for Children's Week to make a huge Teddy Bear Picnic. This is it, with over 150 people in attendance. It has been a fantastic turnout."

Ms Reese-Sharam said the group aimed for 50 to 80 people to attend, and were excited to see attendance well exceed that number.

Ms Reese-Sharam added it was encouraging to see that everyone was keen to get involved on the day, and they had had over eight organisations come together to celebrate Family and Children's Week (October 19-27).

The group is already considering making it a yearly event.

"Due to the enthusiasm the community has shown today, we definitely will be back to do it all over again," Ms Reese-Sharam said.

"We would love for people to be involved, so keep an eye out on our socials when it comes close to Children's Week."



Sharing: Traralgon's Leni (3) and Lola (4) had fun at Playgroup's Children's Week event in their hometown. Photographs: Katrina Brandon



Creative: Amelia (2) from Churchill at the picnic.



Fun: Playdough was a favourite for Traralgon's Leni (3) during Children's Week.



Family: Traralgon mother Danielle with Layla (3) and Lenny (1) enjoying a day out at Newman Park during a Playgroup Victoria event.