

Having Family Fun

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The magical Puffing Billy Steam Train was the setting for our Family Fun Day on Sunday 28 November. More than 200 people attended - almost half of these for the first time!

Kids and adults alike arrived at Emerald Park Lake enthused and excited after a beautiful journey winding through the Dandenong ranges on the famous Puffing Billy train!

They were greeted by CFV staff who showed them to the party venues so that the fun could begin!

The day held something for everyone. Parents took the opportunity to relax and make new friends or catch up with old ones from other CFV functions, many went for a walk around the park and the children enjoyed playing with one another and getting involved in all that was on offer.

Fun and games

There were such a lot of things going on that the kids didn't know where to focus their attention.... should they watch Luke the bubble-blowing, water-shooting clown on stilts or sit down and watch Mojo the hysterical magician and all round silly clown..... or play games with Tim, Jai and Amanda from Purple Soup who volunteered their time to entertain the kids (and kids at heart). Having such experts working with our kids is guaranteed to put a smile on all our faces! Thanks guys!

The giggles, shouts and laughter that were heard throughout the afternoon were a testament to the success of the day!



Above: Mojo keeps everyone entertained with his magic tricks

And good food

Once again the Lions Club of Greensborough volunteers cooked up a storm on the BBQ and provided everyone with lunch, drinks, lollies and fairy floss. Barry Kendall and his helpers must be thanked for their support on the day and their ongoing commitment to the CF cause.

A big thank you to Graham Morse who provided so many ice creams that everyone was kept well-supplied for most of the afternoon!
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And Santa

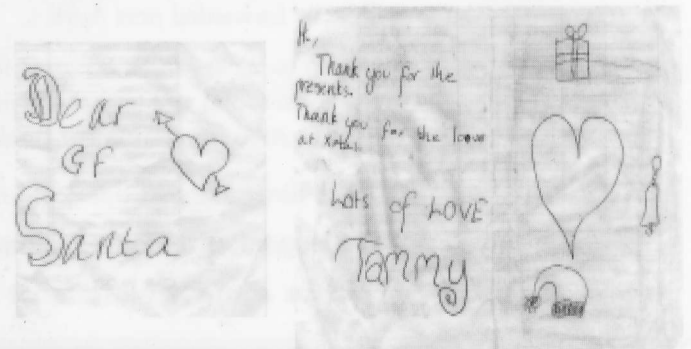
Luckily, Santa managed to find his way from the North Pole all the way to the Dandenongs to deliver presents for all children both naughty and nice!

The excitement on the kids' faces indicated that Santa made good choices of gifts this year with some just unable to let go of their new gifts.

Tammy Cipriano couldn't wait to see Santa - she even gave him a card she had made! Santa just loved getting Tammy's card and talking to all the children. He says he'll be back again next year!



Above: Tammy sat on Santa's lap and gave him a card that said 'Thank you for the presents. Thank you for the love at Christmas.'



Overall, it was a great event - thank you to everyone who came along and supported the day - we do hope you had as much fun as we did and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Left: Lauren Hearn had a go at the egg and spoon race - there were lots of smashed eggs on the ground afterwards!