



Bally Hooley blast for tots

NATIONAL Families Week is celebrated in Australia by tens of thousands of people and hundreds of organisations - it is an annual celebration of families.

It is timed to coincide with the United Nations International Day of Families on May 15.

The central aim of National Families week is to celebrate the vital roles that families play and particularly the highlight the importance of giving every child a happy and healthy childhood.

This year's theme was "the best start - supporting happy and healthy childhoods".

On Wednesday, May 19, the Bally Hooley took over 150 children, families and carers on a return trip from the Marina Station to Celebrate National Families Week.

Children from Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre playgroups and new parents group, Mossman playgroup,

Wonga playgroup, Goobidi playgroup, Tropical North Family Day Care and Cubby House Child Care Centre attended.

A fantastic day out was had by all, many children experiencing their first train ride.

We hope to make this day out on the Bally Hooley an annual event to celebrate National Families Week as it was such a huge success and brought so many families together from our community.

We would like to express our appreciation to the team at the Bally Hooley for their generosity in support of National Families Week.

The event could not have been a success without the time and effort forthcoming from Anne and the team at the Bally Hooley.

*Mandy Stone
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Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre



All aboard: tiny tots enjoyed a day out on the Bally Hooley last month