

## Together in the South

### What we've been up to...

Together in the South has had a busy year. On 19<sup>th</sup> of August, we launched our Community Conversations with a free family fun day event at the Morphett Vale Football Club. Over 300 people connected with volunteers and community leaders about *What makes our community a great place for children.*



Key leaders on the day were the Kids on the Couch. A group of local children who interviewed members of the community, including the

Hon Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Community and Social Inclusion who shared her ideas for a strong community.

Children from Morphett Vale Primary School were also stars, leading conversations with children around the

questions they had designed: *What does a great community for children include?*

Through these conversations, so many members of

the community committed to working together to ensure every 0-8 year-old is *Safe, Healthy, Active. Ready to Learn and Engaging Positively (SHARE).*



The day was made possible by the fact that residents, children, community organisations, government, sporting clubs and philanthropy came together to **SHARE** their time, resources and energy.

Resulting in what one member of the community described as: *"The best event I have been to in years!"*



Another key activity led by our Ready to Learn Working Group included a network meeting of playgroup co-ordinators, workers and volunteers on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The day was a great success with comments like *"It was so good to meet others and find out what they are all doing. I was especially surprised to find out there was a playgroup running in an aged care facility which I thought was quite a brilliant idea!"*



This meeting, as well as our community conversations have all fed into the strategic focus of Together in the South for 2018. Together we are focusing on our children being ready to learn and will be working with playgroups, families and community members to boost attendance and participation.

## What we've achieved...

### Community Conversations

#### ROVING CONVERSATIONS

14 volunteers had semi-structured conversations with 51 people.

#### ASKS

During the conversations community members were asked to:

- *Like us on Facebook:* 46 people liked Together in the South following the event.
- *Attend Community Conversation Training:* 18 people agreed and 5 attended
- *Take a sticker and put it somewhere visible:* 51 people agreed and 4 stickers have been sighted!

#### KIDS ON THE COUCH

2 children interviewed 11 adults and an adult listened and recorded the conversations.

#### BRICK WALL AND DRAWINGS

Four Morphett Vale Primary Student Learn Leaders designed and led these activities with 55 responses on a paper 'brick' and 11 drawings to the question 'What does a great community for children include?'

### **Playgroup Event** - 26 people attended

Members of Together in the South are currently surveying members of the community about their playgroup experiences. Responses are being collated and will inform our action planning over the summer.

## Where we're going...

Together in the South will be working collaboratively to increase attendance and participation in playgroups. We will be hosting further network meetings for workers and volunteers, talking to families about their experience and identifying how we can overcome any barriers to attendance.

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