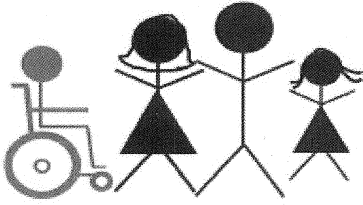


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Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Parent Support Network Eastern Region I would like to thank you and all your members who volunteered their time to help run the very popular Family Fun Day on November 22nd. The weather was not in our favour but, for the families who did attend, the day was very much appreciated. The volunteers are such an essential part of the day and their assistance ensured everything ran smoothly despite the rain. I must single out and congratulate Fred Gibbs for coming up with the idea for this family day and then making it happen. It has been a pleasure working with him and the other amazing Balwyn Rotarians.

Over 500 people were expected to come along although not that many did actually attend on the day. This once again demonstrates the need for such an event for these families. Many contacted me afterwards to ask if the event had been postponed because of the weather as they were disappointed they couldn't come along. Of those parents who did attend a number of them asked me to send their thanks to all those that were involved in organising the family day at Box Hill Miniature Railway. Several commented on the lovely time the whole family had riding on the trains and visiting the animal farm.

Having a child with a disability changes your life forever and it is sometimes difficult to find opportunities where the whole family can go out together and not be overwhelmed trying to cater to the needs of all their children. Offering an activity like the Fun Day can allow families to enjoy a day out in a disability friendly, stress free environment. Thank you once again for the assistance provided by all your volunteers who helped make this a wonderful day for everyone. We look forward to working with you again in 2010. Please pass on our best wishes for the festive season to all your members.

Kind regards,

Jenny Salgo,  
Coordinator,  
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