

## Community Christmas Gathering Event Report 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015

This event was organised to allow parents and families to come and relax for an afternoon after a busy lead-up to Christmas.



Even though the weather was overcast and cool it was awesome to see many families come along. Almost 100 adults and children enjoyed an afternoon of social relaxation and entertainment. BBQ's were made available for those families who wished to stay for tea.



Pedalmania was a huge success with both adults and children. They brought out an amazing range of 35 bikes for all ages to have a go on. These were all very different than your average 2 wheeled pedal bike. There was many-a-request for this activity to be re-organised again. Even Santa enjoyed a ride!

Some of the games from our Community games trailer were set up. This provided a variety of entertainment and games to try. Again it was encouraging to see both adults and children giving these a go 😊



A local youth duo played all afternoon providing wonderful relaxing background music for the day. There were wonderful comments received about these talented teens. They certainly set the theme for relaxation.

What Christmas gathering would be complete without a visit from the very famous man in red. Santa spent well over an hour of his precious time mingling and chatting with both children and parents. He was then taken for a ride on the old fire appliance and to the delight of the children began throwing out a lolly scramble. It was great to see the 'big' kids ensuring that the 'younger' ones all had lollies and sharing their stash!



The firebrigade was set to do a wet n slide activity though we chose not to engage with this due to the cold weather. Excited children (and some adults!) were given rides around the domain on the old appliance.

This was a very relaxing and fun afternoon for parents and children.

