



# BUD'S TOYS NEWS

## OFFICIAL LAUNCH A HUGE SUCCESS

BUD's official launch on Friday 8th September 2006 was held over 2 fun filled hours combined with the regular Special Needs In Bellingin Shire play group at the Elliot Close Children's Centre. Many thanks to SNIBS for accommodating us on the day.

Around 35 adults and 45 children took part in the proceedings. We were fortunate to have Chairperson of the auspice organisation Bellingin Shire Support Services Inc. Helen Dickson and Deputy Mayor Margaret Gundry there to officially launch the project and cut the cake.



*Pictured (from L to R): BUD's Co-ordinator Kirsti Hudson, BSSN Executive Officer & BUD's founder Andrew Sommerville, Helen Dickson, Sue Schmolke and Margaret Gundry.*

Other dignitaries that attended included Sue Schmolke and Jude Alcorn from BUD's funding body the Dept. of Community Services, Councillors' Kerry Childs & Gordon Braithwaite and Council Project Officer Josie Robinson.

Many members also came along and their children relished getting their faces painted and blowing bubbles amidst test driving the bikes, playing in the home corner, tumbling around on the vinyl mats and working with the gardening equipment.

It was a fabulous opportunity for all of the people involved in various aspects of the project to come together and celebrate the success that BUD's has had in it's first four months of operation.

Thank-you to all of the people who came along on the day and to all BUD's members for their ongoing support.

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### BUD'S Provides:

- ☺ Low annual membership and concession rates.
- ☺ Almost 400 quality toys to choose from.
- ☺ Convenient online joining, browsing and ordering toys.
- ☺ Toy collection agencies in Bellingin, Urunga & Dorriggo townships.
- ☺ Free internet access & assistance at each agency.
- ☺ Choice of 2 or 4 week loans.

## Some Photos from the Launch.....



*Caila enjoys scooting around.*



*Melinda shows off her lucky door prize, kindly donated by Little Einstein in Coff.*



*Little Lani relaxing with a big cushy dinosaur.*



*Ethan practices his coordination skills on a pedal roller.*

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For more information about the service, contact co-ordinator Kirsti Hudson on 6655 2650.



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## SURVEY TIME

As part of our commitment to involving the community in directing the toy library, we are conducting a brief survey to assess member satisfaction with existing processes of joining and borrowing toys. Over the next few weeks, when you pick up your toys there will be a survey attached for you to fill out. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take a few minutes to fill in this form and return it when you return your toys. The survey is completely confidential and your responses will only be used to improve and guide the future use of the toy library.

Many thanks, Kirsti Hudson.

## TOY FEATURES

### BABY SENSORY PATH

This set is made up of 7 soft foam cushioned hexagons that join together with Velcro tabs to form any shape you like. Each hexagon features different coloured or textured fabric to create a stimulating path for babies to explore. Individual hexagons are 43cm.

**COST:** \$6.40 per fortnight  
**AGE:** 6 months and over



### BRIDGE BALANCE PLAYSET

This large vinyl covered foam playset allows you to create a bridge style climbing structure using the 2 supports and balance block, with an under-mat for added safety. This is an excellent way for children to learn balance and co-ordination skills. 120cm x 60cm x 60cm when assembled.

**COST:** \$12.00 per fortnight  
**AGE:** 3 to 6 years

### EXPERIENCE ROLLY SCOOTER

This durable metal scooter has a heavy duty board allowing children to easily develop balancing skills. It also features real air tyres with racing tread, and hand grips that provide a perfect hold for young riders. 95cm L x 66cm H x 35cm W. Helmet not provided.

**COST:** \$9.00 per fortnight  
**AGE:** 3 years and over.

