

Playgroup Muster is a KidsFest must

ONE of the standouts of this year's KidsFest Shellharbour will be the Playgroup Muster and Children's Health and Development Expo.

The event will take place on Thursday, May 24 from 10am-12noon at Blackbutt Forest Reserve, Shellharbour Rd (entry near Shellharbour Resort Motel).

KidsFest Shellharbour is a week-long annual festival taking place from May 20-26.

It is an initiative of Communities for Children Shellharbour, funded by the Federal Government.

This is KidsFest's fifth year and the program looks more exciting than ever with more than 100 activities at in excess of 60 events throughout the Shellharbour Local Government Area.

The program features the Children's Health and Development Expo which this year will merge with the popular Playgroup Muster at Blackbutt Reserve.

There will be plenty of activities for children under five years including music fun with the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music, felt puppet making, art and craft and seedling planting with Shellharbour City Council.

Parents and carers will also have the chance to meet with child and family service experts, enjoying a variety of interactive activities to support children's learning and development.

There will also be bush poetry with Parso, promoting healthy lunches



• Kidsfest helping build better communities. Seedling planting at last year's Muster. Photo courtesy: Bernie Fisher.

with Nutrition Australia and Aboriginal rock painting with Auntie Pearl.

A highlight is always the special appearance of Billy Back Pack, the transition to school mascot, which will take place at 11am.

To see the full program visit the www.kidsfestshellharbour.com.au website.