



Calling all bears and kids of all ages! It's Picnic time again!

The most fun-filled family day of the year is on **Sunday 17 October from 10.30am to 4.00pm at Rosehill Gardens**. It's The Children's Hospital at Westmead's annual Teddy Bears' Picnic, and this year's gathering is set to be the best one yet.

Now in its 30th year, the Teddy Bears' Picnic just keeps getting bigger and better, and most importantly, continues to raise vital funds for The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The Teddy Bears' Picnic is a fun and affordable family day out for the child in all of us and teddies of all kinds. There's jumping castles and rides for the adventure types, petting zoos for the animal lovers, and Seven Network celebrity signings and sightings for those after a bit of glamour. Get creative at one of our art and craft workshops. Don't forget to get your face painted, and why not pick up a showbag. Feeling active? There are sports clinics and loads of games on offer as well. You can even get your teddy checked out at our iconic Bear Clinic, staffed by our special Picnic doctors.

There is an exciting Centre Stage Concert that can't be missed. In 2009 we had performances from Dorothy the Dinosaur, Astro Boy, Ice Age 3 and the Wild Aussies. In 2010 the line-up will be just as impressive, with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Live Stage Show and LazyTown Live Stage Show already on the programme.

The School Stage will once again showcase the brightest stars from across the state. It will also play host to the famous Picnic Popstars competition.

For one low, all-inclusive ticket families can enjoy a fun-filled day of activities, rides and entertainment in support of an important cause. So come along, join the fun and support our mission to make sick kids better. Don't forget your teddy!

For the latest activities and confirmed performances visit www.teddybearspicnic.com.au.

To order tickets call Ticketmaster on 136100 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.au.

*Transaction fees may apply

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Can't come to the Teddy Bears' Picnic but still want to help? Get involved in our Ticket-a-thon program and give a sick or disadvantaged child a memorable day out!

The Children's Hospital at Westmead Ticket-a-thon program allows supporters who can't go on the day to purchase tickets for disadvantaged children who may otherwise be unable to attend. Ticket-a-thon tickets are then distributed to children's charities such as Ronald McDonald House, The Starlight Children's Foundation, Camp Quality and The Smith Family – to name just a few.

Call 9845 3364 or e-mail events@chw.edu.au to find out more.

About The Children's Hospital at Westmead

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is the highly respected, largest paediatric centre in NSW, providing excellent care for children from NSW, Australia and across the Pacific Rim.

Established in 1880, *The Children's Hospital at Westmead* is a public Hospital and registered charity with 3,000 staff working in 150 departments. 70,000 sick children and their families are cared for each year in a family-focused, healing environment.

Funded by the NSW Government, *The Children's Hospital at Westmead* provides significant extra services aided by the generosity of individual and corporate donors. For more information visit www.chw.edu.au