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Indigenous child health check road show and fun day

Over 300 children from the local and surrounding areas attended the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service's Child Health Check and Family Fun day.

On Monday 15 October Ambulance Officer Lorraine Gould attended Pioneer Park in Wellington where over 300 children from the local and surrounding areas attended the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service's hosted it's annual Child Health Check and Family Fun day.

This fun day is part of the Indigenous Child Health Check Road show which is touring Australia. Nova Peris (Aboriginal Olympian Hockey player and Athlete) supported the road show which was also attended by other special guests including footballers David Peachey and Nathan Blacklock and Bo de la Cruz, Australian touch football player.

The road show targets Indigenous Children between the ages of 0 -14 years to participate in a health check. The purpose of the Indigenous child health check is to ensure that children receive the optimum level of care by encouraging prevention, early detection, diagnosis and intervention for common and treatable conditions. It is hoped that all Indigenous children will participate in a Health check annually with the road show being an important way to promote these checks.



Time out for a photo. AO Lorraine Gould and David Peachey (back row) and Bo de la Cruz, Nova Peris and Nathan Blacklock (front row).

Health check's on the day comprised of a physical check including: weight/height/ temperature/ pulse/ respirations and assessments in vision/hearing/dental and development. The checks were carried out by health professionals including doctors. Other health promotion activities on the day included smoking/sun protection/ diet/exercise/asthma/immunisation status and diabetes.

A barbecue lunch, face painting, Indigenous games, sample bags and balloons were also part of the day.

Kids loved climbing through the ambulance and looking at all the equipment.

A big thank you to Lorraine Gould for her outstanding efforts in promoting Ambulance key messages to the local communities.

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