Kids learn to surf at autism family fun day

More than 200 children and young adults with autism and related developmental delays, along with their parents and carers, will come together on Nobbys Beach this Saturday as part of the Hunter Connect Surfers for Autism ‘Learn to Surf’ day.

Hunter Water is pleased to support this important event, where expert instructors will provide practical lessons on the basics of surfing for participants in a safe environment.

Individuals suffering from autism and related development delays are highly receptive to the fun and physical nature of these lessons. Families and carers will also be kept occupied by a range of other exciting activities on the day.

Hunter Connect provides a support service for families living with autism, asperger, ADHD and other neurological development disorders.

“It is great to see Hunter Connect joining with Surfers for Autism and organising such a wonderful day that will benefit so many people,” said Hunter Water’s General Manager Infrastructure Delivery, Chris Turnbull.

“Any event that allows kids and their families and carers to put aside their worries and enjoy some simple, outdoor fun is something that should be encouraged.”

“We want families affected by Autism to experience the love and acceptance of Newcastle’s surfing and business communities through this extraordinary event,” said Sam Hays, President and cofounder of Hunter Connect.

The event is free for participating ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) families. Donations raised through local sponsors will help to raise important funds for Hunter Connect, helping it to organise future events and to assist in furthering support for families affected by autism.

For more information about Hunter Connect, visit www.hunterconnect.org.au or search ‘Hunter Connect’ on Facebook. For more information about Surfers for Autism, visit www.surfersforautism.org or search ‘Surfers for Autism’ on Facebook.

Event details:
Surfers for Autism Event
10am, Saturday 11 February at Nobbys Beach, Newcastle.

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