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KIDS RULE

Kids rule at Adelaide Convoy

The Adelaide Convoy for Kids brought smiles to faces of the younger brigade, as well as the truckies themselves.

Peter and Di Schlenk took their camera along

ON SUNDAY May 25, local Adelaide charity Novita Children's Services hosted the 16th annual CMV Convoy for Kids.

A shower the previous evening was a concern for all involved. They needn't have worried as the sun rose on a beautiful Adelaide autumn day.

The trucks came early and the kids came early; the chance to ride in a truck or bus is something every child dreams of.

"Over the last few years, we have seen record numbers of children signing up to be part of the event," says Novita's events coordinator Megan Hammond.

"The drivers and their trucks ensured that every one of our 'little stars' got a ride. This year 350 trucks were in the Convoy."

The day is all about seeing hundreds of children with disabilities team up with big hearted truckies and take part in the ride of a lifetime around the streets of suburban Adelaide.

"Every year, these truckies arrive at the convoy venue with their 'pride and joy' freshly washed, polished and decorated especially for the day. This year Novita

recognised their incredible efforts with a Truck Show 'N' Shine."

This year, CMV became a major partner in the convoy. CMV, under the guidance of the Crawford family, provides many charities and needy groups with assistance. The CMV Group distributes

Kenworth, Volvo, Mitsubishi, Hino, and Mack in South Australia. It was great to see CMV involved in the convoy, not only with sponsorship, but also putting over 20 vehicles in this year's convoy.

It was also a great day for a barbecue, some set up in tautliners and in the chassis of trucks. With entertainment for the kids, you couldn't wipe the smile off their faces, and there were some pretty happy drivers too.

One can only be thankful that late on

a Sunday morning, people don't mind a little bit of noise pollution. Many drivers had linked up string to enable their passengers to sound their air horns and the kids were putting the string to good use.

Once again, thanks to CMV, the drivers and owners, the Transport Workers Union (TWU), the South Australian police as well as various service clubs and all who joined together and contributed in any way to putting a smile on a child's face. ■



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