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BIRDS, BELLS AND BUTTONS AT THE COONAMBLE LIBRARY

Coonamble Pre-school children took part in the 24th Annual Simultaneous Storytime held across Australia this year, coming together at the Coonamble Library for a reading of *Bowerbird Blues*.

Simultaneous Storytime is an initiative of the Australian Library and Information Association and is held nationwide every year.

Coonamble Library has been participating in this event for many years, with guest readers, schools, childcare centres, and the random enthusiast turning up to enjoy a great story.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Aussie author/artist, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, and childcare centres across the country.

Mayor Tim Horan said, "This is a vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy by using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum."

This year, the book chosen was *Bowerbird Blues*, by Aura Parker, and Council would like to thank the Coonamble Pre-school for joining us at the library to listen to this beautiful book and enjoy the toys, books and all the buttons on our sensory wall that we have in our children's area (the sleighbells were a hit).

A copy of the book and a craft and sensory play activity were prepared and sent out by the Council librarian for preschools in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.

General Manager, Paul Gallagher, said, "Nothing is more important for children than education, including reading at an early age. I am pleased that council can support and participate in this great event."

Paul Gallagher
GENERAL MANAGER



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