



Margaret River storytime



Alan Alexander entertains during storytime

Every Tuesday Margaret River library presents a storytime session filled with books, rhymes, songs and music, and craft. The sessions are held for around an hour and attract an average of 20 children and 14 adults every week. Librarian Rachael Drummond starts with an opening rhyme, then two or three books, finger rhymes, songs and short felt board stories in between book reading. The extra special part of our storytime sessions

are just before the craft when our volunteer Alan Alexander plays the guitar and entertains us with live versions of favourite songs and nursery rhymes. Each child is given an instrument to play and some even bring their own, such as ukuleles. The effect of music in the session enhances the experience for children and adults are equally enthralled to sing along.

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Cruizin'

November 11th was definitely a night to remember at one of the Hobsons Bay City Council libraries in the Melbourne seaside suburb of Altona. To celebrate the addition of *Cruzin* magazine to the collection, two things that seem worlds apart were brought together – hot rods and libraries.

Around 60 people (mostly men... that hard to reach audience we are always striving for!) came to hear hot rodding legend and *Cruzin* columnist Rod Hadfield talk. Rod spoke about the hot rodding and street rodding industries in Australia, how he came to write for the magazine and the proposed Hot Rod Centre to be built in Castlemaine, one that will serve as both an archival and an educational facility.



Hot Rods outside Altona Library

Rod also told personal stories of his own beginnings in hot rodding and the inspiration behind some of his cars, including one of his latest projects, a beach racer based on a model made by his grandfather left to him in his will. We were lucky it was a warm night and many brought their cars along for an impromptu Cruise Night / Show and Shine.

One of the most heartwarming comments from the audience was from a young man who said he first got into cars from reading books and magazines in Altona Library, the very library the event was held in!

Maybe these two worlds aren't as far apart as I thought and it just goes to show that there are many roads back to public libraries.

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