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The NPO Paws 4 U members with therapy dogs.

Village Fair does it with flair

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After nearly a decade-long break, the Parkhurst Village Fair made a vibrant comeback at Verity Park on September 27, transforming the neighbourhood into a lively hub of laughter, music, and local flavour.

Hosted by the Parkhurst Residents and Business Owners Association (Praboa), the event brought together neighbours, entrepreneurs, and performers, all united in the spirit of community.

The fair provided a day full of entertainment, from sunrise yoga to live bands and delicious street food. Local businesses, including favourites like Yaya's Rusks and the Grow Parkhurst community garden, ensured there was something for everyone to enjoy.

One of the fair's highlights was a young entrepreneur, Scott Sole, for instance, set up a lemonade stand with his cupcake-expert friend. "I had a lot of lemons on my lemon tree, and since it was winter, I wasn't sure what to do with them," Scott explained. "We thought the fair would be a fun way to work together and maybe make a bit of money." Their stand was just one example of the creativity that filled the park.

Pauline Borton from Praboa described the day as a resounding success. "This was our first fair in over eight years, and the community's response was phenomenal. The support,

collaboration, and energy we experienced truly made the event special. It was designed and curated by the community, and none of it would have been possible without our volunteers, local businesses, and generous sponsors."

The fair's programme was as diverse as the community itself. Visitors explored a wide range of stalls offering food, crafts, fashion, beauty products, and handmade goods. There were interactive competitions, pop-up photo booths, and zones dedicated to children and pets. Entertainment included live music, dance performances, yoga sessions, a quirky dog competition, and other activities that kept visitors engaged throughout the day. Meanwhile, adults enjoyed the adult zone, where they could relax with drinks and watch the rugby, adding a festive, communal atmosphere to the event.

Youth volunteers also played a vital role in the event. Ruth Quinn, an online student with a passion for art and drama, described her experience as both enjoyable and educational. "Volunteering has given me the chance to develop practical skills, from writing emails to coordinating events, all while

helping my community. I'm excited about our mural project for the library walk, which will feature a tree representing everyone who contributed."

Children enjoyed the kiddies zone with face painting, jumping castles, and water slides, while laughter filled the air. By the end of the Parkhurst Village Fair, it was clear that community matters. The event celebrated food, music, and fun, showcasing the joy that comes from neighbours coming together.



The Seegars family at the village fair.



Charlotte Franiatte and her sons Leon and Marius at the kiddies zone.



Katlego and Syllabus Katlaho.



Nelia Nglube, chief rusk officer of Yaya's Rusks. LEFT: Shelly and Connor Bredin.



Luna and Rozanne Cloake spend time at the fair.

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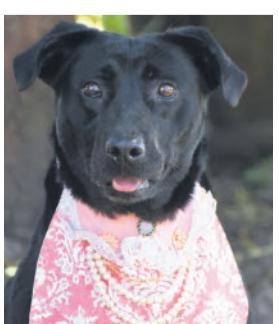
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