



Sunshine Coach officially in action

WALLAROO Primary School and Community Out of School Hours Care's new Sunshine Coach has officially been handed over.

Local Variety Bash entrants from the Bob the Builder and Gilligan's Island crews joined WPS and COSHC staff and students to watch Stratco Kadina store manager Will Leske present the keys to COSHC director Vicki Loone last Wednesday, March 9.

Stratco has supported Variety — the Children's Charity of South Australia for a decade, with the proceeds of events like the Variety 4WD Challenge going towards programs and equipment for children in need.

With an ever-increasing number of students at Kadina Memorial School, buses were becoming difficult to access so WPS and COSHC applied to Variety SA for a Sunshine Coach.

Ms Loone was over the moon to

learn the application was successful. Wallaroo Primary School and COSHC took delivery of the bus in early January and it has proven to be a wonderful resource.

Pick-up locations have increased from one school to five, which has enabled parents to take on more working hours.

"To employ a local bus service would have closed us.

"Considering two other out of school hours care centres in the area have already previously closed, this would have had a devastating impact on the community," Ms Loone said.

"The new bus has made such a difference and allows children who are disadvantaged, as well as those under state care, to use the bus during vacation care and have access to outings and experiences they wouldn't normally have."

Ms Loone said COSHC is grateful for the wonderful support of KMS

in supplying buses in the past.

Stratco group marketing manager Michael Stenhouse said he hopes the Sunshine Coach will help get kids out and have many exciting and enriching excursions.

"Stratco has been servicing the building, sheds and home improvement industry throughout the Copper Triangle for many years and opened our home improvement/hardware store in Kadina in 2010," he said.

"It is therefore wonderful to be able to give something back to this important region that has supported us," he said.

Maitland's Trevor Davey, who has previously entered the Variety Bash and is taking on the Variety 4WD Challenge this week, was present for the handover.

"I just love being involved in a charity which gives back to the community in which the funds are raised," he said.



THRILLED... At the official handover of the Variety Sunshine Coach from Stratco Kadina to Wallaroo Primary School and Community Out of School Hours Care (WPS and COSHC) are WPS business manager Sandy Shaw, COSHC director Vicki Loone, WPS student Serena Rojas, Stratco Kadina store manager Will Leske, bus driver David Hettner, Kadina Memorial School student Bianca Hammond, Harvest Christian College student Olivia Blackwell-Nye, KMS students Jordan Murray and Ebony, Variety 4WD Challenge and Bash Bob the Builder crew member Trevor Davey and Variety Bash Gilligan's Island Crew members Kerran Herbert, Ash McKay, Scott Bussenschutt and Michael Taylor.