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Local children visit fire heroes

Daglish Fire Station recently hosted a group of children with Autism, giving them a unique hands-on learning opportunity within a different environment.

The Autism Association of Western Australia's First Steps Kookaburra Social Group in Shenton Park were able to look inside the fire station, interact with the firefighters.

Early Childhood Services Manager, Melissa Galipo, said that the experience is all part of their focus areas around building communication skills, adapting to change and social engagement.

"It was a great experience for this group – the firies were fantastic – they showed the kids the trucks, the water hoses and the ladders," Melissa said.

"It was wonderful to see the children's positive interactions in an unfamiliar setting."

The eight children presented the firies with a card they had made together to thank them for their service in the recent Wundowie / Woorloo fires.

Autism Association of WA Chief Executive Officer, Joan McKenna Kerr, said that experiences like this are invaluable to the children.

"Like all children it was a treat to meet real life Fire Fighters and explore and explore the trucks and other equipment. We are very appreciative of the Daglish Fire Station making this opportunity available. It was such a great experience for everyone."

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