



# Down Syndrome Association of Qld Inc

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## World Down Syndrome Day

**When:** 21st March 2010

**Time:** 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Parade starting at 10:30 am.

**Where:** Pandanus Beach Water Park Wynnum (next to the Wynnum Wading Pool). Esplanade at the end of Edith St.

**What:** This year's WSDS will also include a Teddy Bear's Picnic. We encourage everyone to bring their favourite teddy to accompany you on the short parade and sing-along (parents included!). There will be prizes for most loved and best dressed teddy as well as a prize for best children's costume. Please find lyrics to the Teddy Bear's Picnic song to rehearse on the back. This year we ask that you bring a picnic for your family or purchase something from the local cafe. There are also public bbqs that will be available for your use. Face painting will be available for a gold coin donation.

**RSVP:** 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

What is the reason for celebrating World Down Syndrome Day?

21<sup>st</sup> March is recognised internationally as World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS). The date was chosen to signify the uniqueness of Down syndrome in the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome and is used synonymously with Down syndrome.

The annual observance of WSDS aims to promote awareness & understanding of Down syndrome & related issues: and to mobilise support & recognition of the dignity, rights and well being of persons with Down syndrome.

# Teddy Bear's Picnic Lyrics

If you would like to practice your singing you can visit Youtube and type in *Teddy Bear's Picnic* and sing along until you think you are ready!

If you go down to the woods today  
You're sure of a big surprise  
If you go down to the woods today  
You'd better go in disguise.

For every bear that ever there was  
Will gather there for certain, because  
Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic.

Every Teddy Bear who's been good  
Is sure of a treat today.  
There's lots of marvelous things to eat  
And wonderful games to play.

Beneath the trees where nobody sees  
They'll hide and seek as long as they please  
'Cause that's the way the Teddy Bears have their picnic.

If you go down to the woods today  
You'd better not go alone  
It's lovely down in the woods today  
But safer to stay at home.

For every bear that ever there was  
Will gather there for certain, because  
Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic.

Picnic time for Teddy Bears  
The little Teddy Bears are having a lovely time today  
Watch them, catch them unawares  
And see them picnic on their holiday.

See them gaily gad about  
They love to play and shout;  
They never have any care;

At six o'clock their Mummies and Daddies,  
Will take them home to bed,  
Because they're tired little Teddy Bears.

Lyrics to the music *The Teddy Bears' Picnic*  
written in 1933 by Jimmy Kennedy of Ireland