



Sam makes his way through a string maze.

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## Kids kept on hop

CHILDREN were beating school holiday boredom last week by taking part in a week of sports activities.

The free KidsGames holiday programs ran at the Kinglake Scout Hall and from Whittlesea Showgrounds, and aimed to bring some hope and joy to children from bushfire-affected areas.

Activities included volleyball, cricket and soccer

games and values-based activities.

Co-ordinator and Whittlesea resident Kylie Hunter said the activities, including a family trivia night, had been put on to bring the community together and keep children active.

"It gets the kids out and away from the TV," Ms Hunter said.

She said there had been a

good turnout of children despite the heat and the games had provided a fun activity for the children which was especially important this summer.

"Having to deal with the hot weather again there's a lot of anxiety around," she said.

Miss Hunter said she hoped to run more KidsGames programs in the area in the future.