

HFWA Family Camp 2008:



The 2008 HFWA camp was simply great fun.

This year's camp was run by a fully-accredited and professional team of instructors called Purple Soup. These people are experts in creating amazing camps for organisations that support people with special needs.

Purple Soup set a cracking pace of fun, educational, physically and mentally challenging activities all weekend. Absolutely everyone was involved and the activities had a great family and community focus.

Aside from a night time prison break, some of the other activities included abseiling, indoor rock climbing, a giant swing, flying fox rides, face mask making, painting, team challenges, role playing, discussion forums, swimming, beach walks, etc. Other highlights were campfire "blood and guts" songs that tickled the kids pink and ghost stories that turned others white.

I personally found the camp very rewarding and refreshing. More importantly my kids genuinely loved it.

There was real community spirit at this camp. The staff of Purple Soup did a fantastic job and the HFWA Committee should be commended for organising such a first-rate event.

Looking forward to the 2010 camp.

Cheers!

Aaron Brodie

Remembering Paul:

Paul Leithead joined us at camp with Claire, Kade and Jay on the Friday night and left Saturday morning to compete in a cricket grand final. Sadly, Paul passed away on Tuesday 1 April 2008. We would like to remember Paul and his contribution to the Foundation in this issue of Contact.

At camp Paul demonstrated his good hearted 'have-a-go' nature by joining in on the ice breaker activities with all of us, by donning a Jester's hat, playing games and singing a few words of the first song that came to him. Paul also attended many other activities and functions held by the Foundation. While we are saddened by his passing, Paul has left us with fond memories.

HFWA Family Prison Camp 2008:

The HFWA camp was a great success with *Purple Soup* coming to lead our camp.

When people arrived at the camp they had to be processed and have their mug shot taken next after that process they got a camp shirt kindly donated by Wyeth.

An idea to combine friendships with other people were the *Warm Fuzzy Books* thought of by Purple Soup.

Firstly, everyone grabbed a spot to rest their head and unpack their luggage.

Next, everyone got time to meet some new and old friends including the *Purple Soupers*.



Activities and Games

Some games and activities were *Dodo, pipeline, fireline, flying fox, mask making, big swing, climbing wall, abseiling and more*

In the *Pipeline* you would get a partner and one half of a pipe. Then you would have water poured down it and you would have to make a long line of pipe and keep forming the line until it reaches its destination.

The *Big Swing* was very good and made a lot of laughs. The big swing is fun because you get pulled into the air and when you're ready you pull the cable you then start to fly around in the air in the harness. When it is joined on the roof after you finish you get unclipped and wait in line again if you want another go. Or you can wait in line for the climbing wall.

I'm sure everybody loved the camp and could not wait till next camp!

Apart from the sleeping !

John Dinsdale

Camp Thank you:

There are many photos from the camp and unfortunately they could not all be published in this issue of Contact. HFWA hopes to have the photos running on a screen at the AGM, so if you would like to see more photos, come along to the AGM on Thursday 7 August 2008.

We would like to thank the following people for helping to make our camp a great success:

Wyeth, Baxter, Purple Soup, CSL, Sharon Hawkins, Michelle Dinsdale, Sharri Brodie, Cheryl Ellis, Rob McCabe, Justine Mamootil, Techniprint, Melanie Gould and everyone who attended.

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Presidents Report:

Hi All

As you can see from the articles and pictures that appear in this issue of Contact, the HFWA Family Camp was a raging success thanks to the great programme run by Purple Soup and the efforts of various members of your foundation (thanks Mel, Michelle, Sharri, Rob, Cheryl, Sharon, Dale and anyone else who I might have left out!!). The weekend was filled with relevant activities, testing your boundaries, good food, good fun and heaps of laughs had by all who attended. We'll have to plan hard to top it with the 2010 camp.

It's great to see that the Carrier Clinics run by Maria and Claire have begun at the RPH Haemophilia Treatment Centre (phone them on 9224 2937 for more information). Hopefully the clinics will be well attended and supported as there is a need to provide this service as part of the Comprehensive Care model.

It was great to see the level of interest generated from the vWD information evening held on 16 April. Maria Baccala presented a comprehensive overview which stimulated much discussion for all who attended – thanks Maria, Claire and Sister Lee for giving up their time to attend.

The World Federation of Haemophilia Congress is on next month in Istanbul, Turkey. Rob McCabe and I will be able to bring back some good news on all matters to do with haemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

Don't forget, Thursday 7 August at 7.30pm is the HFWA AGM. Please come along and support your foundation.

See you at the AGM.

Gavin Finkelstein

Men's Group Pot Black Night:

Hi! My name is Len.

What can I say? It was a fantastic night!

Completely not what I had expected! I don't know just what I expected after travelling around Australia for the last 18 months.

There was a good age group. I caught up with some old friends and met some new ones.

It was a very relaxing evening. Well done David!
Thanks

Len Coombs

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What A Great Camp



The HFWA Family Camp was held from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 March 2008 at Ern Halliday Recreation Centre and was facilitated by Therapeutic Recreational Organisation, **Purple Soup**.

Purple Soup provided adventure therapy to the campers and themed the whole camp around a Prison Camp, with participants being processed on arrival and issued with a prison uniform, the HFWA Camp 2008—Many Faces of Haemophilia t-shirts.



The camp was full-on with many activities like night games, teambuilding activities, giant swing, indoor climbing, flying fox & abseiling and heaps of other activities including a mass break-out of all the prisoners.

While everyone was exhausted from the lack of sleep and all the action, the feedback was positive and the HFWA committee members who attended were still buzzing about the camp a few days later—**Well done Purple Soup**.

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