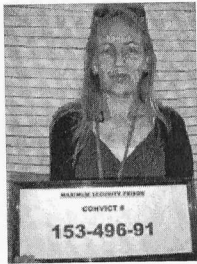


As a mother, I also found the Family Camp very informative, useful and fun. It was an opportunity for the other family members (his sisters and father) to become more involved, to learn more about haemophilia and also, just as important to have their own feelings, thoughts and concerns recognized, acknowledged and listened to. The girls were able to attend a workshop which allowed them to talk about what it is like to grow up with a brother that has haemophilia and to have some questions answered in regard to the possibility of being carriers and my husband also found that it has increased his awareness enormously. It was great to be able to share experiences with other families and the games and fun activities created opportunities for people to make friendships and create a sense of belonging and team building. Attending the family camp was a fantastic and rewarding experience. The whole family thoroughly enjoyed it and we look forward to attend future events and being more involved in ways that we can to provide a positive future for those living with haemophilia everyday. I would like to thank those who were involved in organising the weekend and commend them on job well done. 'YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES.'

Jennifer Stringer



Hi there, my name is Jennifer Stringer and I am the newly appointed Secretary of the HFSA and I would like to introduce myself to everyone. I am married to Shane and we have four children - Brooke 13 Chloe 9 Jack 6 and Beau 4. We live in Two Wells, SA.

Beau has severe haemophilia and both Brooke and Chloe are carriers of the haemophilia gene. On the 21 and 22 of September, we attended a family weekend at Wirrina Cove Resort. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet other families with haemophilia. As we arrived we all had mug shots taken as Purple Soup had organized a Prison Break weekend. We all participated in group activities aimed at getting people to interact with each other; it was a lot of fun. After lunch we split into teams and played team activities, then while the parents relaxed, the kids went off for a game of silly soccer; they all had a great time.

After dinner was the Trivia Night, at the end it was a draw between our table and a table of youth members, it ended with the air guitar play off, which I am proud to say, we won.

In the morning after breakfast the ladies went for their secret women's business while the men went for their secret men's business. The women were blindfolded and had to trust the person in front to not lead them into danger, when we arrived we were seated and had to talk with our blindfolds still on about our experiences and concerns, when we removed our blindfolds I don't think there was a dry eye in the room. I believe it helped all of us talk about our issues.

