



## FORM B HANDICAMP 2010 INFORMATION FOR CAMPER NOMINEE

AT ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE (BEHIND ESPERANCE HIGH SCHOOL)  
SATURDAY 10TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 2010  
HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ESPERANCE BAY


### WHAT IS HANDICAMP?

Handicamp is foremost an opportunity every year for up to twenty four 18 to around 38 year old adult people with mild to moderate intellectual and/or physical challenges to enjoy fun and fellowship, to grow through new experience, and to involve themselves in a range of activities they might not normally partake. Secondly, it provides respite to their normal carers, who most commonly are family members.

Handicamp has a history of 18 years, with about 450 campers attending.

Every camper is matched with a full time, generally inexperienced, but always voluntary live in same gender carer. It is the sole responsibility of the carer, with support from the camp coordinator, camp nurse and other experienced carers to ensure the welfare of the camper and do everything in their power to see they have a great experience.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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| <b>WHERE IS THE CAMPSITE AND WHAT ARE ITS FEATURES</b>   |  |
|    | <p><b>ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE</b></p> <p>Located on Doug Murray Drive Esperance. Behind the Esperance High School.</p> |
| <b>ARE WE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU AND WOULD YOU ENJOY IT?</b>  |  |
| <p>We may not be able to support you as a camper if you have severe epilepsy (with no drug prevention), severe autism, toileting difficulties, inability to interact socially or severe mobility difficulties. This is because we rely upon volunteer carers and it is unreasonable to expect them to take upon such an extensive responsibility. There are also reasons associated with risk. It also has an effect upon the success of the camp for others.</p> <p>Handicamp is designed for people aged between 18 (strictly) and 38 (not so strictly).</p> <p>For fairness and equity reasons, Handicamp has a 'selection criteria'. Part of the criteria is that we are not able to accept campers who have been twice before, unless the second time was more than four years ago. It is also for the same reasons unacceptable for a camper to 'self fund' their attendance.</p> <p>It is important to be aware that every camper will be assigned a single, same gender full time (24hr) volunteer carer, all of whom are police cleared and known to members of Rotary.</p> <p>A common concern is that some people can not see themselves enjoying a camp where people with such a large range of challenges also attend. We have found this concern completely disappears once the camp starts. There is no distinction between a 'camper' and 'camper carer' as we are all in for the experience together. We all do everything together, and after the normal 'breaking the ice' great mateship is everywhere.</p> <p>Call Sue Bennett (camp nurse) on 9844-1995 (h) or Sharyee Hayes (camp leader) on (08) 9733-5361 for advice, and if you have concerns.</p> |  |
| <b>WHO CAN YOU CALL FOR INFORMATION?</b>   |  |
| <b>THE CAMP GENERALLY:</b>   | Jane Field 9582 7655 (h) 0417 837 729 (m)  |
| <b>CAMP NURSE:</b>   | Sue Bennett 9844-1995 (h)  |
| <b>COMPLETING FORMS AND FINANCE:</b>   | Maggie Duggan 0422899437 (h)   |
| <b>CAMP LEADER FOR THE WEEK:</b>   | Sharyee Hayes 9733-5361 (h)  |
| <b>HOW MUCH DOES IT COST YOU?</b>  |  |
| Nothing.   |  |
| <b>CAMP RULES</b>  |  |



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| RECREATIONAL DRUGS   | No tolerance whatsoever.  |
| ALCOHOL  | Not permitted – neither campers, carers, or helpers.                                      |
| MOBILE PHONES  | We prefer to 'pretend' that we are in the middle of the bush so contact is not possible ☺ |
| <b>HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU NEED ON CAMP?</b>   |   |
| Say \$20 to do some shopping when we all go out on one of the days.  |   |
| <b>PRESCRIPTION DRUGS</b>  |   |
| <b>Please ensure all prescription drugs are prepared in a webster pack.</b> Contact your pharmacist regarding this service. Please call Sue Bennett (camp nurse) on 9844-1995 (h) for advice.  |   |
| <b>WHO MAINTAINS COMMUNICATION WITH YOU?</b>   |   |
| The person who completed the nomination form (Form D) with you   |   |
| <b>WHEN WILL YOU BE ADVISED IF YOUR NOMINATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED?</b>  |   |
| If your form is in early (first in – first come) and you meet our 'criteria,' the basis of which is outlined above, then there is a very good chance you will be asked to attend. Forms are due in (by the Rotary club) by <b>1<sup>th</sup> March</b> . You will be advised within two weeks after.   |   |
| <b>TRANSPORT?</b>  |   |
| The person who completed the nomination form (Form D) with you will also arrange transport at no cost for you. Whatever the arrangement, unless you wish for your carer to drop you off and pick you up, you will be accompanied by a member of Rotary to and from Handicamp.<br><b>The arrival time is between 12pm and 2pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The departure time is between 8am and 10am Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April.</b>  |   |
| <b>WHAT COULD YOU DO FOR US AT THE END OF HANDICAMP</b>  |   |
| Handicamp perpetuates only because people know about it and Rotary clubs support it. You can assist in this support by providing feedback to the Rotary club that nominated and sponsored you in the form of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a letter of appreciation perhaps, or</li> <li>• completion of the feedback form you will be given as part of your camp memoir, or</li> <li>• asking to visit the Rotary club that nominated you to tell them about your experience.</li> </ul> Please contact Geoff Inman on 9844-1995 (h) if you wish to give personal feedback (positive or otherwise).   |   |
| <b>ABOUT CARERS AND RISK MANAGEMENT</b>  |   |
| Our carers are all people who are either members of Rotary, or are well known to members of Rotary.<br><b>All carers must pass police clearance. (Form F)</b><br>All activities and procedures at Handicamp are examined for risk management implications.   |   |
| <b>DISCLAIMER AND CONDITIONS ☺</b>   |   |
| You (camper or parent/guardian) agree that Rotary may use any photographs or any other material that may include (identify) the camper for the purpose of promoting Handicamp in the future.<br>You (camper or parent/guardian) acknowledge that you attend Handicamp 2010 entirely at your own risk and agree that neither Rotary International nor any servant or agent of Rotary International (including any voluntary worker carrying out honorary duties or unpaid duties for Rotary International) shall in any circumstances whatsoever be under any liability to the applicant for any loss, damage or injury of whatever kind arising directly or indirectly from any act or default on the part of Rotary International or such servant or agent while acting in the course of or in connection with their employment or provision of services to or for Rotary International. I authorise Handicamp nurse/organisers to provide emergency medical care at my cost if not sufficient time to contact my nominated contact person. |   |