



# HANDICAMP

*'live the experience!'*

## Handicamp 2018 Information Sheet



### What is Handicamp?

Handicamp is a week long live in camp for 18 to 35 year old people with disabilities, who are teamed with an able bodied “buddy” for a week of fun and adventure. The camp is based on double participation and reward.

Handicamp, which started in WA in 1982, is designed for all participants to live, learn and participate. It develops personal growth, relationship and teamwork skills.

Rotary sponsorship covers the costs for participants – there are no additional costs for the campers or buddies. The camp is organised and run by a District committee, and a Rotarian nurse is on site all week.

### When is Handicamp?

Handicamp 2018 will be held from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### Where is Handicamp?

Handicamp 2018 will be held at Pt Walter Recreation Camp in Bicton. Point Walter is a dormitory style camp, with rooms for 4 people, each with their own bathroom and caters for people with disability.

### What Happens on Handicamp

Activities include: Archery, Abseiling and Flying Fox, Ten Pin Bowling, Trip to Adventure World and Zoo, Watersports (biscuiting and boat rides), Bingo, Karaoke ...plus lots of swimming, pool games, and laughter!!



### Campers and Buddies

#### Who are they?

Campers are people with disability, between the ages of 18 and 35.

Handicamp is about participation so we only accept people who can participate and integrate for all activities. We accept both physical and mental disability, and previous applicants have included Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Downs Syndrome, Vision Impairment, Spina Bifida, paraplegia and Head Injuries.

Our buddies are volunteers so we need to ensure that we can adequately cater for the campers and not put too much stress on the buddies and the camp committee. Buddies are volunteers between 18 and 35. Criteria for being a buddy are the ability to attend and stay on the camp for the entire week, and be willing to participate in all camp activities.

***All campers and buddies must be over 18 at the commencement of camp.***



## Where to find them

### Where to source campers?

- Your Rotary Club (members' family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, employees)
- Disability Services and other Disability Organisations such as Good Sammys, Ability Centre, Rocky Bay, Activ, Downs Syndrome Association, Headwest etc
- *Important Notes:*
  - Campers who have attended Handicamp previously are not eligible to attend.
- All applications are assessed by the Handicamp committee for suitability. The final decision on an applicant's suitability will be at the sole discretion of the Handicamp Committee. Clubs are not to advise campers that they will be attending camp.
- It is the family/carer's responsibility for transport of the camper to and from the camp

### Where to source buddies?

- Your Rotary Club (members' family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, employees)
- Rotaractors
- Rotary Youth Alumni (former Youth Exchange Students, NYSF or RYLA Applicants)
- Local Church and Youth Groups
- Universities and TAFES (Nursing, Teaching, Medical, Youth Work, Community Service related students especially may be eligible for credits)
- School Teachers (they may be holidays)

### *Important Notes*

- Youth Exchange Students are not eligible to be buddies due to RI's Youth Protection Policy
- Applicants (both Campers and Buddies) will be contacted directly by the Handicamp Committee to advise of their application outcome.
- Clubs will receive notification from the Handicamp Committee on the outcome of any nominations put forward.

## How can you be involved?

- Sponsor and source campers and buddies (\$700 per attendee)
- Sponsor and be involved in the camp activities (see Sponsorship Opportunities)
- Donate goods and services (see our Wish List)
- Attend the Rotary Sloan Mad Hatters Dinner on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Join the Handicamp District committee

## More information?

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