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Presidents Message.

Dear Supporter

As mentioned in our March 2005 Newsletter there is some big things planned for the association for over the next 18 months. As detailed further in the newsletter we are going to running a Dads & Kids Weekend Camp to take place in Sydney, March 2006. This is taking place in response to comments from those working with separated dads in New South Wales that "it is a shame that there is nothing like that up here".

Camp Connect, as far as we know, after extensive searches of the internet, is the only organization in the world that runs these types of programs for dads & their kids. If you do know of any others please let us know.

With the website nearly 18 months, it is in the process of being 'spruced' up a bit. The new look website will go live within a couple of months [if not sooner]. Plans are underway for the Fathers Day Weekend Camp. Details will appear on the website once finalised.

On behalf of the other committee members I welcome Michael Jones to the associations committee. Michael will be involved with helping to establish a social / support network around Melbourne for those dads who could benefit from such a network. Welcome aboard Michael and thank you for your wanting to be involved.

Brad Mander
President, Australian Camp Connect Association.

March Dads & Kids Weekend Camp

Well our third Dads & Kids Camp has now been conducted.

All who attended would agree that it was an outstanding success. The Log Cabin Christian Camp in Creswick provided an ideal location. With glorious autumn weather, plenty of delicious food and some thought provoking workshops for the dads, everyone's expectations for the weekend were met.

The dads & the kids had plenty to do to keep them amused. There was frisbee golf, archery, scavenger hunts, orienteering, yabbing, flying fox, trampolining, table tennis and quoits. There was no better way to finish off the weekend than some leisurely [but at times not so leisurely] canoeing on the dam.

A big thank you to our workshop presenters, Kaye Fallick, author of 'Get Yourself A New Life' & Hunter Dean, director of Human Performance Specialists for giving up part of your weekends to run our workshops. Thank you also goes to Sandy & William for volunteering to look after the kids while the dads were busy in the workshops. It certainly made it easier for everyone concerned. Further details and pics will be posted onto the website in due time.

Dads & Kids Weekend Camp, Sydney, March 2006

It is with great pleasure that we announce the dates for our first Dads & Kids Weekend Camp to be held in Sydney. It is to take place on the weekend of 10 – 12 March 2006.

Further details will be provided as venues etc are confirmed.

A big thankyou must go to our contacts up in NSW who will be playing an integral part in making this happen.

6th National Men's Health Conference

Sunday October 9th - Wednesday October 12th 2005 Melbourne.

If you're involved in the health and wellbeing of men and boys, clinically, socially or politically, this is an event you cannot afford to miss!

"Advancing men's health practice, knowledge & research"

- International and national key-note speakers will bring a wealth of knowledge to educate and inspire.
- Presentation and seminar sessions will focus on current trends and hot topics in the major themes: practice, knowledge and research.

A great opportunity to network and socialise with others from Australia and overseas who share a passion for improving men's health. For further details go to <http://www.regocentre.com/nmh2005/>

eMale - men's health & wellbeing e bulletin

emale provides men and boys with the latest information and resources on their health, wellbeing and lifestyle issues.

Australia's largest free men's health e bulletin is produced by Greg Millan, Men's Health Consultant, PO Box 953 Hamilton NSW. **Ph:** 0417 772 390

The logo for 'emale' features the word 'emale' in a bold, lowercase font. The 'e' is green, and the remaining letters 'male' are red.

To subscribe to 'emale', send an email to gmillan@bigpond.net.au.

Resources For Dads

Pitstop. An eight-session 'parenting tune-up' for dads who like firing on all cylinders!

Topics include:

- Developing your own parenting style and job description
- Improving family communication and closeness
- Leading your family through personal & global crises
- Spending time with kids... without spending a fortune
- Disciplining kids without losing it... or them!
- Balancing the demands of life, family and work
- Parenting apart or together so both parents feel supported
- Identifying & implementing change in your family

Features a family fun day & partners evening.

To register contact Rob Koch - Men's Programs Officer at the City of Casey, Cranbourne Centre on 5990 8333 or e-mail Rob at <mailto:mrkoch@casey.vic.gov>

Resources For Kids

Emergency... Deal With It - Teaching children how to respond to medical emergencies effectively.

What's the first thing you should do when faced with assisting injured people at home, work or on the road? If you are unsure what the correct answer is, do you think your children would know?

To assist children to deal with emergencies confidently, the Metropolitan Ambulance service [MAS] has developed a computer game to teach students in grade 4 and upwards what to do in such situations.

Called "Emergency...Deal With It", the game guides students through the correct performance of First Aid and when and how to call an ambulance via scenarios such as a fall in the garage and a car accident.

Emergency...Deal With It is available as a free download from www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/elearning or on CD by contacting Community Education & Development at community.education@mas.vic.gov.au

Camp Connect Promotional CD

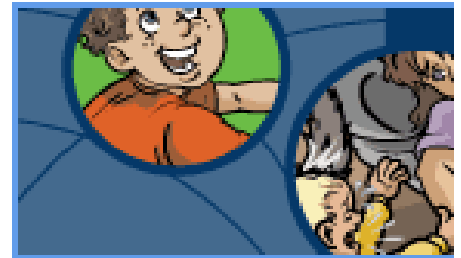
A promotional CD advertising what Camp Connect is all about is in the process of being produced. A free copy of the CD will be able to be ordered from the website for those individuals and organizations who either work with dads and or kids or would be interested in coming onboard as sponsors of Camp Connect.

We will let you know when they become available.



Mondays 7:30pm – 9:30pm

July 11th – August 29th, 2005
89 – 101 Oakgrove Drive
Narre Warren South
Cost – A gold coin donation
each session
Manual, fun, food and
refreshments included.



Ebooks

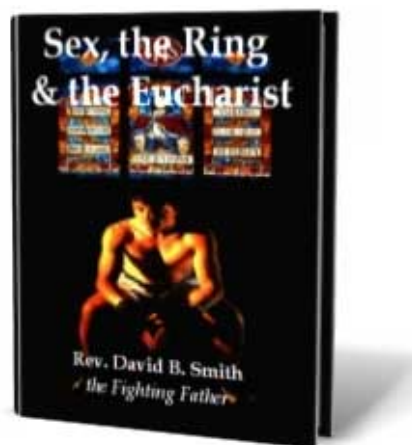
Sex, the Ring & the Eucharist – By Father Dave

"Sex, the Ring, and the Eucharist" is an odd title, I know. It's taken from the final essay in the book.

It's basically one man's story about his attempt to live for that better world. It's a book about life, ministry & fighting in the inner city of Sydney.

I live and work as a parish priest in Dulwich Hill. Over my 13 years here I've spent a lot of time working with people from the underside of Australian society - street kids, drug-addicted persons, mentally ill people, etc. It's been quite a battle. I've also done a lot of 'battling' in a more sporting sense. I'm a fighter. I box, I kick, I wrestle, and I love it.

"Sex, the Ring, and the Eucharist" is my story. It's a story about living and fighting in inner city Sydney. It's a story about people - why they are the way they are, and what I think we can do to help. It's a reflection on why the fighting arts can have such a powerful effect in moulding young lives for good. And it's my take on where the church needs to get its act together if we want to make a difference.



To download a preview of the book or to purchase a copy click on the link

<http://www.sex-ring-ucharist.com/>

Emails Received

Hi,

Father Dave here.

I'm love your work, having done time as a single dad myself and now still struggling with being a non-custodial parent of a teenage daughter.

My work is mainly with young males now, many of whom don't have fathers on the scene at all, though I am keen to involve the dads whenever possible.

Basically, I teach young men to box. I also just ran a boxing camp for the boys where fathers could bring their sons for f/ree and vica versa. I hope to do many more of these, along with more father and son wrestling sessions etc.

I have actually purchased a campsite with my father's inheritance that I am trying to establish as a training camp and a place where good 'men's stuff' can happen. I would be happy to see camp connect use the place at cost price if that were helpful.

Yours in the Good Fight,

Dave

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I work with Dads in the USA and Connect Dads with their Kids through my book, seminars and speaking engagements. I just saw your website and wanted to say KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! Anything an organization can do today to help DADS realize they are important in the life of their child, is a GOOD WORK!

May God Bless your organization,

Keith M. Jowers

www.4liferesources.com

Resources Available To Purchase

Fatherhood CD [\$29.50 + \$2.00 P&h]

We have purchased a supply of the locally produced CD titled Fatherhood. It contains a mixture of songs by celebrated Australian songwriters as well as unknown talent.

“Totally glorious, strikingly different, these songs tap into a vein of male creativity that has long been hidden. Each artist leaves you wanting more, and feeling that the music you’ve been hearing on the radio is just so much McDonaldized pop. The spoken word segments are so evocative they send you into deep reflection, and with an urge to change your life starting this very second. This is the purpose that music was made for.”

Steve Biddulph – Author of Raising Boys

For further details about the CD or to order a copy go to our website <http://www.campconnect.org.au/>

Part of the proceeds of every CD sold goes to support Camp Connect.

Fathers After Divorce - Michael Green QC

Building a new life and becoming a successful separated parent. -

Many men find themselves beginning a new life as separated fathers with little or no support from friends or family. Often they are under prepared for the difficulties they face, become isolated, fail as separated fathers, and experience problems at work and in their personal lives.

This practical handbook looks at important issues facing men after separation or divorce. It includes straightforward checklists for overcoming problems and developing a positive outlook as well as useful comments from men who share their experiences of dealing with difficulties

Any suggestions?

If there is something that you would like to see included in our newsletters that isn't currently there? If so please let us know at feedback@campconnect.org.au

