



## Australian Camp Connect Association Inc.

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### July 2004 Newsletter

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#### ACCA Welcomes Ferntree Gully Holden Dealership as Sponsors

Many thanks to Ken Bennett and the team at Ferntree Gully Holden for coming on board as sponsors of ACCA. They have generously agreed to sponsor six dads and six children to attend one of our programs. We commend their foresight in the plight of single dads.

Ferntree Gully Holden is located at 980 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully. For all your Holden needs, whether it be a new car, a quality used car or servicing of your current car, please contact Ken and the team on 9753 1222 or visit their website at [www.ftgholden.com.au](http://www.ftgholden.com.au)

#### Separated Dads Required to Assist in Research Project

Have you been separated for 2 years or more? Do you have a child under 16 who mostly lives with the former partner?

YOU ARE NEEDED

To assist a research project that seek is to improve our understanding of the factors that affect the relationships between fathers and their children after couples separate. All that is required is to complete a questionnaire, taking about 45 minutes of your time.

To be involved please email Geoff Moar [gmsmoar@dragnet.com.au](mailto:gmsmoar@dragnet.com.au) and request that a copy of the questionnaire is sent to you.

For further details Geoff can also be contacted on 02 - 60243535

#### Funding

If you are interested in attending a Camp Connect Program but due to financial difficulties are not sure if you can afford to attend, PLEASE contact us as we do have some funds that have been available specifically for this purpose. Funds from Camp Mallana Trust are available to subsidise children registration costs and as featured previously in this newsletter, funds from Ferntree Gully Holden will cover the costs of both Dads & their children attending

## **August - September 2004 Programs. Registrations Now Being Taken.**

**Dads Only Workshop Day – August 28, 2004**

**Dads & Kids Camp – September 3 – 5, 2004**

**Father's Day Dads & Kids Mini Program - September 5, 2004**

### **Program 1. Dads Only Workshop Day, 28 August 2004.**

Venue: Mountain Valley Centre, Boronia

There will be three professionally led workshops conducted over the day.

Workshop 1. Presenter: Peter Leech - Dad Talk

This looks at the barriers that we face in the parenting of our children and how we can overcome them.

Workshop II. Presenter: Chris Hanly - Bayswater Parentzone

Deals with the relationship that we have with our ex partners and the impact this has on our children and what we can do about trying to improve it.

Workshop III. Presenter: Julian Browne

Looks at the things that we can do with our parenting that will produce positive long-long term development outcomes with our children.

The workshops will be a great place to learn from others what works for them and what doesn't. to share your ideas and experiences all in a very supportive, relaxed, friendly environment.

**Note:** Children are not permitted to attend the workshop day.

### **Program 2. The Dads & Kids Full Weekend Program, 3 - 5 September, 2004**

Venue: Wombat Corner Camp, Emerald. Victoria.

This weekend program compliments the Dads Only Workshop Day. From there, you will come away with the necessary parenting skills that will enable you produce positive long-long term development outcomes with your children.

This weekend program, whilst it looks at issues surrounding parenting it explores more the relationship that you have with your children. It will consist of professionally led seminars, workshops and plenty of fun activities.

Some of the areas covered include,

Your children's' [and your] love languages,

Trust, Creative Parenting,

Breaking down the barriers between Dads & Kids,

Dads learning from kids, and Listening with your heart.

### **Program 3. The Fathers Day Mini Program, 5 September 2004**

Venue: Wombat Corner Camp, Emerald. Victoria.

This program comprises the Sunday content of the Full Weekend Program. This program is ideal for those Dads and their kids who cannot attend the full weekend program.

**Due to the nature of the program being designed, only children 5 years of age and older may attend the Dads & Kids Weekend Camp / Fathers Day Mini Program**

## Program Costs

\$45.00 per Dad - For Dads attending the Dads Workshop Day Only. This includes attending all workshops, lunch, morning and afternoon teas and use of facilities. For Members of AFSSA or ACCA the price is \$ 36.00 / Dad.

\$133.50 / Dad & \$106.80 / Dad [members] for dads attending both the Dads Workshop Day & Full Weekend Program

\$65.00 / Dad & \$52.00 / Dad [members] for Dads attending both the Dads Workshop Day & Fathers Day Mini Program

\$103.50 / Dad & \$82.80 / Dad [members] for Dads attending ONLY the Dads & Kids Full Weekend Camp.

\$25.00 / Dad & \$20.00 / Dad [members] for Dads attending ONLY the Dads & Kids Fathers Day Mini Program

\$71.50 / Child [under 14 yrs age] attending the Dads & Kids Full Weekend Camp.

\$18.00 / Child [under 14 yrs age] attending the Dads & Kids Fathers Day Mini Program

**If you are in need of some financial support to assist either yourself or your kids attending any of these programs please contact us. We do have limited funding available to assist both Dads & Kids who are experiencing financial hardship.**

For further details regarding the programs, including flyers and how to register into them please visit our website at [www.campconnect.org.au](http://www.campconnect.org.au)

## Memberships

ACCA is like most non-profit organisations in that it receives no financial support from the government. To be able to continue with the work that we do we rely upon the support of sponsors and of members.

There are two membership options.

1. Membership of ACCA. Cost \$55.00 per annum.

This will provide you with 20% discounted price for all Camp Connect programs within the 12 months of membership. It also entitles you to special offers that are limited to members only. These offers are listed in the "Benefits of Membership" page on our website.

Please note that the discount price ONLY applies to the program cost of the Dad and does not apply to children's program costs.

2. Membership of ACCA and Australian Family Support Services Association. Cost \$110.00 per annum. This will provide you with all the entitlements that you receive as a member of ACCA plus the membership benefits that AFSSA offer. For further details of AFSSA go to [www.afssa.org.au](http://www.afssa.org.au)

## AFSSA Now Provides 24 / 7 Telephone Crisis Support – Ph 0425 807 645

Geoff at Australian Family Support Services Association Inc is now providing 24-hour crisis telephone support. If you are needing assistance in the way of counselling, legal or child support advice or any other issue surrounding family breakdown and are unsure of who you need to speak to, call the crisis support line on 0425 807 645. We congratulate Geoff on this initiative.

## Men & Family Relationships National Forum

A submission to conduct a workshop at this forum has been made by Geoff at Australian Family Support Services Association. The work carried out by Camp Connect also forms part of this submission.

This forum will capture the important new learning and developments that have occurred over the past ten years by organisations working with men. The forum will:

- Share what has been learnt nationally about the practice and experiences of working with men and family relationships
- Highlight research and practice
- Highlight examples of best practice
- Emphasise the value of engaging with other organisations and developing collaborative partnerships
- Reflect on wider outcomes achieved by Men and Family Relationship Programs
- Discuss inclusive approaches to working with men and family relationships and the similar needs for women
- See men in the context of their family life
- Highlight the benefit for children when separated fathers remain involved

The forum will be held in Sydney at the Sheraton Four Points, Darling Harbour on 19–20 October 2004.

## Camp Connect Featured in 'Get A New Life'



Thankyou Kaye for your support  
and encouragement!

**Kaye Fallick**, Melbourne based publisher of "Your Life" magazine and regular radio commentator has just had her first book published and released.

Sick of work?  
Stuck in a rut?  
Dreaming of moving?  
Don't know what to do next? Well this is the book for you!

Packed with checklists to help you determine your change readiness, practical advice about managing your finances, and inspiring profiles of those who have done it, this is the essential roadmap for the life you really want to live.

In the book Kaye has included a brief article about how Camp Connect came into being and what we are trying to achieve.

## Any Suggestions

Well this is our first newsletter. What we need now is your suggestions as to how we can make it better. What would you like to see included?.

If you would like to publicise an event or seminar that your organisation may be conducting that would be of value to separated dads and / or their kids then let us know and we could look at including it in our newsletter.

Please email any suggestions to [info@campconnect.org.au](mailto:info@campconnect.org.au)