



Media Release

CanTeen Male Only Camp April 3 – 5 @ Apex Camp Mudjimba

Australia, 1 April 2009 – CanTeen, The Australian Organisation for Young People Living with Cancer, will be conducting a Male Only camp at Apex Camp Mudjimba from April 3 – 5, 2009.

Two CanTeen staff, six Volunteers (including a registered nurse) and 26 Male Queensland CanTeen Members, from as far north as Cairns, will be leaving the stressors of living with cancer for some respite, relaxation and peer support from April 3rd to 5th. This camp is a Male only camp which also deals with male health, both physical and mental. We have been supported by Southern Cross Transit for the journey to camp, Peer Power (specialising in empowering adolescent through workshop and other tools) is providing a session about male specific issues, Mudjimba Surf Lifesaving Club are providing support with life guards, beach wheel chair and shade shelters and the Mustang Club of Queensland is taking us back to the office or airport in style once the camp is over.

With a vision of “bringing together all young people living with cancer”, CanTeen’s membership is not only comprised of cancer Patients but also includes Siblings (a brother or sister with cancer), Offspring (those with a parent or primary carer with cancer) and Bereaved Siblings/Offspring. The touchstone of CanTeen is the belief that young people, through meeting and talking with one another are better able to cope with the uncertainties of a cancer diagnosis.

With nine Divisions across Australia, and through the generosity of the general public and corporate community, CanTeen is able to offer a variety of programs to its Members to help support, develop and empower young people living with cancer. Each Division holds various Camps and Recreation Weekends for their Members throughout the year. These programs are an opportunity for Members to voice their concerns, ask questions, learn new coping strategies, build new friendships and HAVE FUN!

We would appreciate your support in promoting this event as well as interviewing our staff. Please contact us at your convenience.



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About CanTeen – The Australian Organisation for Young People Living with Cancer

CanTeen is the Australian Organisation for Young People Living with Cancer. CanTeen's Members are young people (12-24 year-olds) living with cancer, including cancer patients, brothers or sisters of cancer patients and young people with a parent or primary care giver with cancer. CanTeen provides Members with a place where they can simply be young people - away from the adult dominated environment of cancer hospitals and treatment regimes. Through its camps and programs, CanTeen encourages its Members to get involved, make friends and have fun! In the words of our Members, the most effective form of support is from other young people in a similar situation - who have "been there, done that". For more information, please visit www.canteen.org.au