

Media Release

Camp for children with a disability brightens lives

Where: Camp Manyung - Mount Eliza, Victoria

When: Sunday 18 January until Friday 23 January 2015

Photo opportunity: Media will have permission to take photographs and film camp members and their families

Interview opportunities:

- MDA Executive Director, Boris M Struk
- Families of campers
- Children with MD attending the camp

“Muscular Dystrophy Australia (MDA) has been holding camps for children with Muscular Dystrophy (MD) for over 20 years and we are so excited to be hosting our 93rd *CampMDA*”, said MDA Executive Director, Boris M Struk.

Muscular Dystrophy (MD) is a term used for more than 60 neuromuscular disorders and it is defined as a progressive muscle destroying disorder which wastes all muscles away causing immobility, respiratory problems and cardiac complications.

Many types of MD are considered life threatening and are known to drastically shorten life expectancy, which differs with each individual condition. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is the most severe form of MD and it affects young boys who are diagnosed between two and six years of age.

CampMDA is a cornerstone service that MDA provides to those in the MD community and is one of the most important activities which MDA facilitates as it provides over 14,000 hours of respite per annum to families of affected children.

“It is about providing a fun place where children, and adults, with MD can come and relax and have a wonderful time socialising and participating in exciting activities,” said Mr Struk.

“At the same time it also allows a break for the primary carers of these children, some time to recharge their batteries and unwind while they know their loved one is being taken care of at *CampMDA*,” said Mr Struk.

“This is going to be a fantastic camp with so many wonderful activities planned, such as: wheelchair sports, live reptiles show, laser skirmish, a Casino night and beach party; amongst others,” said Mr Struk.

“It is so important to provide our members with a fun week that can take their mind of such a serious condition. To see all of their smiling faces and hearing the cackle of laughs all day long really makes it all worthwhile,” said Mr Struk.

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