

> Sharing our Faith

Church Camp



Once again a wonderful weekend, **26th-28th May**, was enjoyed by up to 80 people at the welcoming campsite at Adekate. People started arriving on Friday evening and continued to do so throughout Saturday.

Ian's opening workshop was both fun and informative as we explored the theme 'This is community' in response to Acts 2:42-47. A bush walk led by Nicole together with preparations for the All Ages Netball matches filled in the time until lunch. Lunch was stunningly delicious with three soups made by Alistair and the surprise addition of a delicious Persian noodle soup 'Asheh' made by Sahar and Shahrzad.



Activities during the afternoon included All Ages Netball, Archery, discussions about the themes from the Mission Planning Report, Werewolves and Concert preparation. Dinner was the now traditional camp meal of pasta bake, sticky date pudding and apple crumble, prepared by Saide & Ray. A tossed salad for the former and custard and icecream for the latter made everything even more delicious.



The concert included a wide range of items - skits, songs, dance, magic tricks, a knot trick and story telling - all accompanied by lots of laughter. Singing and games filled out the rest of the evening and into the small hours of the morning.



Worship was prepared in groups - opening & blessing, telling the story, holy communion & prayers of the people - and, as always, saw people of all ages participating and leading worship.

We concluded the camp with a sausage sizzle, tasty baked potatoes, amazing salads prepared by Alistair and the all important auction to share the abundant leftovers from the weekend.



Shawn rounded off the camp acknowledging and thanking everyone who had contributed - the committee (Daniel Whelan, Anthony Hinds, Rachel Beagley), Ian for the workshop & discussion group, Glenice (for organizing all the food and all the many other tasks she took care of), those who prepared the meals, activity organizers, Alistair for MCing the concert and running the auction.

Read on for comments from campers and concert photos ...

Saide Cameron





James - "Church camp was a wonderful opportunity to share a weekend of communion with our church family, as well as a good break from work, study, etc. Not to mention amazing food and top-quality entertainment!"

Ruth S - Kids (on the way home from camp). 'Can we make sure we go on church camp again?'

What was the best bit about camp?

The bush walk? YES!

The concert? YES!

Getting to make new friends? YES!

'EVERYTHING!'

Anthony - 'Such a great opportunity to spend time talking with, and getting to know, other BUC community members - Sunday mornings are always so rushed. I made some lovely connections this year!'

Nicole L - Camp gave me a chance to meet different people and learn more about each other. We also escaped technology for a while.

Daniel B - I always leave at the end of Church Camp with a full heart. I made new connections with some, and deeper connections with others, as we laughed, talked, played and shared in God's community. As usual, the concert was magical, the board games were mind-boggling, the campsite was stunning and the late-night singing was flaming. Looking forward to next year.

Ruth T - Camp is a good way to build connections in the church community. It was great having the time to have real conversations with people rather than just quick chats over morning tea.

Felix - Shooting arrows is the best thing

Mick - Camp was fun - a great place with great people. Thanks to all the organisers and contributors.

Sharmila - A fun weekend away with BUC - our first church camp! - exploring the theme: "this is community". Lush bushland surroundings at Adekate forest retreat. Terrific bush walk & hilarious inter-generational netball games. Girls had fun and made new friends as did we! Camp was a wonderful opportunity to relax and get to know new friends. Having time together was such a luxury. Thanks to those who planned and made it happen.



Divy & Ashlyn "BUC camp was a fun place to be. The community was friendly and the acts, skits and plays were really funny"

Hoth - There were lots of fun things for the kids to do and there was lots of tasty food to eat! I enjoyed playing netball".

Fiona M - The shared camp experiences will bring us closer together at worship on Sunday.

Other comments not attributed

Mum, we can't not go. Came on Saturday for the day as their compromise.

Have heard about BUC camps and never got here but so glad we finally have.

As we were leaving 'See you next year'.

