

> Sharing our Faith

Hospitality, Compassion, Community - Camp 2015

Over the weekend of **15th-17th** May approximately 65 people enjoyed amazingly beautiful weather and even more importantly a wonderful time of shared hospitality, abundant compassion and joyful community.



Ian launched our theme with an **all-in workshop** during which we shared stories in pairs, created sculptures using our bodies and explored Mark's telling of the feeding of the 5000.

After morning tea Natalie offered a **Psalm Chanting workshop** and the mysteriously named '**Adekate Games**' were on too.



Lunch - delicious soups, sausage rolls, spinach & ricotta rolls.

Ian offered a **Bible study** after lunch during which 22 people discussed the gospel story in greater depth. We discussed paradox, miracles and symbols.



We talked about context, customs and historical settings. We wondered about the meaning of the story and agreed that our tendency to approach stories with logic and reasoning gets in the way of understanding stories like these.

Archery was also a popular after lunch activity.



Later in the afternoon **Ultimate Frisbee** was once again a camp highlight and this time the weather was much kinder with no generous dumping of rain that made the 2014 camp so memorable.

Dinner - chilli con carne, savoury mince, spicy red beans, coleslaw, sticky date pudding, apple crumble.



The **camp concert** was a hilarious combination of story telling, songs, jokes and an 'En-chant-ed' psalm.

Worship was shaped a little differently this time using the camp themes of Hospitality (gathering, praising, confessing), Compassion (story telling, learning & responding) and Community (praying for the world and sharing Holy Communion).

Lunch - Sausage sizzle, baked potatoes, salad. The end of camp **food auction** raised an extraordinary total exceeding \$600.

Thanks offered to - Shawn, Glenice, Ian, Alistair, Saide, Natalie and everyone who contributed in ways both big and small.

Saide Cameron



And now for feedback offered about the whole experience.

In action – Hospitality, Compassion & Community – what a great weekend

Warmth, conversations, new relationships, blessings from above. Thank you!



I enjoyed:

The the intense “getting to know you” opportunities

- the laughter and fun and running around with frisbees

- the special times of worship and reflection together about faith

- the easy sharing of community between different age groups.



The highlight was everything. The surroundings and the people were really nice.

Nice trees

We loved archery and the camp fire

It was so much fun getting to know everyone better.. I have never met

such a friendly, fun, intelligent and inspiring group of people. We are extremely blessed to have found BUC. Thank you all for the kindness you have expressed towards us, both this weekend and since we started coming to church!

Love chanting

I loved the daggy hysterical concert especially the En-Chant-ed Psalms!

Good music, musicians & singers. Love those sounds

Loved the laughs – thank you

Ultimate Frisbee was fun

Sliding in the grass to catch the Frisbee felt very heroic and cool.

Getting down and dirty in the mud on the oval.

It was all good. Great to see so many new/first-time faces there. But for me the favourite moments were (again) the all-ages Frisbee and the Sat night singing.

Laughing with people who tell great stories about their lives. No-one’s too proud or too right.

Relaxed conversations.

Worship encompassing hospitality, compassion and community.

An opportunity to relax, spend time, experience and enjoy. It was truly wonderful, my daughter was in 7th heaven in all the activities, I can’t thank you enough. Amazing & graceful!!!

Feeling well fed, connected and grateful. Thanks BUC friends.

Great spot! Great fun! Thanks!

Excellent company, compassion, learning & laughter.





Photos by Ken Morrison and Saide Cameron. There are lots more so please ask if you want to have a look, 0407 096 743