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TALK WITH THE NEWBIE...

1. What did you have for breakfast this morning? Muesli with fruit, but looking forward to a coffee now.

> 2. What's your middle name? Don't have one. Really.

3. When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up? Still young, still working it out.

4. What's the last thing you think about before you go to sleep? Wondering if this will be the night when I get to sleep through.

5. Favourite movie?

Several, depending on my mood and who I am with. Includes: Life is Beautiful, Love Actually, Madagascar, Finding Nemo, Pulp Fiction, Hidden Tiger Crouching Dragon, The Castle, Four Weddings and a Funeral, Muriel's Wedding.

> 6. Country you'd most like to visit? Italy – been there before and very keen to get back.

7. Favourite day of the week? Pancake Sunday has to mean that Sunday is up there.

8. Least favourite food? Any kind of offal – it's really not meant to be eaten.

9. What's your favourite joke? Any joke that makes me giggle out loud later on when I think about it.

10. If you were trapped on a desert island, what one item and one celebrity would you want with you? Item – Food, lots of good food

Celebrity – My husband (has celebrity status in some circles and enjoys food as much as me!)

11. What's your favourite colour? Green

12. Where is your favourite place to chill out? Local café with good coffee, a piece of lemon tart, and a good book.

> **13. What's in your pocket right now?** Nothing I'd like to write about.

14. What's your favourite thing about working with ChIPS? Right now, the fact that the magazine has gone to print, oh and the enthusiasm and excitement at reference meetings.

15. What do you see yourself / would you like to be doing in ten years?

Travelling overseas and exploring the world a whole lot more than I am currently doing.

Chill Newsletter

ChIP In Auxiliary Report – April 2007

Our committee are really pleased to have been given the opportunity to update you on our activities in this way. We are an enthusiastic group working really hard to raise funds for your program and we are so pleased to be able to contribute to your newsletter.

The ChIP In Auxiliary members are very excited to tell you about our new partnership with Net App (Network Applications) a company with a very big heart.

When senior management at Net App learnt about the ChIPS program they immediately thought about ways in which their staff could contribute to and help the ChIPer's. Already they have had a meeting with representatives of the Reference Committee and together they have committed to working on mentoring, work experience programs, interview techniques, group and one-on-one training sessions and are looking for more ideas from ChIPer's for ways they would like to work together in the future. This partnership will be great for the ChIP In Auxiliary and ChIPer's.

Mother's Day Luncheon and Show

On Sunday 13th May 2007, the ChIP In Auxiliary is hosting a *Mother's Day Luncheon and Show* at The Clock Tower Centre, Moonee Ponds, in support of the ChIPS Program.

Why not bring the whole family along and enjoy an amazing performance by two of Australia's greatest show business singing legends – Julie Anthony and Simon Gallaher performing their amazing "Together at Last" concert while you indulge in a decadent three course luncheon. All guests receive a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival and all mothers will take home a small gift as a memento of the day. What a wonderful way to celebrate with your mother and her loved ones on her special day - Mother's Day.

Bookings are now open. To reserve your tickets for this fantastic event please call the Clocktower Centre booking office on **9243 9191** or book online at www.clocktowercentre.com.au.

Friends of ChIP In

The Friends of *ChIP In Application Forms* are available now and we would love to have you, your family and friends join this group of our Auxiliary. Remember we are raising funds to ensure your camp, social events, magazine and newsletter continue to grow and provide as much fun as possible. As a "friend" you will be advised of all our fundraising activities, receive discounts at our events and support the ChIPS Program. Please contact Kristen or Felipe for copies of these forms and join up as soon as you can.

I look forward to catching up again in your next newsletter and hope you have a great couple of months until then.

Di Fincher Secretary ChIP - In Auxiliary





Hi Everybody,

My name is Michele and I am the coordinator of ChIPS program in Sydney. ChIPS is based at The Children's Hospital at Westmead in the Adolescent Medicine Unit. The program is going strong with new recruits eager to become involved. At the moment we have fortnightly groups for our participants were we have pizza, games (like truth and dare) and share our stories. Last month the group leaders went to a conference in Newcastle (about 3 hours north of Sydney) and presented a paper on the ChIPS program. They were so good that the audience voted them as giving the best paper at the conference and they both received chocolates (and a bottle of wine for me!). They did a great job!

Hopefully in the next few months I will be able to visit Kristen and meet some of you and strengthen the connection between Sydney and Melbourne ChIPS program. Many of our members would love to come to Melbourne and meet you or if any of you are in Sydney please feel free to get in contact on: chips@chw.edu.au and we can show you some of the sights around town. Cheers, Michele

Discovering Melbourne Sport and Aquatic Centre (MSAC)

the social Comitee organised a sport day at MSAC On tuesday 10 of April We were all very keen to has a lot of us showed up on time.

We started the day by playing table tennis, in order to warm up in preparation of thte other activities. We soon became very excited as we recognised that where we were playing was the same room where very famous athlets had been! Some of us voluntireed to play with handcuff to have a more fun and chalanging experience.

After that we went on to playing a bascket ball game call knock out in which we had to try to put the ball in in order to take out the player who was infront of us. Nearly all of us couldn't put the ball in as the basket seemed 1km away, but with some practice and some confident building we managed to shot some in and disappoint the player in front of us.... But it was all good fun. We then moved on to playing basket ball using half a court. Lucky it was only half because we soon relised that Basket ball seems much easier then Aussie rules football or soccer but it was much more strenious... However we a good time playing, because we worked as a team. After a long a rest... we played soccer, it was more enjoyable as the ball was much more predictable and everyone knew how to ckick it too...

We conclude the day with a nice barbecue and and just enjoying the open air near a very nice lake at Albert Park, as we talked about the day and our daily life in general. Most us had a good day and were keen to get out the usual routine of the daily life...

Ivano Cascone Social Commitee Member

2007 Camp Mrt. Martha

We arrived at Gatehouse St at 8.30am, half asleep. We went and sorted out our Meds with Jess, lyndal and Donna. We then started to abored the bus slowley, we were ment to be away at 9am but as usall we left late AGAIN! We arrived at Briar's Maxium Security Prision around about lunch time were we were arranged by Judge Jonny! We were all sentecened to PRISION for doing something wrong. We were all proceed for our Mug shots and then our cell shots.

After we were proceessed we were allocated our cells. And then sent to the slop stop where we were served bread and water for lunch. After lunch we were ordered to the exercise yard where we were overseen by the wardens, we then had to start completing various activites like Coaning, Giant Swing, Archery, Mask Making and Leap of Fath. Packing up was the worst we had Chips and Lollies flying every were with people stoping lollies for chips!. We would like to say thank you to PURPLE SOUP for there help in organising the activites and for taking the photos.





Wet'n' Wild Day on the Bay

From St Kilda to Rickets Point

and back in a day

A 'Wet 'n' WILD Day on the Bay' on the 23rd January 2007 was run for members of ChIPS on the Se pelican boat (19 metre yacht originally made in Oueensland). This was a return trip from St Kilda to Rickett's Point to learn about marine life and to improve leadership of members. WILD means Wellness through Integrated Learning and Development. This program is run by the People and Parks Foundation and The Royal Children's Hospital. Other organisations involved in the day included Sea Search, Leadership Victoria and Centre for Marine Ecology.

Bright and early many members gathered with excitement at St Kilda Pier to hear what the day would include and become Sun Smart before jumping aboard and waving to parents and family as the boat started to move away.

From here the boat sailed along the Victorian coast to Ricketts point. The journey to Ricketts Point was using the engine while there was hope that the return trip would be with the sails. Many members were catching up on the latest Goss while others were chatting with people from Leadership Victoria and sharing experiences and reflecting on the 8 week group experience from a peer leader perspective.

When we arrived at Ricketts Point it was time to have lunch before seeing digital images of Port Phillip Bay projected on to a large plasma TV screen or travelling out to the rock pools by speed boat to explore what creatures and sea life live there.

Some of the members that had some fame on RRR Marinara Radio show were Stacey, Louise De-Pino, Felipe, and Kristen (Co-ordinator). The link to the website where the program can be downloaded from:

http://rrrfm.libsyn.com/ind ex.php?post_category=Radio% 20Marinara

Did You Know What is Victoria's Marine emblem? Answer: Rainbow Sea Horse