

ANGLICAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES IN 2010

Boys Ministry Australia (WA)

(BMA)

Christian Boys groups exist in the Anglican Church all around Australia.

The single most significant reason children's groups are losing ground in the Anglican Church is because of a lack of committed leaders. It has a lot to do with demographics and the general malaise within the communities in which the church finds itself.

- Boys groups thrive where there is an abundance of boys of primary school age both inside and outside the parish.
- Boys groups thrive in parishes where there is a team of parents committed to providing a varied and entertaining, weekly activity program for all members.
- Boys groups thrive where church children take up the challenge to evangelise and bring in mates from school for a time of fun and games and the odd bit of Good News!

Due to the changes in society that are occurring these days, there is now a strong need for Christian boys groups within the context of a parish church or church school.

Boys Ministry Australia is willing to provide a parish resource centre for:

- **reference guides [camping, bush walking, first aid, archery, etc.]**
- **program materials [e.g., games, crafts, spiritual activities].**
- **equipment [tents, kayaks, canoes, sporting and camping equipment].**

*BMA would therefore like to share our experience, expertise and wealth of resources with parishes and organisations that have a **Boys Ministry** program (separate or included in a mixed group) or are planning to commence.*

These resources can be made available for a minimum charge to parishes where there is a ministry to boys in any form and particularly **where boys are part of a children's group.**

To obtain the following benefits parishes will need to register with Boys ministry Australia WA :

- *access to and updates to program and reference material.*
- *advice and invitation to upcoming planned activities.*
- *access to shared resources such as music CD's, videos and leader development kits.*
- *reduced hire fees for recreational equipment, including marquees and kayaks.*
- *assistance on running and managing children's groups.*
- *resource areas on the internet for program ideas.*
- *Project funds [loans at no interest]*

As part of your registration, BMA would like to refer to the fact that your church or organisation has become a subscriber to tell prospective newcomers that we are out there, doing it, and we, with your help and support are growing and developing Boys Ministry in WA.

All we are asking is that the parish becomes an affiliate BOYS MINISTRY parish. This will then entitle that parish to all the benefits offered above.

I encourage you all to look at how your group/s might benefit from securing immediate access to a wealth of material that will help develop BOYS Ministry in your parish / organisation.

We often run activities for the whole family to share, such as picnics, bush walks, water sports, bike hikes, camps and special children's services.

Children's ministries must remain adaptable to changes in society and that is why there is a real need for '**Boys Ministry Australia (WA)**'. (BMA) is just that – change; change to ensure that we keep delivering valuable material and resources to parishes reaching out to boys in their local communities.

If you or any of the groups you are involved with, would like to subscribe to BMA, please apply to:

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