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District 21 - Central Coast

Camp Quality Impact Report



The following information was taken from a Camp Quality Impact report – April 2024, detailing how our donation has helped families on the Central Coast.

Your Support

In April 2023, **Freemasons on the Central Coast supported Camp Quality with an incredible \$6,000** in funding to purchase grocery and fuel vouchers for **20 families**, to help ease the financial burden for families facing cancer based on the Central Coast of Australia.

These vouchers were provided to be given to families as they attend a Camp Quality Family Retreat in Umina, however, due to multiple factors, were ultimately split between retreat attendees and used as Christmas presents for Central Coast families, to ensure every voucher went to support families based in this region.

Promoting Freemasonry on the Central Coast through community action, charitable relief and the advancement of education.



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In most cases of childhood cancer, one parent has to give up on work to fit in the heavy schedule of treatment. Providing families with financial support for essential activities such as travel and purchasing groceries, takes a huge stress of their shoulders, and contributes to improving the overall mental health of the whole family.

Distribution

Camp Quality's incredible Umina Family Retreat is an experience open to all our registered families. Camp Quality could not give preference to a Central Coast based family as selected is based on need, and requests, and therefore had to provide estimates based on registrations in that region.

Ultimately, most attendees to Umina were families who lived outside of this region, so with the approval of Freemasons on the Central Coast, Camp Quality shifted most of this distribution to send grocery and fuel vouchers to families impacted by cancer in the Central Coast as Christmas presents.

- **2 vouchers** were provided to Central Coast families at the Umina retreat.
- 12 vouchers were sent to Central Coast families as Christmas presents which helped ease costof-living pressures.

This decision made a huge impact to our families and provided unexpected joy to 14 families facing cancer at the time they needed it most.



Of the 14 families that received a voucher, six are impacted by a carer's cancer, while the other eight have a child facing a cancer diagnosis.



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These families were from:

Erina, Wyong, Glenning Valley, Wyee, Niagara Park, Wamberal, Terrigal, Blue Haven, Davistown, Halekulani and Umina Beach

As these families are in the middle of the toughest time in their lives, dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. The vouchers made a huge difference over Christmas, often at least one parent has to give up work because of their own or their child's cancer diagnosis.



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What's Next?

- A total of 14 vouchers have been distributed to families facing cancer on the Central Coast.
- 6 are remaining.
- Some vouchers were kept aside at Christmas for Central Coast families who attend the Umina retreat in the first half of 2024.

Recognition:

- The Freemasons on the Central Coast were listed in the letter that went out to families with the vouchers
- Freemasons on the Central Coast will be listed on Camp Quality's 2024 Annual Report.
 Here is last years report for reference: Our Reports | Camp Quality.

The impact you made

"Thank you, Freemasons Central Coast, for your incredibly generous donation of Aldi voucher and petrol voucher. It will come in incredibly useful over Christmas and very much appreciate.

Our family have had quite the year with the loss of our beautiful 3-year-old boy, Alfie, at the beginning of the year and now our 5-year-old, George, is currently being treated for the same brain tumour.

The ease of costs with amazing charities truly does ease the burden so thank you again.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Warmest Regards"

"Thanks heaps for our vouchers, it's so helpful!"



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