



## Variety Motor Mouth Camp Guidelines & Eligibility document Volunteers

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The Variety Motor Mouth Camp (MMC) was first held in Western Australia in 2011. The camp is for children who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems and their families. AAC is used throughout the camp, encouraging the child and their family to fully embrace their AAC system and to incorporate it into everyday life.

In 2022, Tasmania will be running their first MMC, based on the same principles. A committee of specialised therapists and educators has been formed to organise and run the camp alongside Variety staff. The camp will be held from **Friday 7 October to Sunday 9 October** at the **Lea Scout Centre/Hobart Bush Cabins**. It will combine fun, development of communication skills, and recreational activities for all involved, while encouraging opportunities to build meaningful connections with other individuals in the AAC community.

This is a fantastic professional learning opportunity to work as a volunteer with children with complex communication needs and their families and further your knowledge and experience in the area of AAC.

### Objectives

- To improve and increase the use of AAC by the child and their family
- For the child to use AAC with new communication partners in a new setting
- For families to build friendships and a strong sense of community

### Eligibility

- A current Working with Vulnerable People (WVP) check
- Experience working with children who use AAC
- Must be aged over 18 years of age
- Must be able to work in small groups and assist children in a busy sensory environment
- Be able to attend for duration of the camp (3 days). Part-time attendance will be considered and staying overnight is optional
- Be able to attend an online pre-camp information session
- Participate in all camp activities

### Volunteer roles

- Speech Pathologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Educators – Teachers, teacher assistants and support workers
- Speech Pathology and Teaching students
- Sibling recreation support workers
- TAFE disability certificate 3 students
- Other allied health professionals (e.g. nurses, physiotherapists)



### Examples of camp program / schedule

- Group based communication therapy (for children who use AAC)
- Family activities with a focus on AAC use / skill practice
- Recreational activities for the child's siblings
- Parent workshops / networking
- Mentoring from an adult AAC user
- Fun evening activities (incorporating AAC use)

### How to apply to attend MMC:

1. Complete the online application form available here  
<https://www.variety.org.au/wa/programs/mmc/>

### Additional information:

- This is an alcohol & smoking free camp
- Meals & accommodation will be provided to volunteers
- All volunteers are expected to abide by their professional code of ethics and Variety's code of conduct
- Staying overnight at camp is not essential. Volunteers can opt to go home after evening activities are finished.
- There is no cost to volunteers or families to attend
- The camp will be held at Hobart Bush Cabins/Scout Camp at the Lea, Hobart.

### KEY DATES FOR 2021

<b>4 April 2022 – 3 June 2022</b>	Application open
<b>June 2022</b>	Applications are reviewed
<b>July 2022</b>	Outcome letters are sent to applicants/families (via email)
<b>October 2022</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Camp running

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