



Variety Motor Mouth Camp Guidelines & Eligibility document Volunteers

The Variety Motor Mouth Camp (MMC) was founded in 2011 and was created with the intention to assist children who use augmentative and alternative communication aids (AAC) to express themselves. The camp is an immersive experience, encouraging the user and their family to fully embrace their device and incorporate it into everyday life.

A committee of volunteer therapists organise and run the camp alongside Variety staff. The next camp is being held on 10th to 12th April 2026 and combines fun, development, and recreational activities for all involved, whilst fostering opportunities to build meaningful connections with other individuals in the AAC community.

For volunteers, this is a fantastic opportunity for some professional development if you work with children with complex communication needs, or can simply be a way for you to 'give back' to the community, assisting amazing children and their families.

Honorary Volunteer Payment

Volunteers are an essential part of our community. For this camp, we've been fortunate enough to secure funding that allows us to offer an honorary payment to our incredible volunteers as a token of appreciation for their time and effort. If you choose to accept this payment, we recommend checking how it may affect your taxable income and seeking advice from your accountant if needed. Payments will be made after camp, during May 2026, and forms will be available during camp for you to indicate your intent to claim and provide your bank details.

If you choose not to claim it, the funds will be redirected to support more WA kids in need.

Honorary payment details:

Professional roles	Support roles
Payment per day: - Friday - \$200 - Saturday - \$200 - Sunday - \$100 Applies to: - Allied Health Professional - Teacher - Education Assistant	Payment per day: - Friday - \$100 - Saturday - \$100 - Sunday - \$50 Applies to: - University Student (Allied Health, Education) - Support Worker - General volunteers



Our Values

- Equality – We believe everyone deserves a fair go in life.
- Community – We believe it takes a community to raise a child.
- Action – We believe in rolling up our sleeves and getting stuff done.
- Joy – We believe in the importance of life and laughter.

Camp goals

- Communication: Building competence and confidence for everyone in the family.
- Connection & Community: Meet, share and learn from others.
- Celebrating communication successes.
- Creating shared memories.

Eligibility

- Must have a current Working with Children Check.
- Applicant must have experience working with children.
- Applicant must be aged over 18 years of age.
- Applicant must be able to work in small groups and assist children in a busy sensory environment.
- Be able to attend majority of the camp (3 days – not compulsory to stay overnight).
- Participate in all camp activities.

Examples of camp program / schedule

- Group based communication activities (AAC user, family/siblings).
- Family activities linked to AAC use / skill practice.
- Sibling recreational activities.
- Parent workshops / networking.
- Mentoring from adult AAC user.
- Fun evening activities (incorporating AAC use).

How to apply to attend camp

Complete and submit the online application form by no later than Wednesday 14 January 2026.

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 and return the next day by 8am.
- There is no cost to volunteers or families to attend.
- Camp is held at Point Walter campsite in Bicton, Perth.



KEY DATES

17 October 2025	Applications open
14 January 2026	Applications close
End January 2026	Applications are reviewed by the committee
13 February 2026	Outcome letters are sent to applicants via email
End March 2026 (date tbc)	Pre-camp information session held online for all participants
10 April 2026	Friday 10 April to Sunday 12 April Camp running

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Program Coordinator via email mmc@varietywa.org.au or phone 9355 3655.