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Dear Barry & John

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the outstanding camp you provided the sons of prison inmates who attended the recent Prison Fellowship annual Camp Breakaway.

I consider Emu Gully an excellent venue for a number of reasons. We chose the new camp out option. This provided the right degree of independence and challenge we were looking for with our group. But unlike a similar camp at another similar venue last year, I was not left to create a detailed itinerary for the camp. Indeed, your professional staff, aided by a well equipped venue with multiple challenging and fun activities filled the days so that the boys were suitably active and even exhausted.

Perhaps the most outstanding quality Emu Gully offers though, is the firm but caring mix of encouragement and challenge presented by you both as camp leaders. I was unashamedly moved by the transformation wrought in generally unruly adolescents who, when you modelled and challenged responses in terms of leadership, camp order and teamwork, became little soldiers with a cause.

The notion of cause goes deep to the heart of young males I believe. If I had told these boys they were coming on camp to work at building bridges etc they would have never come. Yet, when faced with 'tasks' such as this they rose to the challenge, fired by a purpose and fed by a sense that true self esteem comes from achievement.

Thank you for your efforts, (which with such a small group seemed often to go beyond the financial return), where we had two staff interacting with our boys from 8am to after 5pm and beyond each day. Your skills as leaders, activities and equipment made our camp a tremendous success.

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