

# TAWA FAMILY CAMP

5-7 June 2026

Welcome to the Transplant Australia (WA) Family Camp for families, couples, and individuals in the WA transplant community.

The 2026 family camp will commence on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 3pm at Fairbridge Village in Pinjarra WA. This booklet provides you with detailed information and will greatly assist you in preparing for the weekend.

The aim of the family camp is to give the transplant community the opportunity to engage in peer support providing advice and education in a relaxed social setting. This is aimed at all transplant families, donor families and living donors, whether you're a couple, a family, or an individual, who wish to participate in activities and educational opportunities to share knowledge and experiences.

## About Fairbridge Village

Located less than an hour south of Perth, **Fairbridge Village** offers activities for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're cycling through picturesque paths, leisurely strolling amidst captivating sights, or sharing moments with your family and friends, there's something for everyone.

Established in the early 1900s, Fairbridge Village is one of Western Australia's most significant heritage-listed communities. Originally created as a place of learning and growth, the village played an important role in shaping the lives of young people for generations. Today, much of its original charm remains — from beautifully restored cottages to historic buildings that tell the story of its past.

## Getting There:

Fairbridge Village is located on Southwestern Highway, 5.4 km north-east of Pinjarra, or 10.1 km south-west of North Dandalup. Turn east onto Fairbridge Road and travel a further 3km to the village.

**ARRIVAL:** Check in is from 3pm – 6pm

## Welcome Pack

All attendees will be given a welcome pack, comprising of a satchel, water bottle and other goodies.

## What to Pack

It is important that attendees do have clothing that is appropriate to the weather and our activities. There are several physically active experiences on our itinerary so please ensure that you and your family have their runners and clothes that are suitable to walk and climb in, and a water bottle to remain hydrated. Don't forget to include warm clothing, rain jacket, hat and sunscreen!

Don't forget to bring your towels, torch, insect repellent and/or facial fly nets, and your sense of adventure and smile.

## Accommodation

The accommodation at Fairbridge Village comprises a range of heritage listed cottages, each accommodating groups of different sizes in dorms, family rooms, double rooms and en-suite rooms. This mix of accommodation should suit all the different demographics within the transplant community. We have secured the gold standard cottages, all of which include reverse cycle heating and supplied linen.

Rooms are allocated on a needs basis, and you will be advised of your allocation before the weekend commences. We will endeavour to accommodate all accommodation requests however this may not always be possible. If you require special sleeping arrangements, please contact us as soon as possible.

## Meals & Special Dietary Requirements

All meals will be included in the weekend, and we have been given exclusive use of the dining hall for the duration of our camp. There will be coffee and tea making facilities available in the clubhouse over the weekend for morning and afternoon tea.

If you or one of your family members requires a gluten free or special diet, please let us know. We will be following the recommended food choices for transplant recipients (see [www.transplant.org.au/living-with-your-transplant/transplant-friendly-foods/](http://www.transplant.org.au/living-with-your-transplant/transplant-friendly-foods/))

Each Cottage has a kitchen where you can store medications and refreshments if required. Alcoholic refreshments will not be provided; however, you are welcome to bring your own drinks for the weekend. Please note that responsible consumption of alcohol is encouraged.

## The Itinerary

We have attached the itinerary outlining the activities and experiences that we will all be enjoying whilst at Fairbridge Village. With all activities on-site, there will be no shortage of fun things to do over the weekend, including time to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

## Planned Activities

The adventure activities help participants build self-confidence and teach them how to be part of a team. The influence of Fairbridge's natural environment, the opportunity to escape the pressures of urban life, and the sense of achievement that occurs, all help to increase participants' abilities and confidence.

We have planned a range of group activities over the weekend for participants, and encourage all participants to make the most of these activities and come along with a "have a go" smile!

- 1. Giant Swing** (Run by Fairbridge) 1.5 hr duration  
The giant swing is definitely a camp highlight for many groups! Stepping off the edge of the platform, then swinging through the air is an amazing feeling of freedom. Participants are attached to safety ropes and harness at all times for maximum safety and fun.
- 2. Archery** (Run by Fairbridge) 1.5 hr duration  
Are you the next Robin Hood? Learn how to safely use a bow and arrow under the guidance of our qualified instructors, then put your skills to the test and see if you can hit the bulls eye! Archery is a classic outdoor adventure activity, enjoyed by participants of all ages and abilities. Recommended under 8 years old to have adult support.
- 3. Flying Fox** (Run by Fairbridge) 1.5 hr duration  
Zipping down a flying fox cable is one of the most fun and exhilarating activities on camp! Participants wear a harnesses and are attached to safety ropes at all times, so it is both super fun and super safe.
- 4. Nature art** (Run by Fairbridge) 1.5 hr duration  
Create art pieces and mandalas using natural materials from the environment including leaves, flowers, bark, feathers, sand and stones. This is perfect for groups who want to take part in a slower paced activity, with a focus on mindfulness and nature connection.
- 5. Bushwalking** (self-directed walk around site at any time)  
Explore the local environment beyond the camp as your group navigates their way through the diverse and contrasting landscapes. Work together as a team to find your way using maps and local landmarks, along with clues along the way.
- 6. Board games & puzzles** (self-directed in the club house at any time)  
With a range of games, cards, jigsaws and colouring books available, enjoy a fun activity over a coffee with friends and family.

7. **Exercise and outdoor games** (self-directed at any time)  
During your down time between formal activities, have some fun with cricket, volleyballs, soccer balls and more outside on the many grassed areas available. Bring your bike if you wish to ride around the grounds on the mountain bike tracks.

## Saturday Evening Special Event

This year, our gala event on Saturday night is “**Transplant Mini Olympics**”.



You will be allocated to one of 5 teams, and you will need to dress up in your team colour for Saturday nights Olympics and compete in a fun range of novelty events throughout the evening, with the aim for your team to win the coveted TAWA Trophy!

Events will be tailored to all ages and abilities, don't forget to train your brain and your problem-solving skills as well as your muscles!

## The Cost

Transplant Australia (WA) members have fundraised extensively to be able to hold the Family Support Weekend, covering most of the cost, however there is a small fee to cover incidentals as set out below:

Family	\$250.00*
Couple	\$150.00
Individual	\$75.00

*\*Under 18 recipients and their families may be subsidised subject to grant funding.*

Should your application be successful, you will be invoiced for this amount from Transplant Australia in April 2026 which is to be paid by 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Please note that places are limited and not everyone may be successful in their applications.

## Emergency Contact Forms

If your application is successful, emergency contact forms, activity forms & dietary requirements for the camp will be emailed to you for completion and return by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

## General

We anticipate that there will be a great deal of interest in the 2026 weekend. Therefore, we will be applying a strict formula for applications, and submission of EOI is not a guarantee of acceptance. Some things to consider are:

Families are limited to immediate family only (ie mum, dad, kids).  
Couples refers to you and your partner/immediate relative/carer.

## Key Dates

15 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Expressions of Interest Open
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	Closing Date for Expressions of Interest
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Notification of Acceptance & Invoice sent
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Invoice Payment Due
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Family Support Weekend Commences.

## Contact

If you have any queries, please contact:

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