

Blackwoods & Bullivants  
proudly introduce you to the

# Clontarf Foundation



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Moore Park Golf Club



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# Message from Our Hosts



Welcome and thank you for joining us to celebrate the achievements of the Clontarf Foundation.

Partnered with Blackwoods, Bullivants, Workwear Group, Coregas and Wesfarmers, Clontarf is dedicated to improving the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and by doing so, equips them to participate more meaningfully in society.

Today, we will explore how organisations and individuals can get involved in this important mission. We will hear from Blackwoods and Bullivants team members who have embraced the opportunity to contribute to the success of the Clontarf program. Their dedication, at all levels, has made a significant impact.

We sincerely appreciate your attendance, and we encourage you to visit a Clontarf academy near you to witness firsthand the positive transformation taking place in the lives of thousands of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and their families.

Thank you once again for your support. Let us embark on this inspiring journey together.

**Blackwoods**

**Bullivants**

  
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# Event Overview

Welcome to the Clontarf Foundation Luncheon, hosted by our valued partners Blackwoods. The Foundation thanks you for attending and hopes you have an enjoyable and informative afternoon. The following is an outline of the afternoon's proceedings.

12:00pm Guests arrive

12:15pm Guests to be seated  
Video - Clontarf Foundation Overview  
First course served

12:20pm Welcome and housekeeping: MC James Grant (Clontarf Foundation Partnerships Manager NSW)  
Welcome to Country

12:25pm Address: Andrew Dyke (General Manager Blackwoods)

12:28pm Video: Clontarf Foundation Alumni

12:32pm Address: Kade Alexander (Alumni -Bairnsdale Academy, Victoria)

12:37pm Mingle on the table

12:50pm Address: Gerard Neesham (Clontarf Chief Executive Officer)

1.05pm Main course served

1.20pm 'On The Couch': Andrew Dyke (GM Australia Blackwoods), Justin Lyster (GM Digital & Communications Blackwoods) and Barry Hoare (Leader Indigenous Talent & Development)

1.35pm Video: Clontarf Foundation Partners

1.40pm Formalities conclude & closing remarks



# About Clontarf

Established in 2000, the Clontarf Foundation is a charitable not-for-profit organisation that exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and by doing so, equips them to participate more meaningfully in society.

The programme is delivered through a network of academies established in partnership with schools and communities.

Full-time, locally based staff mentor and counsel students on a range of behavioural and lifestyle issues, whilst the school caters for their educational needs.

Using supportive relationships, a welcoming environment, and a diverse range of activities, the young men in the programme develop improved self-esteem and confidence which assists them to participate in education, employment and society in a positive way.

Specialised Employment Officers work with senior academy members to assist them to successfully transition into the workforce or further education/training.

Independent studies have shown that Clontarf delivers a diverse range of benefits to those students who participate in the programme as well as the schools and communities involved.

The key impacts of Clontarf on its participants span improved outcomes related to school completion, post school education and employment, health, and reduced criminal offending rates.

**11,000**

boys enrolled in  
Clontarf across  
Australia

**900**

Year 12 Clontarf  
boys completing  
their studies

**149**

Clontarf academies  
operating across  
Australia

**6,350**

Year 12s  
completed school  
since 2000



# Our Alumni

Since 2000, over 6,300 young men have completed Year 12 while enrolled in the Clontarf programme. Nine of these young men are joining us tonight and are seated at tables throughout the room. We encourage you to introduce yourself, learn about their journey and hear how Clontarf impacted them during and since completing school.

Name	Academy	Year Graduated	Employer
Jayden Kennedy	Kempsey	2022	UNSW Student
Samson Bennett	Bidwill	2022	BMD Group
Denzil Quinlin	Matraville	2021	Wildflower Landscaping
Izayah Tuigamala	Endeavor	2021	University of Sydney student
Tom Forrest (Outback Tom)	Kununurra	2018	Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC)
Mustafa Al'Badre	Dubbo Senior	2017	CPB Contractors
Hayden Charles	Endeavour	2016	SKG
Kade Alexander	Bairnsdale	2015	Arnold Bloch Leibler Law Firm
Jake Gablonski	Katherine	2012	Australian Film Television and Radio School



# Visit an Academy

**The Foundation would like to invite you to visit a Clontarf Academy.**

Staffed by full-time mentors, Clontarf academies are welcoming, inclusive and designed to foster positive learning and personal growth for the young men in the Clontarf programme.

Integrated into each host school, the academy room acts as a home base for Clontarf members before and after school, at recess and lunch, and during designated academy time. The rooms are designed to be self-reliant and are an environment where academy members can develop their skills and abilities, and deepen their relationship with Clontarf mentors.

**During an academy visit, you'll have the chance to:**

- **Meet academy members and staff**
- **Participate in or witness a morning training session and breakfast**
- **Join the academy's top attenders for a 'Good Bunch Lunch'**
- **Tour the academy room and hear about the achievements of academy members**
- **Speak with senior students about their aspirations for the future.**

The Foundation operates 149 academies across the country, including 54 in New South Wales, so there are plenty of convenient locations for you to visit.

To organise a visit of an academy, speak with a Clontarf staff member at this event or contact the Clontarf Partnerships team via the details found on the back of this booklet.

We look forward to seeing you there!





# Testimonials



*"Wesfarmers is proud to be a founding partner of the Clontarf Foundation since 2001. In that time, we have seen the relationship flourish as the Foundation has grown from a single academy in Western Australia to over 140 academies located in every mainland state and territory. Our partnership is one of true national scale, evident through the numerous engagements, activities and positive employment outcomes occurring across all our businesses, in metropolitan and regional centres."*

- Rob Scott, Managing Director, Wesfarmers



*"Clontarf helped me to prepare for life after school by supporting me to build my confidence which enabled me to seek out new employment opportunities. Teamwork, respect for others, communication skills, punctuality, stepping up to responsibilities, work ethic, team commitments - being in that team environment helped me grow more confident and into a leader. That's where it all started and from there I have grown."*

- Antonio Sibosado, 2007 St Mary's Academy alumnus and Mobile Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, Rio Tinto



*"In 2016, after Clontarf joined my school, I quickly received a school-based traineeship in customer service and later in warehousing with Blackwoods. Wesfarmers representatives visited, I applied and got the traineeship. Clontarf helped me discover my work ethic, obtain a driver's license, and commute to work. They still support me and notify about alumni events. Clontarf provided work, sport opportunities, excursions, and helped me secure a full-time job in Sydney, Dubbo, and now Newcastle for Blackwoods."*

- Junathean Coady, 2017 Chifley Academy alumnus and Forklift Driver, Blackwoods Newcastle

# Thank You



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