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Central Region Academies' Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome to the Term 2 Clontarf Central Region Newsletter for 2018

This term Clontarf Academy members have participated in the Clontarf Billy Kart Derby, Business at Sunset, Tennant Creek employment day, hosting Territory Cup and attended the Clontarf foundation National PD Sydney. The Academies have focussed on member engagement, tracking attendance, year 12 support, behavioural activities and health checks.

Central Region Hosts Business @ Sunset Event

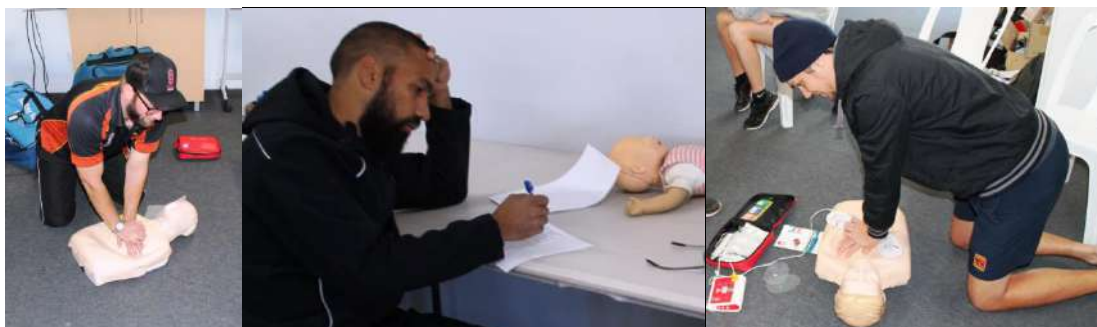
The Clontarf Central Region Academies recently held a Business @ Sunset Event at the Centralian Middle School Academy in Alice Springs. The Sunset Event presents a great opportunity for our Foundation to reinforce our Clontarf principles and expose our senior students and Alumni to Small Business and Government Departments in the Central Region.

The night was a great success and we were privileged to be supported by our Zone Manager Gavin Greeves and Partnership Manager Dyann Pigram on the night. A special thanks to the Clontarf Academy staff, Centralian Middle School and our very own Alumni members who not only helped to run the night but spoke well when 'on the Couch' and networked well all night.



Central Region Staff to the Rescue

Once again our brave Central Region Staff went through their First Aid and Bronze Medallion updates in middle of a freezing Red Centre winter. Despite the cold and the threat of failure under the steely watch of trainer Petina Franklin, all staff managed to get through their updates which included CPR, spinal rolls, rescue swim and tow, water CPR, rescue scenarios and a final examination.





The race that stops the town

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Words by Pietje Span

Photos by Wayne Harris

Once again, "the race that stops a town" was filled with excitement!

Clontarf Academies from Centralian Senior College, Centralian Middle School, Yirara and Tennant Creek all came together at Yirara College seeking success at the annual Billy Kart Derby.

As the crowd grew, so did the anticipation. Students from their respective academies were eager to get the races started. Karts were prepped and painted with creative names like 'Turbo', 'Foot Falcon' and 'Middle School Magic'.

Yirara's two karts, 'Bucking Brumbies' and 'Elsa's Sleigh' were revved up to defend their winning title but there was some stiff competition from all of the Central Region teams.

The whole of Yirara College came out watch the races with an exceptional set-up of marquees, BBQs and seating achieved by some awesome helpers. Special guests were there too with the likes of the Damien Ryan (Mayor of Alice Springs), Eli Melky (Councillor), Darren Talbot and Ian McAdam (Ex Clontarf), Richard Hayes (Department of Education) Nicole Walsh (Marketing Manager, Yeperenya Shopping Centre) and Jordan McQueen (Bunnings Representative) who all thoroughly enjoyed the action.

The eight teams all presented their karts to the judges, showing the judges how they built and painted them. Jarrell Kelly put together an amazing presentation that won the judges hearts.

The races were awesome, all teams that competed pushed their karts and the drivers hard. Some of the karts stood up to the punishment, and some did not. Teams used quick fix methods, utilizing duct tape to hold the karts together, keeping them in the race.

Getting on two wheels around corners was not uncommon, the Principal of Yirara, Roger Ashcroft knew this all too well but was saved by some great guidance by Matthew Robinson from Minyerri.

At the end of the day there were two standout karts that raced in a head to head battle, both from Yirara, Elsa's Sleigh and Bucking Brumbies. The race was tight but on the final bend Bucking Brumbies went a little too hard and rolled their kart giving Elsa's Sleigh the win.

Students from Yirara were channeling their inner Brisbane Lions that day, by defying all the odds they came away with a 3peat premiership success.



Territory Cup 2018

The Clontarf Foundation held its 10th annual Territory Cup in Alice Springs last Friday. Casuarina Academy started as favourites as they have a great record at Territory Cups and always bring strong teams.

The day was filled with highlights and top end flare was on show with Gove, Yirrkala, Gunbalanya and Jabiru academies displaying their freakish skills and running abilities. Yirara's Keenan Mitchel kicked a goal after the final siren against Arnhem to register a win by five points. There were spectacular after match celebrations with acrobatic flips and cartwheels. Yirrkala academy members dominated this area.

Alice Springs parents, families and footy supporters were treated to a local derby grand final with Centralian taking on Yirara. The game was a tough hard contest with both academies not giving an inch. Yirara led for most of the first half until a late Shawn Foster fifty meter monster goal put CSC Academy in front at the major break.

The second half saw Yirara Academy fight back with single goals to Tyson Woods and Junior Reiff. Late in the game Centralian power forward Dominic Forbes took a big mark and goaled to seal the final by five points. Best players for Yirara were Captain Sheremiah Georgie, Tyson Woods and Leroy Jones and for Centralian Dominic Forbes, Tarrant Maher and Jai Harvey.

Alice Springs Mayor Damien Ryan presented the winning cup and medallions to Centralian Academy members. Clontarf Foundation CEO Gerard Neesham was also in attendance.

Centralian Senior College Academy Director Tyson Carmody was ecstatic after the match saying, "winning the Territory Cup has built a stronger sense of pride from our young men in representing our academy as well as our school. Some students were in the team to reward their efforts at school, some were in the team as an incentive to continue making positive choices at school. They were all there because they wanted to be there. We are extremely proud of them, not because they won but by the way they conducted themselves on and off the field, especially when they were challenged. We will expect and encourage them to continue applying themselves in this same way within the school and community. It was a great experience and a thrill to take out the cup".



Silvagni Downs (Yirara Academy) & Centralian Senior College Academy

The Islander Newspaper

Tennant Creek players enjoying new island home



DUDLEY RECRUITS: Mattaniah Bain, Nicholas Corbett and Jamarl Bostock from Tennant Creek are this year's Indigenous recruits at Dudley United Football Club.

Three young Northern Territory men are enjoying life on a new island home thanks to the long-standing and respected Indigenous recruitment program at Dudley United Football Club. This is about the eighth year that the Kangaroo Island football club has recruited and imported Indigenous talent from northern Australia.

Club president and A Grade coach Simon Wheaton said the program continued to work well and the three current recruits were now all playing and working well on the Island. "It's all about teaching them new life skills and independence and going to work, while helping our club play good football in return," Wheaton said.

This year's recruits are Nicholas Corbett, Jamarl Bostock and Mattaniah Bain, and all three are from Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory. Corbett is working as a farmhand with Wheaton at his Red Banks farm, Bostock is doing landscape and building work at Penneshaw, while Bain has landed a 12-month traineeship at Dudley Wines. The Indigenous recruits are usually billeted out with KI families but are all together at the moment. And they are just hitting their strides on the football field too. "Their fitness has built up and they are adjusting to our style of football," Wheaton said. "Instead of running around with 20 super fit and fast Aboriginal fellows, they are now playing with 16 maybe not so fit as they can be blokes."

Dudley United's indigenous recruitment program was the subject of an excellent documentary entitled "New island home", created by Ninti Media producers Amy Pysden and Daniel Clarke. The [documentary was launched at Dudley Wines](#) in December 2017 and now an excerpt even plays on the SeaLink ferries on-board entertainment system.

The Dudley Indigenous recruitment program began in about 2010 and was the brainchild of AFL recruiter John Turnbull and Dudley Wines owner Jeff Howard. It has been supported by [the Clontarf Foundation](#), which was set up to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men through sport. The program relies on generous donors and families that billet the young men for six months of the year. The club continues to work with the foundation and also Turnbull to recruit new players each season.

TENNANT CREEK ACADEMY
BILLY CART DERBY / FINKE DESERT RACE SCRUTINEERING TRIP

The Tennant Creek High School Clontarf Academy set off on their trip to Alice Springs for the annual Billy Cart Derby on race day morning, Thursday 7th June. Attending the camp was six Year 7 students: Shannon Devery, Nathrall Dickson, Tye Noonan, Zachary O'Donnell, Kyle Smith, and Javon Walker, and one Year 8 student: Leo Finlay. Lightweights Shannon and Javon were selected as drivers for the yellow "Zoooom" and red "Turbo" billy-carts respectively.

The carts were powered with a combination of the oldest (staff) and youngest (students) engines in the race, and while they struggled to keep pace with the opposition, they did fight out a thrilling dead heat when matched against each other in their final race. The crew used Centralian Middle School Academy as a base for their stay, and received a visit there on Friday afternoon by Tennant Creek Clontarf Academy alumni Antonio Riley, now living and working in Alice Springs.

Antonio spoke to the lads about his journey to complete high school doing a school based apprenticeship, and subsequent transition into the workforce. After Antonio's visit it was off to the Finke Night Markets where the main attraction was the stunt motorcyclists and their amazing aerobatic display off the jump ramps.

Friday morning's activity was a visit to the Alice Springs Desert Park, where the lads were able to see up close and learn about Central Australian desert fauna and flora, using a map to navigate their way around the park and reading the signage posted at each of the featured displays. One of the rangers at the park was Clontarf alumni Aaron Curtis, who introduced himself and spoke to the lads about his schooling and the pathway he followed doing part time work while completing his certified training to become a ranger at the park. On Friday afternoon the crew headed to the Finke Desert Race start/finish line where they volunteered for scrutineering of the bike riders' non-mechanical equipment: helmet, boots, gloves, goggles and clothing.

With approximately 650 bike competitors, it was a busy afternoon that continued through until sundown.

The lads were privileged to do the scrutineering of the equipment used by 5-time King of the Desert and former Dakar Rally winner Toby Price, who then went on to win a record sixth Finke Desert race title that weekend. Scrutineering also provided an opportunity for the lads to have a chat with Clontarf alumni Eddie Hampton, riding in his sixth Finke Desert Race and trying to top his best finish of 100th in 2017.

Eddie reinforced the message about the importance of finishing school and getting a job, without which he would not be able to afford the expenses associated with his sporting passion of competitive motorcycle riding. A familiar face at the scrutineering was VET instructor at TCHS, Lindsay Montgomery-Quin, who was competing in his first Finke. During a break from their volunteer duties, Nathrall, Tye and Shannon went to have a look at some buggies and trophy trucks competing in the car categories.

While checking out the machinery they attracted the attention of one of the television crews and were interviewed on camera. To cap off a big day, the lads spent the evening trying their hand at ten pin bowling, which is a sport most have never participated in before. It was up early in the morning for breakfast, pack up and clean-up, then the 500km journey back to Tennant Creek. Respect for the accommodation hospitality provided by CMS Academy was shown, by doing a thorough clean-up of the Academy room before leaving.

Clontarf staff that went on the trip were pleased to be able to rate the individual and group behavior to have been first class throughout.



Student Profiles

Name: Silvagni Downs
Year Level: 12
Nickname: Alston
Age: 18
Academy: Yirara College
Favourite Food: Pasta
Favourite Band: Brooks and Dunn
Favourite TV Show: Ellen
Favourite Movie: Ace Ventura
AFL Team: Carlton Blues
NRL Team: Rabbitohs
What do you like about school?: Hanging around all my friends
What's your dream job: Mechanic

Name: Jake Gowley
Year Level: 8
Nickname: Dusty Martin
Age: 13
Academy: CMS
Favourite Food: Mud Crab
Favourite Band: Bliss En Eso
Favourite TV Show: The Middle
Favourite Movie: Winnie The Pooh
AFL Team: Port Power
NRL Team: Cowboys
What do you like about school? : Clontarf
What's your dream job : Photography





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Brothers in Arms

Words by Schaylen Parai

Photos by Tom Clements

As Term 2 comes to an end our Year 7/8 boys travelled to Tennant Creek for a well-being and leadership camp.

The trip was long for the boys in the back of the troopies, although there were plenty of laughs and fun times.

We managed to stop off at Devils Marbles where the boys got out for a much needed stretch and tour around. When we arrived in Tennant Creek everyone was tired and hungry, then the boys chipped in to cook us a good feed of spaghetti bolognese.

After a good night's rest, our day was packed visiting Tennant Creek's attractions. Just being in a different town for the boys brought joy and excitement. We did something out the ordinary and explored the Michelangelo Exhibition which was fascinating for the fellas. The boys used utensils similar to what Michelangelo utilised to sketch their own piece of art work.

Mary-Ann Dam was a great outlet for some exercise and organised sport, followed by a delicious BBQ lunch, then we all explored the dam and played lots of sport.

It was definitely good to be around the boys and for the boys to be around each other. Later on the two academies clashed in a game of Wide World of Sports - CMS vs Tennant Creek. The boys were really competitive but always showed Clontarf spirit.

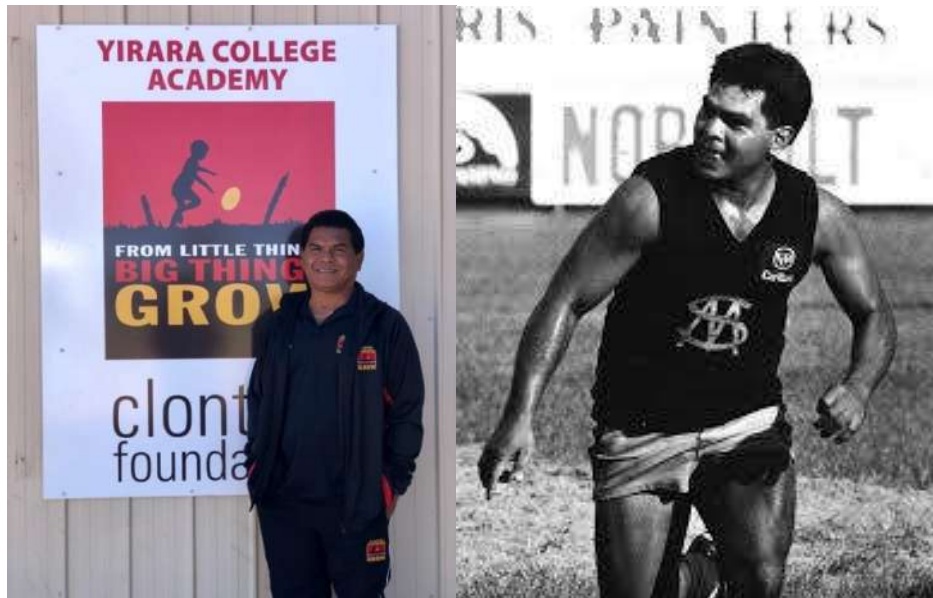
We finished off the three day camp by treating the boys to good feed of chicken parmigiana at the local Sporties. Then it was time for the long drive home...



Clontarf Staff Member

Name: Cyril Rioli
Job Title: Operation Officer
Nickname: JNR
Academy: Yirara College
Favourite Food: Chinese
Favourite Band: Eagles
Favourite TV Show: Marngrook Footy Show
Favourite Movie: Rampage
AFL Team: Hawks
AFLCA Team: All
NRL Team: West Tigers

What do you like about your job? Interacting with our academy members



Tennant Creek Academy
"Blazers"



Yirara Academy
"Brumbies"



Centralian Middle School
Academy "Titans"



Centralian Senior College
Academy "Eagles"

Number of academy members in central region:

Academy members: 272

Academy year 12 members:

Centralian Senior College Academy: 10

Tennant Creek High School Academy: 8

Yirara College Academy: 14

Academy health checks completed:

Academy members: 91

Overall academy member attendance term 2:

Centralian Senior College Academy: 67%

Tennant Creek High School Academy: 82%

Yirara College Academy: 79%

Centralian Middle School Academy: 78%

Major Dates Calendar

Clontarf Employment Forum

Date: Wednesday 8th of August

Venue: Centralian Middle School

Time: 6pm

Clontarf Foundation Northern Carnival

Date: 4th – 6th of September

Venue: Kununurra WA

Super Health Checks

Date: Thursday 9th of August

Date: Thursday 30th of August

Venue: Yirara Academy

Time: 9am – 12pm

Partner Event

Date: Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd of August

Venue: Alice Springs

Clontarf Foundation – Central Region Awards Night

Date: Wednesday 14th of November 2018

Venue: Centralian Senior College

Time: 6pm