

# Term 3 Newsletter 2019



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## Welcome to the Term 3 Clontarf Central Region Newsletter for 2019

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve 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 meaningfully in society.

This term academy members have participated in the shop assistant program at Yeperenye Shopping Centre, a work site visit to Glen Helen Resort, hosted Father's Day in Tennant Creek, Duke of Edinburgh activities, Prince Edward visit to Yirara College, Hobart Hurricanes visit to Yirara academy and much more.

Central region academies would like to thank our partner schools Centralian Middle School, Centralian Senior College, Tennant Creek High School, Tennant Creek Primary School and Yirara College for their ongoing support of the Clontarf Foundation. We would also like to thank the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek communities for their ongoing support of our members.

The Clontarf Foundation would like to thank Nicole Walsh Marketing Manager of Yeperenye Shopping Centre for her ongoing support over the past 10 years. Nicole has been a fantastic supporter of our academy members and programs in Central Australia. Our members and staff wish her well in her new role.



**CMS academy members with Nicole Walsh Marketing Manager of Yeperenye Shopping Centre.**  
(Nicole second person top right hand side)



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# Foundation Partner's Tourism Hotspot

Words by Randall Gould

Photos by Randall Gould & Randall Coombe

As part of a the Tennant Creek Academy senior student camp, primarily to attend the Central Region Employment Forum, an overnight stay at the Glen Helen Lodge in the West MacDonnell Ranges added plenty of value to the camp.

**Clontarf Foundation partners, the Ngurratjuta Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation, are the owners of the lodge and have recently taken over the day to day operations of the business from the previous lease holders.**

The lodge is positioned at the foot of the spectacular Glen Helen Gorge on the mighty Finke River, providing some magnificent outback scenery for visitors that have an accommodation choice of either motel rooms or the camping grounds. We arrived late afternoon and set up our tents in the campground before using the camp kitchen facility to cook up a chicken stir fry dinner.

The next morning provided a spectacular sunrise that accentuated the escarpment features of the gorge, providing one of the highlights of an early morning walk down to the permanent waterhole that remains when much of the rest of the Finke River is waterless between rain events.

With the lodge situated at the heart of the West MacDonnell Ranges, it offers the ideal starting base for visitors to see the many natural landscape attractions that make the ranges one of the region's main tourism destinations. After our look at Glen Helen Gorge we went for a short five minute drive to Ormiston Gorge to walk one its bush trails. We chose the approximately 90-minute "Ghost Gum" trail, which features a walk to the top of the escarpment, before a descent that takes you down to the river bed, which provides the route for the journey back.

There are both longer and shorter trails to walk that offer options for most age and fitness levels.

From there it was another 5- 10 minute drive to the "Ochre Pits", where the fellas could view a snapshot of geographical history via the layers of rock on the cliff face, from where traditional owners gathering the ochre soil to use for ceremonial painting.

After a morning of exploring the local wonders we then returned to the lodge to enjoy a lunch from the restaurant, which offers an indoor dining area and an outdoor one where the escarpment view and waterhole add to the dining experience.

To finish off our visit the lodge manager Chris and maintenance worker Lloyd, who is also one of the traditional owners for the area, took us on a worksite tour of the site. They provided with terrific insight into what is required to keep the lodge operating under its own self sufficient supply of power from two massive diesel generators, a sewerage filtration system and water supply for showers and cleaning. Drinking water is bought in from Alice Springs.

The worksite tour highlighted the many different job descriptions filled by the 16 employees that work at the lodge at this time of the year, which is the busiest in terms of visitor numbers.

Equipment maintenance, housekeeping, kitchen staff, hospitality (bar and retail), truck driver, forklift operation and booking reservations are some of the employment roles at the site, with Chris and Lloyd also highlighting that individual staff may perform duties in several of those roles on any given day. Lloyd is likely to add cultural tour guide to his list of duties in the near future with plans to capitalise on his local traditional knowledge currently being considered.

Should those plans come to fruition it will add even further value to what is already an excellent tourism destination.





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# Year 12 Duke of Ed

Words by Arti Davis Tahere

Photos by David Thomas

The Duke of Ed programme is a great opportunity to help our Year 12s graduate with a smile, earning extra credits for everyday activities done with Clontarf.

One criteria for the Duke of Ed programme is to go on an adventurous journey for two nights, so we took our lads on a trip to Tennant Creek.

For our first activity we had Tennant Creek Clontarf host us for a game of basketball in their gym for a little run around after a few hours in the bus. We then left and headed out to the Juno centre where we would set up camp for the two nights.

Day 2 saw the guys start off with an early morning 15km bike ride. All the boys dug deep and stuck in it to finish that marathon. We then took off to Battery Hill for a tour in the old mining shaft before heading to Tennant Creek's famous café 'Top of the Town' for a quick milkshake for the lads.

Following our milkshakes was a 5km walk to the highlight of the trip Nyinkka Nyunyu art and culture centre. Where Jerry (Nyinkka guide) stole the show with his passion and knowledge for his culture and his land was second to none.

Words from Keithan Martin and Ronan Bloomfield Year 12:

"Highlight of the trip was going to the Culture Centre and learning about their Culture," Keithan said.

"From my point of view getting out and doing something different than school with your mates was good for me," Ronan said. "For the camp the main thing I liked was the bike ride. I enjoyed it the most because I came first."

The Duke of Ed program is a great opportunity for the Clontarf foundation to help our Year 12s graduate.



## Cricket

# Brumbies bowl a Hurricane

During term three Yirara Clontarf Academy were lucky enough to have Joel Morrison CEO of NT Cricket and Caleb Jewell, Riley Merideth and Simon Milenko from the Hobart Hurricanes T20 Big Bash team come and run a clinic with our lads. It was amazing to get 24 lads involved and having fun. Before the clinic kicked off the players and guests were treated to a tour of our room and a quick couple games as our members were playing away. After the pillar talk we split our fellas into two groups and focused in on some catching drills and bowling drills. Junior George one of our year 9 students show cased his bowling talents by winning the challenge of hitting the wickets and each time a stump was removed. We played this a few times over and he won each time. At the conclusion of the clinic the players handed out posters and stayed back to sign them all for the fellas. Thanks to Matt Henderson Regional Cricket Officer based here in Alice Springs for bringing them out.



## Clontarf Foundation – Local Partners





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# Centralian Titans take on the Top End

Words by Cheyne Miles  
Photos by Tom Clements

Monday 16th of September 19 Centralian Titans travelled 1,182km to take part in the Clontarf Top End Cup Carnival.

**The carnival had middle schools from 10 different Clontarf academies in the Northern Territory participate for the title of Top End champions.**

The Centralian Titans members were picked based off their participation at school, attendance and involvement with the academy.

With the group of Year 7's and 8's selected we travelled to Daly Waters where we stayed the first night and then on to beautiful Mataranka Hot Springs for a swim and a bit of marks up in the water, with high flyers like Rhys Craig and BJ Beattie grabbing everything that came their way. It got the all fellas pumped and refreshed for the carnival.

The Titans' first of five games saw them take on the home town team of Katherine Karraks. Being undersized did not stop our fellas from putting their bodies and heads over the ball each chance they got while showing plenty of Clontarf spirit in picking their opponents up after a hard tackle.

Our skippers Lane Ellis and Kaleel Ross were the stand out all carnival, from taking heavily contested marks to setting their team mates with goals. For the rest of the carnival we saw a lot of talent, leadership and interest in the game from fellas that don't normally play football.

Liam Turner was exceptional in the backline for our final game, almost getting a hand to every ball that came into our defensive 50, with the likes of Jeremiah Daniels rucking for the Titans got the ball down to the on ballers almost every chance time, to a streaking Lane Ellis who would send the ball deep into our full forward Dominic Maher who would either shepherd the ball through or take a big grab and put the ball through the big sticks.

**The MVP and Clontarf Spirit**

award winner for Centralian Titans was always going to be hard to pick out of the amazing 19 blokes we had for the trip and it came down to wire with both awards.

Lane Ellis got the MVP award for pretty much having the ball on a string as he was everywhere and the Clontarf Spirit went to the fella that was always ready to help out, not only help his team but help out the other teams by filling in when other teams were short a player, and that was Tyrell Ahmat.

After all the awards and good byes to our academy brothers from elsewhere, we set off for a recovery/relax at the hot springs again before starting our journey back home.





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# Father's Day fun at Tennant Creek Primary

Words by Kym Bracken and Con Power

Photos by Kym Bracken

On the Friday of Week 6 in Term 3, the Tennant Creek Primary School Academy held a backyard cricket event to celebrate Father's Day.

**It was a great opportunity to get our academy member's dads, grandfathers and uncles into the academy space and have a fun game of cricket alongside them.**

In total, we had 14 visitors turn up to have a bat and bowl with and against the students of various ages that also participated.

The students paired up with their respective fatherly figures and each pair had two overs as a batting partnership combination, before retiring to make way for the next batting pair.

The lads and dads/guardians had an awesome time with many laughs and smiles shared out on the pitch.

After the cricket match the academy fellas eagerly took their dads around the academy room, showing them all the photos on the wall and the new attendance board.

The academy room tour continued the day's trend of smiles and laughter.

It was quite noticeable that the fellas took great pride in showing off their academy room (their space) to their male role model figures, which was particularly pleasing to observe.

Following on from the tour of the academy room, everyone enjoyed a big BBQ lunch that School Counsellor Greg Mays helped staff to cook.

Over lunch there was plenty of discussion between the lads and dads about their exploits on the cricket field, their impressions of the academy room, and school in general.

This event for Father's Day was a great family follow up to the Mother's Day luncheon held earlier in the year.

Both events were extremely well attended and it has been terrific to be able to share the first year of the Primary School academy with so many parents, guardians, aunts, uncles, grandparents, brothers and sisters.



### **Clontarf staff member profile**

Name: Damien Hall  
Job Title: Operations Officer  
Nickname: Hally  
Academy: Centralian Middle School  
Favourite Food: KFC (Alice Springs)  
Favourite Band: Peking Duk  
Favourite TV Show: Game of Thrones  
Favourite Movie: Shawshank redemption  
AFL Team: Melbourne  
CAFL Team: Rovers Football Club  
What do you like about your job?  
Watching the boys improve in their self-esteem and confidence



### **Clontarf academy member profile**

Name: Joshaviah Johnson  
Year Level: 9  
Nickname: Jojo  
Age: 14  
Academy: Tennant Creek High School  
Favourite Food: Pizza  
Favourite Band: Michael Jackson  
Favourite TV Show: The Simpsons  
Favourite Movie: John Wick  
AFL Team: West Coast Eagles  
Favourite Player: Lewis Jetta  
NRL Team: New South Wales Blues  
Like Most About School: Learning  
Dream Job: Carpenter



**CENTRAL REGION ACADEMY MEMBERS WITH PRINCE EDWARD AT THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S CELEBRATION AT YIRARA COLLEGE**

## Academy Information:

### Number of academy members in central region:

Academy members: 288

### Academy year 12 members:

Centralian Senior College Academy: 18

Tennant Creek High School Academy: 4

Yirara College Academy: 6

### Academy health checks completed:

Academy members: 107

### Overall academy member attendance term 3:

Centralian Senior College Academy: 64%

Tennant Creek High School Academy: 74%

Tennant Creek Primary School Academy: 74%

Yirara College Academy: 74%

Centralian Middle School Academy: 72%



CMS academy members at a worksite visit at Ingkerreke commercial building and construction.

## Major Dates Calendar:

### Clontarf Cricket Carnival

Date: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2019

Venue: Traeger Park

Time: 4pm – 7pm

### Central Region Awards Night

Date: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2019

Venue: Centralian Senior College

Time: 6pm – 8pm

### Central Region Staff PD

Date: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2019

Venue: Juno Club (Tennant Creek)



CMS academy members volunteer at the Coles community BBQ.



CMS, Yirara & CSC academy members at the R U OK camp.