

Tumut Clontarf Academy

# Clontarf Newsletter

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## ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Tumut Clontarf Academy was founded in 2019 and operates out of Tumuyt High School. It caters for students in Years 7 to 12 and currently has 43 boys engaged in the programme.

## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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.

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# Message from the Staff

It has been another action packed term for the Tumut Academy with many great moments throughout the ten weeks of the term and culminating with the graduation on the last day of our Year 12 boys. Extra special indeed as it was the first crop of our full graduates with the Academy opening in 2019 when those boys were just little fellas in Year 7. Well done to Lachlan Breed, Isaac Castles and Nate Jackson on completing your years of education at Tumut High, great stuff lads

As we mentioned before , it has been action packed with something happening each week, whether it be the annual health checks which every boy completes in the Academy (Thanks to Dr Tran and staff at the connection for all of your help so far) , or a white card course, working safely at heights and confined spaces course, basketball camp, visit from our mates at the Airds Academy while they went to the Snow, Taco Tuesday, Teachers Morning Tea, BBQ Cooking for the school whilst hosting a health session from former NRL star Alen Tongue, hosting students from Snowy Valleys for activities, traveling to Sydney for RossKelly Cup, an

amazing visit to the Lobs Hole site of Snowy 2.0 with Snowy Hydro culminating in Week 10 with a Camp to Camp Hudson which included horse riding, a visit to the Yarrangobilly Caves, thermal pool and the Tumut 3 power station.

I am tired just writing this.

Both Chicka and myself are looking forward to a well earned break to a well earned break so we can re charge our batteries to run hard at the final term of the Year which has heaps of great experiences and life skills on offer for the young men engaged in our program.

All of this would not be possible with out the support of our own families, The Tumut High School Executive, as well as our Clontarf Families and other valued supporters of the Clontarf Foundation.

Regards

Chappy and Chicka



# Moth's Kings of the Court

The Year 7 and 8 camp this term was a three day great trip to Wagga Wagga. The major purpose of the trip was to participate in the regional Basketball competition hosted by the Mount Austin Academy, which was a massive day with the Tumut ACademy fielding two extremely competitive teams in the competition The Moths 2 side came away victorious the day, led by captain Reece Gilchrist the Moths 2 team played magnificently as a team showing Clontarf Spirit in each game with some great plays made by all players including Ashton Back and Bailen Pieremont. The standout player of the day for the Moths 2 team and also the MVP for the comp was Khobi Bousfield. Kohobi was non stop in each game and dominated many poeces of play with not only his presence close to the ring but also when shooting from outside the perimeter, but perhaps the biggest eye catching moments of Khobi's performances

throughout the day was the way he assisted all of his teammates to enjoy themselves and make sure they got plenty of court time and a fair shot on goal. Well done Khobi, such maturity for a lad only in Year 7.

After the day the lads were treated to a massive feed back at our accommodation at McDonalds Field (a big thanks to Dave Skinner and Wagga Rugby League for allowing us to stay in the change rooms) then it was off to the movies where a number of the exhausted lads didnt make it through the entire screening.

Before heading home on the final day we were lucky enough to have the longest laser tag session in Clontarf Tumut history which saw Chappy dethroned as the dominator with some standout performances from Jordyn Damm Ryly "Rocket" Brewer and the stealth sparrow Aidan Moorehead.



# Great Opportunity.....

Four Tumut Academy members were given a fantastic opportunity from Foundation Partners Inland Rail recently when they undertook two courses at Cootamundra TAFE Campus. The courses, Working Safely at Heights and Working in Confined Spaces, were run over three days and they were supported by Ops Officer Leon Douglas and Employment Officer Mitch Fennessy.

The training is an initiative from inland rail which has seen a large number of Clontarf Members and Alumni getting various accreditations including white cards as well as the courses that the Tumut Lads just completed.

Tumut Alumni Jamie Hibbens was extremely grateful for the opportunity

"Big shout out to Cathy Duncan From Inland Rail for making this possible for us lads, it has been a great couple of days. Plus our instructor Ross was awesome, he really made us comfortable and shared some yarns of his own about getting into the work force" He said. Employment Officer Mitch echoed Jamie's sentiments, "Cathy is so keen to assist, she is great, and Jamie is spot on about Ross Gleeson, he was so engaging with the lads, a few were very nervous in the adult learning environment, but Ross had them all engaged and taking it in by the end of the first morning session." He added.





# Ross Kelly Cup 2024.....

The Ross Kelly Cup for 2024 saw the Tumut Academy join forces once again with the lads from the Karrabar Academy in Queanbeyan. The boys hit it off instantaneously from the warm up with plenty of laughs shared within minutes. With only three boys joining the team from Tumut to bolster numbers, the "Mothdogs" acquitted themselves well for the competition winning two of their four allocated games for the day.

Big Haydo Damm was having his first Clontarf Footy game since Breaking a wrist at Griffith Rugby League carnival two Years ago and he showed no signs of nerves as he made huge efforts on each of the games including being on the receiving end of a couple of bell ringer tackles only to jump up and play the ball. Our other two Moths on show were Trey Patrick whom is another lad with limited playing time on the field, and Cordell Coe, our team leader for the day.

Trey was also couragous for the day getting through lots and lots of work and also overcoming three of the biggest blisters staff have seen in some time.

Cordell was solid for the day and showed glimpses of brilliance in attack when given the right opportunity. His efforts with the ball in hand had the opposition guessing in defence on many occasions. Our other two lads present on the day Will Baker and Ryan Coe were amazing as first aid and hydration staff. They also managed to keep our other helpers from Snowy Hydro (pictured Below) entertained in between games. The Academy is already looking forward to next Year and is currently designing a new playing strip to unveil at the event.

A big congratulations to our regional brothers the Mount Austin Academy on taking out the entire event. A truly remarkable effort. Well done lads



# Moths do fly!

Whilst on the Ross Kelly Camp the Clontarf Lads got a very rare experience at Ifly in Penrith. This indoor skydiving facility is truly something to see with the lads really facing their fears and getting amongst it. The SNowy Hydro lads that had supported the boys for the Ross Kelly Dinner and Footy Carnival were on hand to see the smiles on the boys faces as well as the fear on the faces of Chappy and Employment Officer Mitch.

'The lads initially had a safety brief as well as a physics session on how the facility works. Then it was kitting up in the gear including some deadly jumpsuits and helmets leading to the final part of completing two "Jumps" into the wind chamber. Fun!



## Snowy Boys Lend a Hand...

As mentioned above, the Tumut Academy headed to Sydney this term to compete in the annual Ross Kelly Cup. This event involves every Clontarf Academy in New South Wales heading to Sydney for a three to four day camp to play in a Rugby League Knockout for Year 9 and 10 Clontarf members. The Camp started off with the Gala dinner held at "The Venue" in Alexandria which saw over one thousand people in attendance. Each Academy are usually assigned a group of partners to join them on their table. Partners play such an integral role of the Foundation and Clontarf are always extremely grateful of any interaction the boys can have with its Partners.

For the Tumut Academy not only did we get to have dinner with employees of our values partner Snowy Hydro. The Snowy staff then accompanied us the foillwing day on our trip to Breakfast in Parramatta on "Eat Street", swim and lunch on Bondi Beach and then the experience of "Ifly" in Penrith which is Indoor Skydiving. This was indeed a fulfilled day with those activities but also for the members of the Academy to get to know Snowy lads Dean Parry, Murray Barrett and Ben Roddy (Pictured Below with the Boys from the Tumut Academy at the Gala Dinner, and also with the Ross Kelly Cup Team) All of these lads local Tumut men employed by Snowy Hydro with a deep passion of seeing young men fulfill their potential.

The following day the Snowy Hydro team then drove up to the central coast to play a supporting role for the Karrabar/Tumut Team as the competed in the Rugby League Carnival.(Please see article above)

"Having the Snowy lads here with the boys has been amazing, watching them interact with the lads giving advice and sharing stories shows the strength of the bond between Snowy Hydro and the Tumut Academy" said Operations Officer Chicka Douglas. "These lads are local men, with life experience, all succesful individuals in their own right and valued members of the wider community. Great role models for our boys" he added.

A huge thank you to Snowy Hydro for allowing these employees to join us for such a large camp. Their presence alone made it truly a camp to remember for our five young men and also the twelve lads from the Karrabar Academy.



# Upcoming Events

## Week 1

- Full Academy Meeting
- Health Checks

## Week 2

- Proud and Deadly Awards
- Ping Pong Comp

## Week 3

- Fishing Camp  
@Lake Cargelligo

## Week 4

- Cricket Carnival
- Health Checks

## Week 5

- Year 12 Major Camp

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## Week 7

- Awards Night

## Week 8

- Coast Camp

## Week 9

- Teachers Morning Tea

## Week 10

- Super Training with Snowy Hydro

# Special Visit.....

In Week 9 of the Term a select group of Tumut Academy members got the opportunity to travel with Academy staff and Riverina Regional employment officer Mitch Fennessy to the Lobs Hole site of Snowy 2.0 with Snowy Hydro.

The boys got a behind the scenes look at what life is like on-site and explored the emerging career opportunities in renewable energy construction, both today and in the future. The Snowy team were amazing hosts and in their own words "loved connecting the next generation with our diverse team to inspire their future career paths"

A massive thank you to Millie Swain of Snowy Hydro for hosting us on the day with other staff and to Sarah Norris for all of her ongoing support of the Tumut Academy.

The Academy values and appreciates our strong bond with all Snowy Hydro employees.



# Photos from Term 4





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