

TROY CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP



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KURT TIPPETT

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Sydney Swans player Kurt Tippett is one of the AFL's biggest names.

He represented Queensland in under-18 basketball before his fateful meeting with Troy Clarke changed the course of his sporting career.

He played with the Southport Sharks in the QAFL before being selected by the Adelaide Crows in the 2006 AFL Draft.

He played 104 games with the Crows before his move to the Swans.



My first encounter with Troy Clarke was after the final of our local high school AFL tournament at the end of

2004. I am not exactly sure what he had seen in a would-be basketballer that day that made him wander over for a chat as I was leaving the ground, but I am sincerely grateful that he did!

Feeding off his enthusiasm and positivity, I quickly accepted his invitation and turned up to Gold Coast Stingrays training the next week. Looking back now it is not surprising that he instantly made me feel like I belonged despite knowing little about the game or the culture of a football club.

He patiently and very simply guided me through the ins and outs of all things football. I suspect he even paid one of his good mates to pick me in the side. The belief he showed in me was enormous and gave me the confidence to continue the path even though the trials of learning a new game looked insurmountable at times.

Clarkey's genuine love and passion for footy was infectious and the level of support and care he showed everyone in the football community was unwavering. His easy going and witty nature made him someone everyone called a mate and it is for this reason he is sadly missed.

I, like many others, am forever grateful for the impact Troy had on me personally and for the huge role he played in my career. I am very proud to be an Ambassador for the Troy Clarke Scholarship.



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BACKGROUND

Troy Clarke's life was all too short. But in 44 years he left an indelible mark on Queensland football.

From his early days as a junior player in Cairns through the AFL playing ranks and more recently as a key figure in the game's ongoing development, he was a genuine contributor.

Troy was the first player drafted to the AFL from Cairns and played 68 games for the Brisbane Bears before multiple knee injuries cut short his career.

An AFL Queensland Hall of Fame member, he was the only North Queenslander on the Queensland Team of the Century shortlist, but it was his impact on footy after his retirement that will be his true legacy to the game.

In his last three years at the Bears (1994-96), Troy began his off-field career with AFL Queensland, working as a junior development officer for Mt Gravatt.

Troy led the way for the development of footy on the Gold Coast in the last decade, involved in both coaching some of the state's future stars as well as the growth of the sport in the region, becoming a well-known and well-loved part of the footy scene.

In his role, Troy oversaw the progression of the Gold Coast into a hub for football talent, with it becoming the state's greatest source of AFL draftees, state league and state representative players.

His impact on the region was formally recognised in 2006, with Troy the recipient of a National High Achievers Award at the AFL National Development Conference.

From 2011, Troy led the growth of Australian football across Queensland as State Development Manager, with participation increasing to almost 160,000 people across the state.

It is rare to find anyone in Queensland football that hasn't come into contact with "Clarkey", and impossible to find someone with a bad word to say about him.

Troy consistently displayed wonderful values such as dedication, passion and respect. This scholarship aims to honour Troy Clarke by supporting a young person from regional Queensland who displays these same values to reach their potential both as a player and a person.



CRITERIA

Who is eligible for the scholarship?

- ▼ This scholarship is available to young people turning 14 or 15 years of age in the 2019 calendar year.
- ▼ Recipients must be registered junior AFL players who are located outside South East Queensland and have demonstrated the potential to reach at least a regional representation level of participation.
- ▼ Potential recipients may be nominated by their registered club, club officials or regional manager.

What does the scholarship cover?

- ▼ Incidental study costs (text books and/or equipment)
- ▼ Equipment needed to support participation in AFL
- ▼ Travel allowance and costs to compete in competitions and/or relevant leadership/educational experiences
- ▼ Additional assistance in coaching/talent development/school or career support (e.g tuition or mentoring)
- ▼ Other items that assist a young person to reach their potential as deemed appropriate by the Troy Clarke Scholarship panel

Terms and conditions

- ▼ Scholarships will run over a one year period (Aug-July).
- ▼ Recipients may receive up to \$5,000 on such terms and conditions the Troy Clarke Scholarship panel may, in its absolute discretion, deem appropriate.
- ▼ The funding a recipient receives will be determined exclusively by the panel
- ▼ Decisions made by the panel are final and no correspondence shall be entered into regarding any decision made by the panel
- ▼ The panel reserves the right at all times to end a scholarship of a recipient, where:
 - ▶ The recipient fails to observe any of the specified criteria items of the scholarship; or
 - ▶ The recipient engages in conduct which in the reasonable opinion of the panel is unbecoming of a scholarship holder or adversely affects the standing or reputation of the scholarship fund.
- ▼ The funds allocated must be used to assist the recipient directly.
- ▼ All nominees should be prepared to undertake any promotional role deemed appropriate by AFL Queensland and the Clarke Family.





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2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

- ▼ Aug 2 Scholarship launch & nominations open
- ▼ Aug 9 Nominations close
Recipient chosen
- ▼ Aug 16 Public announcement of recipient

TROY CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP PANEL

The Troy Clarke Scholarship panel will meet not more than one (1) week after the closing date for applications.

The main responsibilities of the panel include:

1. Administer the Fund
2. Assess scholarship nominations; and
3. Select the scholarship recipients

Representation

INDIVIDUAL	REPRESENTING
BRAD REID	AFL
TIM SEARL	AFLQ - GOLD COAST
JIM URQUHART	AFLQ - TALENT
FIONA MCLARTY	GOLD COAST SUNS
NATALIE CLARKE	CLARKE FAMILY

Acceptance/Rejection Letters

- ▼ Letters of acceptance or rejection will be sent to applicants within one week of the Scholarship panel meeting.
- ▼ Acceptance letters include a Terms and Conditions form to be signed and returned by the recipient.

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The distribution of funds will vary, and are particular to the individual recipient, taking into account their ability and their family/carer's ability to responsibly use the scholarship.

Funds may be distributed in the following three ways:

1. Young person's family/carer manages money (receipts returned to AFLQ at conclusion of scholarship)
2. Young person's local club manages money (receipts returned to AFLQ at conclusion of scholarship)
3. AFLQ holds money and makes payments directly to providers or purchase goods on behalf of the young person e.g sporting equipment

Purchase of goods:

- ▶ AFLQ to seek three quotes for goods
- ▶ AFLQ to purchase and arrange delivery of goods to scholarship recipient's place of residence

If a scholarship student drops out or discontinues their participation in AFL:

- ▶ No further scholarship funds shall be made available to them, and any allocated funds will be returned to the general pool for other applicants.

SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENT

The scholarship recipient will be announced on August 16.

GENERAL PROMOTION AND AWARENESS RAISING

The Troy Clarke Scholarship panel will work with the communications and marketing departments of AFLQ to devise an annual plan for general promotion and raising awareness of the scholarships and the recipients.

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