

Jason McCartney

Inspirational national hero

Jason McCartney is a national hero who inspires audiences with his remarkable accounts of how he overcame adversity through amazing support from family, friends and team mates.

Jason became a national hero in the wake of the Bali Bombings in 2002 and epitomises the Australian fighting spirit. His story is one of humanity overcoming adversity. Jason, a young Australian with an exceptional talent to play Australian Rules Football, was thrust into the hearts and minds of all Australians through his courageous fight-back from horrible burns he suffered in Bali.

Few will forget his triumphant return to AFL football on the evening of June 6, 2003. He helped in scoring the winning goal, but his ultimate glory was a victory over terrorism and a “win” for all those who survived Bali. Jason was awarded an OAM in October 2003.

Jason started his career when he was drafted at pick number four in the 1990 National Draft by the Collingwood Football Club. Following four seasons with the Pies, Jason crossed over to the Adelaide Crows where he spent another three seasons. In 1998, Jason returned to Victoria, playing the next 6 seasons for his beloved Kangaroos. In 2002 he was inducted into the AFL 200 Games Club.

Jason has previously worked with the Australian Football League as the AFL National High Performance Manager, the Western Bulldogs Football Club (2016 AFL Premiers) as List Manager and is currently the List Manager at the GWS GIANTS Football Club. Jason is also involved with many charities, including KIDS Foundation, Peter Hughes Foundation and the Live for Lily Foundation.



Client testimonials

“ Excellent. Jason was very friendly towards all of the guests at the function. He was happy to talk, have photo's and give autographs all night. He also stayed longer than required, which was fantastic. Jason's presentation was very moving. It was amazing to see how far he had come in terms of his recovery in just 12 months, he really is an inspiration. He spoke very

well, and he was happy to answer the audience's questions at the end. I have had nothing but positive feedback about his presentation from the guests, and I would highly recommend him to others.

- Tabcorp

“ Jason had the audience's full attention throughout his presentation. He also took the time to talk to people after the event even though he had to drive back to Melbourne that night. As well as that, he was very easy-going and pleasant to deal with.

- QBE Insurance Australia

“ Jason's presentation to 160 KPMG Tax and Legal delegates was truly inspirational. To sit in a room where there was complete silence for the full 45 minute presentation was amazing. The extended standing ovation and the end of the presentation was not only a mark of respect to this very humble man, but also allowed the delegates to collect their thoughts and emotions after the delivery of such a powerful message. Perspective is a powerful word - of which Jason taught us the true meaning. He certainly showed us that “it is not what you are dealt with in life, but rather, how you deal with it”. A truly unforgettable presentation and experience.

- KPMG

“ Excellent. Jason exceeded our expectations. He touched the audience through his genuine, honest and moving presentation. Jason told his story as if he was amongst friends and family.

- HBA

“ Inspiring and open - fitted our audience well and we have had more feedback than any previous speaker

- Southern Cross Care (VIC)

“ Jason was very well received. He was engaging and entertained a full range of questions. He took time to have photos with the students and joined them in celebrations after the event. His story was fantastic

- Sacred Heart College

“ Jason was very well received by the audience, you could've heard a pin drop when he was speaking. It was refreshing to hear a first hand account of the Bali Bombing from someone who actually lived through it.

- Yarra Ranges Council

“ Our AXIS staff were extremely complimentary of the presentation Jason gave at our conference. Jason was just so natural and a very humble man with an amazing story which was very powerful. He is such a warm person who was generous with his time, staying for morning tea and chatted with our staff flowing his presentation. We were delighted with his visit and cannot praise him more highly.

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