

Jason McCartney



Keynote Speaker

Supreme Survivor

Based in: Sydney

SPEAKER DETAILS

Jason McCartney 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 exceptional talent to play Australian Rules Football, was thrust into the hearts and minds of all Australians through his courageous fight back from the 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 the Collingwood Football Club drafted him at pick number 4 in the 1990 National Draft. Following 4 seasons with the Pies, Jason crossed over to the Adelaide Crows where he spent another 3 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 is a remarkable guest speaker with an amazing ability to inspire audiences with accounts of how he overcame adversity through amazing support from family, friends, and teammates. Jason is also involved with many charities, including ambassador roles for the Peter Hughes Burn Foundation and the K.I.D.S Foundation.

Jason has remained actively involved in the AFL since his retirement as a coach and administrator. In 2016 after 5 years in the role as List Manager at the Western Bulldogs Football Club, Jason played an important role that saw the club win its second ever AFL Premiership and its first for 62 years. Jason is currently the General Manager of Football at the GWS GIANTS Football Club.