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Mr David Harvey  
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Dear Sir,

**Re. 2023 Tom Harvey Award – Trae Wilson of Bourke, NSW 2840**

On behalf of the Clontarf Foundation, it is a pleasure to write this letter of support for the nomination of Trae Wilson for the 2023 Tom Harvey award.

My name is Liam Brodrick, currently the Director of the Bourke Clontarf Academy. I have been employed with the Clontarf Foundation for four years working in remote towns across New South Wales such as Wellington, Brewarrina & Bourke.

I have had the pleasure of working with Trae Wilson for multiple years now. Trae is fully engaged with the Bourke Clontarf Academy and upholds a reputable and trusted reputation within Bourke High School and the Bourke Community.

For those that don't know Trae Wilson, he is a proud Wiradjuri man stemming from Wellington and Bourke, NSW. Trae hasn't had the easiest of upbringings but was lucky enough to be bought up by his grandparents, his grandfather he still lives with today, and who has instilled in him the values that he upholds daily.

Trae has nothing but will give absolutely everything, he is well-known in the community for his work ethic, his willingness to volunteer and his respectful attitude towards everyone and everything. Trae is a leader within the Bourke youth and has pride in being a role model for the younger generation coming through.

With the Tom Harvey Award recognising the outstanding contribution of a young Australian citizen, I would be privileged and honoured to nominate Trae Wilson for the Tom Harvey Award, please read below which supports the nomination for Trae Wilson.



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### **Trae Wilson – Voluntary employment**

#### **2WEB FM – local radio station**

Trae voluntarily participates weekly in a pre-recorded program on the local radio station. Trae does weather reporting, road reporting, local business ads and country song requests.

#### **2WEB FM footy forum (Saturday morning)**

Trae voluntarily participates in the 2WEB FM NRL/local footy forum discussing the past NRL and local rugby league games with NSW northern district police officer Paul Quigg.

#### **Morrall's Bakery Bourke**

Trae volunteers and assists the local bakery with early-morning starts or late-night preparation when they are in need. This may consist of customer service, catering, cleaning & baking prep.

#### **Kendall's Mowing Service**

Trae assists Kat Kendall voluntarily with his private mowing business, Trae's work consists of servicing equipment, mowing & whipper-snipping lawns, gardening and lawn clean-up. Trae also voluntarily mows elderly people's lawns when needed.

#### **Bourke and District Children's services**

Trae volunteers his time on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons to assist the Bourke and District childcare with cleaning the premises and helping when needed.

#### **Rossie Gale Horses**

Trae assists Ross Gale with his racehorse business. This consists of mixing feeds, feeding horses, maintaining the fitness of racehorses, assisting in breaking in fouts & track work.

### **Trae Wilson – Community voluntary participation**

**Member of the local swimming club** – Trae has high morale in everything he does and has the willingness to help the younger generation with swimming practice.

**A junior member of the local bowling club** – Trae participates on Sunday in the local bowls, Trae has a trusting reputation within the local bowls club and maintains a high standard of conduct when participating.

**Member of the Local Aboriginal cricket club** – Trae participates in the local cricket club. Trae assists the club in fundraising and is first to help when needed.

**Member of Bourke Warriors Rugby League** – Trae participates in helping set up the local rugby league, he also volunteers on the gate, and the canteen, as ball boy & water boy.

**Member of Moorambilla Voices** – Trae is a member of the local choir. they produce music, sing at local events and sing first nation songs to tourists at local events or the information centre.

#### **Local Memorial Services – (Remembrance Day & ANZAC days)**

Trae has a strong presence at all local memorial service events. Trae is utilised in every community event

whether it be, the lifting and lowering of flags, placing reefs, marching and public speaking. Trae is trusted with all major significant events in the Bourke community.

#### **Community Events – (NAIDOC & Australia Days)**

Trae also has a strong presence in all community events, assisting with set and clean up, public speaking, catering purposes and award ceremonies & aboriginal dancing, singing and cooking. Trae has a reputable reputation within the Bourke community for not only the younger generation but adults also.

**Back 'O' Bourke Race Club** – Trae is a junior committee member for the Back 'O' Bourke Racing club. Trae assists in the setup and clean-up of Bourke's most significant event of the year, the maintenance and cleanliness of horse stables, assisting Jockeys when needed, gate takings and is utilised as a runner when needed.

**Bourke High School** – Trae is a very popular and trusted student at the BHS, he participates in every school event, is proud of his aboriginality and confidently is utilised for all welcome-to-country speeches, his attendance percentage is one of the highest in the school and is described as considerate, respectful & caring.

#### **Trae Wilson – Achievements**

- **The 2022 Bourke Young Citizen of the year award.**
- **The 2022 Clontarf Bourke Academy Member of the year award.**
- **The 2021 Clontarf Bourke Academy Junior member of the year award.**





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Thursday, 1 December 2022

The Deputy Chairman  
David Harvey  
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Dear Sir,

**Re. 2023 Tom Harvey Award – Trae Wilson**

On behalf of the President and the Back O Bourke Picnic Race Club committee, it is a pleasure to offer this letter of support for Trae Wilson who has been nominated for the 2023 Tom Harvey Award.

My name is Sarah Barton and I am the Secretary of the Back O Bourke Picnic Race Club, a position that I have held for 7 years. Our committee was re-established in 2015. Prior to 2015 racing in Bourke had ceased for more than a decade. The club held its first successful race meeting in 2015 attracting more than the towns current population. Our small committee continue to provide a great event for all community members to enjoy.

I have known Trae for many years and was first approached by Trae as a primary school student. Trae was interested in getting involved and supporting our small club. Trae is well known in the community and I was aware of his strong work ethic and passion to help community. The club accepted Trae's offer and Trae has been a repeat feature to not only our race day but also assisting the club in the lead up.

Trae is always punctual, presentable and has a heart of gold. Trae assists in our working bees and completes tasks in the horse stalls, track work as well as cleaning our office facilities. Trae does this in his own time and it is a pleasure to have him as part of the committee. He is never short of a good yarn and completes all tasks with a smile.

I am aware of Trae's other achievements and volunteer work that he undertakes in the community, he is a model student and it is always a pleasure to bump into Trae in the street. I attended the Clontarf Foundation awards night at Bourke High School last month where Trae was awarded the Academy Member of the Year award for Bourke as well as the Australia Day Awards function in January where Trae was awarded the Bourke Junior Citizen of the year.

Our club recently held our annual general meeting and Trae approached me to again be included on our committee, I am hopeful that Trae will continue to support the club and has the potential to accept a leadership role in the future.

If you wish to discuss any detail in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

*Sarah Barton*

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Mr David Harvey

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Australian Youth Trust

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Dear Sir,

Tom Harvey Award for Citizenship 2023

I write in support of the nomination of Trae Wilson for the Tom Harvey Award for Citizenship 2023 as provided by the Australian Youth Trust.

Trae, is a youth from Bourke in Far Western NSW. He is a young person with high cultural values and belief's stemming from his Aboriginal Heritage and mainstream systems. He has identified the importance of what it means to be driven by positiveness and respect to advance his maturity. His willingness to help others and his upbeat attitude have impressed the many people who interact with Trae in his various voluntary roles.

He is a young man with a bright personality who has volunteered at almost every significant organisation in Bourke. This includes volunteering for the Bourke Race Club at their annual Easter Race event, for the Bourke and District Children Services and Bourke High School. And other sporting events in town.

He assists at Remembrance Day, ANZAC Day, NAIDOC Week Celebrations and AustraliaDay events.

In addition, various Bourke business houses, including Home Hardware, Radio Station 2WEB and the Western Herald Newspaper have also been grateful for Trae's input. He is a welcome member of the Saturday Morning Footy Show on Radio 2WEB in Bourke during the Rugby League season.

Trae is a youth leader in Bourke, standing with pride among the community as an individual youth. He is a young person with high cultural values and belief's stemming from both his Aboriginal Heritage and mainstream

systems. Trae has identified the importance of what it means to be driven by positivity and respect to further advance his maturity.

In January 2022, Trae was announced as the recipient of the Bourke Shire, Young Citizen of the Year award. The announcement of his award was met with most enthusiastic applause from the many people in attendance.

I wish Trae the very best in respect of his nomination for the Tom Harvey Award for Citizenship 2023. He would be a most worthy winner.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonie Brown".

Leonie Brown

General Manager



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Taree Police Station

83 Albert Street, Taree, NSW 2430.

Directors,  
Australia Youth Trust

Reference for Trae Wilson, Bourke High School - Clontarf Academy member of the year 2022.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to provide this reference for Trae Wilson who has been nominated for the Tom Harvey Award for Citizenship for 2023.

I have known Trae since 2019 when I become involved in the sports and Rugby League program with the Clontarf Academy at Bourke High School. I found Trae to be a highly motivated and respectful student who was eager to progress his knowledge and education in the classroom to provide a pathway for his future career and personal goals after he completes his school studies.

In the four years that I have been associated with the Clontarf Academy at Bourke High School, I have observed Trae to be always the first student to always put his hand up to assist other students, the teaching staff, and members of the community, particularly the elderly residents by providing them support during community activities and when they require urgent assistance. This trait is one which is very hard to find these days among young students in the education system and in the community, Trae certainly has this quality in abundance, and it is really appreciated by the community in the small remote town of Bourke.

14-year-old Trae Wilson won the prestigious Bourke High School - Clontarf Academy member of the year award for 2022. This award was sponsored by the Central North Police District in partnership with the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Rugby League Club during the annual awards presentation which was held at Bourke High School on 9 November 2022. This award was a framed Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 2022 Indigenous Rugby League jumper signed by Australian Kangaroo Rugby League player, Josh Addo-Carr.

Trae was presented with this award after several Key Performance Areas (KPA's) were evaluated, these KPA's included school attendance, training, and academy engagement. Most importantly, Trae completed set tasks and life skills using the academies values.

Trae is also an active radio broadcaster with the outback radio station, 2WEB. In this role, Trae provides valuable and sometimes urgent information to remote rural communities and farming stations, these include, Lightning Ridge, Walgett, Collarenebri, Burren Junction, Brewarrina, Enngonia, Bourke, Nyngan, Cobar, Cunnamulla in Queensland, as well as numerous other outback areas in New South Wales and Queensland that rely on information from radio station 2WEB.

In conclusion, Trae Wilson is a well-deserved nominee for the Tom Harvey Award for Citizenship for 2023. I am available to provide this reference in person at any time if required. I can be contacted on 0404 824 838.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Quigg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "Q".

Yours Sincerely,  
Paul Quigg  
Detective Inspector  
Manning/Great Lakes Police District  
1 December 2022.



To whom this may concern,

I write this in support of Trae Wilson and his nomination for the 2023 AYT Tom Harvey Award. My professional relationship with Trae began at the start of 2021 through my work with the Clontarf foundation and more recently as Club manager of Bourke Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC).

Trae is a proud Wiradjuri man who calls Bourke home. Trae is a generous-hearted young man with a bright personality who has volunteered at almost every significant organisation in Bourke, including The Police Citizens Youth Club, the Bourke Race Club, Bourke and District Children Services, school and sporting events including Remembrance Day, ANZAC Day, NAIDOC Week and Australia Day. The work Trae has done saw him receive Bourke's Young Citizen of the Year award in 2022 for his outstanding contribution to the community.

Everyone in the Bourke community knows or has heard of 'Trae Wilson' as he is an inspiration to his peers and is someone as an adult that I look up to because of his willingness to give to other when he doesn't have a lot himself. Trae hasn't always had everything go his way but with the support of his pop and those around him, he has kept an upbeat attitude and looks at the positives in life which will ensure he is and continues to be successful in the future.

It was an honour to write this support letter for Trae as he is a role model, and the future will always look bright with Trae around.

George Dickson

PCYC Club manager Bourke



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