



Broncos Training Clinic

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On Wednesday, 21 April 2010, members of the Brisbane Broncos' Team attended Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre (AGCC) to conduct a training clinic with prisoners. The following Broncos attended the centre: Jharal Yow Yeh, Andrew McCullough, Ben Hunt, Matt Gillett, Josh McGuire, Dunamis Lui, Dane Gagai, Mitchell Frei, Josh Hoffman, Bill Hunter, Scot Czislawski and Corey Norman.

Prison Services Manager, Sue Noordink, organised the clinic and stated "the event was organised to provide prisoners with an opportunity to meet their sporting heroes. The training clinic will also encourage prisoners to see the benefits of making healthier choices by engaging in team sporting activities."

Initially the Broncos players were going to conduct training sessions in

skill development, fitness, and team building techniques on the oval however inclement weather required the bronco's players and prisoners to move indoors.

Under the cover of the gymnasium, the bronco's players provided a presentation to the prisoners which included their commitment to the game, training, and club expectations of them both as a player and as a community member. Prisoners were encouraged to ask questions and get involved in the discussion.

The issue of poor behaviour both on the field and off the field by some players was raised and club team leaders were quick to advise that the players and the club were committed to a standard of behaviour and demonstrating respect for themselves, the club, and their families and communities. Bronco players drew correlations between the behavioural

standards of their club to that of the prison environment and general community behavioural expectations.

Following the presentation to the prisoners, the players met and dined with AGCC staff.

Overall, the visit was very positive with all parties acknowledging the benefits of the visit. Following the event, the Bronco's management advised that they would like to make more frequent trips to AGCC as part of their community awareness program for young players.

Top Photo: *All the players inside the Centre.*

Bottom Photo: *Players discussing football with prisoners.*