

Media Release

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Picture opportunity: Fremantle players Stephen Hill and Des Headland will join Clontarf students at a training session tomorrow, which interested media are welcome to cover.

The training session will be held at 1pm on Friday 28 May at Fremantle Oval, Parry St, Fremantle.

CLONTARF STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE TALENTS TO AFL FANS

Students from the Clontarf football academies in Roebourne and Karratha will play off for the Woodside Cup in a curtain-raiser to the AFL game between Fremantle and North Melbourne at Subiaco on Sunday, 30 May.

The Aboriginal boys from the State's North-West will get some advice from Fremantle players Stephen Hill and Des Headland during a special training session at Fremantle Oval on Friday ahead of Sunday's big game.

Woodside's support of both the Clontarf Foundation and Fremantle has enabled the game to take place.

Woodside's Reconciliation Action Plan makes a public commitment to support of range of education initiatives in the West Pilbara. Providing support for the Clontarf is one of these commitments.

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, self esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men and, by doing so, equip them to participate more meaningfully in society.

These outcomes are achieved through the medium of football. Academies are formed in association with selected schools and colleges and each academy's football program attracts young Aboriginal men to school and helps to retain them.

All Clontarf activities that the boys participate in throughout the year form an important part of developing life skills and engaging them in the education system.

The students who are travelling to Perth for Sunday's curtain-raiser have been selected to play based on their attendance at school, participation in training, and demonstrated commitment to their school studies.

While in Perth the boys will participate in a range of activities, supported by Woodside, including a tour of the Fremantle Football Club facilities, a visit to Scitech on Saturday and the game on Sunday.

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