

Laffo's Long Lunch

FAQ Sheet



Details

- When:** 12:30pm, Thursday 23rd June, 2016
- Where:** Doltone House at Tattersall's Club
181 Elizabeth St, Sydney
- Cost:** \$150 per person
Guests are organised in tables of 10
There is a discount offer of \$1400 for a table of ten (until 30th May)
- Dress code:** Lounge suit
- What it is:** A luncheon acting as the main fund-raiser for the Matt Laffan Scholarship
The luncheon consists of a three course meal plus musical entertainment and auctions
- Timings:** Meal service itself usually takes about 90 minutes
Afterwards, guests often adjourn to the club bar until the early evening
- Patronage:** The 2015 lunch saw 300 guests attend and raised approx. \$30 000

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I pay for the lunch?

Book online at www.mattlaffan.com.au

How can I make a donation to the Scholarship?

There are facilities on the website to make a donation without booking a ticket

Can I pay by cheque?

Yes. But online payments are greatly preferred.

Cheques must be payable to *The Johnsmen's Association* and posted to:
PO Box A489 Sydney South NSW 1235

Cheques must be received one week before the event date to guarantee a seat, unless the event has been sold out prior.

If the event sells out before cheques are received, you will be notified and cheques will not be cashed.

Whereabouts will I be seated?

If you have not organised a table with your colleagues, the lunch organisers will allocate you to a table as best as possible.

When booking, please make note of any connection you have with Matt or the lunch (through work, college or rugby union) to assist organisers.

Can you tell me which table *Person X* is sitting on?

The organisers receive bookings on hour-by-hour basis and cannot provide running updates on individual guests.

They suggest it is best to liaise with *Person X* about seating arrangements or whether they will be attending. Alternatively, make note of who you wish to sit next to when booking.

How can I contact the organisers?

The College can take your details and forward them onto the organising committee if you have a specific query.

The organisers run the lunch on a volunteer basis but will endeavour to get back to you ASAP.

Is the cost of the ticket tax-deductible?

No. The scholarship does not have tax-deductible status.

History of the Scholarship and the Lunch

Who was Matt Laffan?

Matt Laffan (1970-2009) was a disability activist, lawyer with the NSW DPP, member of the NSW Rugby Union judiciary and one-time Sydney Lord Mayor aspirant.

Matt also attended St John's College in the University of Sydney, was elected as House President in the early '90s and was later President of its alumni organisation, The Johnsmen's Association.

Matt passed away in 2009 at age 38. He battled diastrophic dysplasia all his life yet did not allow it to constrain him from living his life to the fullest.

There is a link at www.mattlaffan.com.au to the *Australian Story* profile of Matt that was screened on ABC TV in 2009.

The Scholarship and the Lunch

Following Matt's passing, the Johnsmen's Association set up a scholarship in his name to enable students with disabilities to attend St John's College and the University of Sydney.

Laffo's Long Lunch was subsequently established to serve as the scholarship's main source of funds. The inaugural luncheon was held in 2009 and has been growing in size every year since.

As Matt's parents have been heavily involved with the Rugby Union fraternity, there has always been a rugby theme to the lunches, organised around international tours.

Since 2009, the lunches collectively have raised approximately \$500 000 for the scholarship.