

# Business tees off to assist youth

**D**irect mail and data management group GJI is one of Queensland's leading businesses in driving school chaplaincy to help young people – and GJI's upcoming charity golf day on June 5 will drive support 'to a tee'.

All proceeds from the event – which has grown dramatically year-on-year – go to assist in the placement of school chaplains, who primarily assist young people to cope with life situations and grow through various pressures in their lives.

"We really need chaplains in our schools," said Anthony Grant, joint managing director at GJI. Mr Grant was first sold on school chaplaincy the day he visited a chaplain at a local state primary school.

"The chaplain told me some scary things that go on in schools," Mr Grant said. "He told me how some students as young as 12 are into self-harming themselves.

"I was blown away. By the end of it, I was in tears," Mr Grant said. "And I was hooked. After that meeting, I said, "That's why we really do need, chaplains in our schools. These chaplains are on the frontline. What they do in schools is very powerful."

Mr Grant and Mark James – his business partner and joint managing director at GJI – next looked into how the company could do more. Together



Together, Anthony Grant (far left) and Mark James (far right) are the driving force behind the GJI Charity Golf Day which raises funds for Queensland school chaplains through SU QLD

they settled on a corporate golf day, with all profits going towards school chaplaincy. Their first GJI Charity Golf Day raised about \$5000.

"Last year's event raised \$61,000," said Mr James. "This just shows how people are realising that, indirectly, chaplaincy affects us all. I mean, we can fix a hole in the ozone layer for the next generation, but chaplaincy is a way to help young people grow up into healthy adults. We see chaplaincy as legacy building.

"Chaplaincy offers real support to young people in whatever circumstances they're facing. That's why we're committed to SU Queensland and seeing the GJI Charity Golf Day grow.

"We'd really like to see this as the biggest golf fundraising day in Australia," Mr James said.

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Transport and Tourism Forum managing director Chris Brown, Infrastructure Australia board member and Curtin University professor Peter Newman, Department of Infrastructure and Planning manager of the Demographic and Housing Research unit Alison Taylor, Urban Land Development Authority and Griffith University Urban Research Program director Brendan Gleeson, Property Council of Australia executive director Steve Greenwood, Brisbane Marketing CEO, John Aitken, and Australian Centre of Korean Studies at Griffith University director O. Yul Kwon. The event moderator will be ABC journalist Lisa Millar, the former foreign correspondent for North America.  
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