

Dusty reveals his long-term family-man ambition

I want to be a dad

RICHMOND superstar Dustin Martin has spoken of his desire to start a family.

Martin has told of his joy at playing "Uncle Dusty" to his friends' kids, including Tiger teammate Trent Cotchin.

And having children of his own is part of his future plans.

"Definitely it is," Martin, 28, said. "I still have a lot of things I want to do. It is something I certainly want to have down the track, but at the moment I love seeing my mates' kids grow up and that gives me great joy."

"A lot of my close friends have got young kids and I love them as if they are my own. I think most people would love to have a family, but I am still a fair way off that, to be honest."

Martin, who is launching his first fashion collection with Bonds, said he has also become comfortable knowing he's a role model for young fans.

"I just think back to when I was a young kid and the people I looked up to. So if I can be a good role model to the kids who look up to me, that is important," he said.

"The thing I like to get across is to have dreams and to chase your dreams and not to let anything get in the way of them, because anything is possible."

"You want them to have a crack at anything they love; it doesn't have to be football. Whatever your passions are, I would certainly encourage people to follow them."

Having long had an interest in fashion, Martin said he was excited to be launching his six-piece Bonds X

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DM capsule collection including his signature DM Hoodie.

"I have always been into fashion and it has been fun working with the design team to come up with this range," he said. "It is inspired by streetwear and is very comfortable and reflects my style, very laidback."

"It is oversized and comfortable and looks good. I have certainly enjoyed this experience and I hope everyone likes it. It is a good start, hopefully we can keep it rolling."

With Richmond again shaping up as serious finals contenders, Martin said he was yet to lock in his annual post-season trip with mate Dane Swan.

"We have not quite planned it yet but there is no doubt we will be sneaking off somewhere to have a bit of fun," he said.

Martin will be in-store on Wednesday at Bonds Melbourne Central at 1pm and Bonds Highpoint at 4pm. The Bonds X DM collection is online and in selected stores.

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Dustin Martin models his new Bonds X DM capsule collection.

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Abuse victims urged to seek help

VICTIMS of clergy or institutional abuse are being warned to seek legal advice before applying for compensation through the government's National Redress Scheme.

Under the scheme, victims can expect to receive payments of up to \$50,000, depending on the severity of the abuse endured.

Previous compensation payments are also deducted from the total value awarded under the scheme.

Legal experts have advised victims to explore their options before signing the legally binding agreement.

Arnold Thomas & Becker partner Kim Price said the law firm had won compensation of up to \$1 million for victims.

"The scheme is disappointing," Mr Price said.

"The motive behind it was to properly compensate survivors but unfortunately it's likely to have an opposite effect."

"It's a very problematic situation."

Priests and other religious figures will be forced to report child abuse to authorities under new laws introduced in Victoria last week.

The Catholic Church of Melbourne pushed back against the legislation, and Archbishop Peter Comensoli declared that he would rather go to jail than break the confessional seal.

The new law includes landmark reforms to allow victims of sexual and non-sexual institutional abuse to apply to the courts to overturn unfair historical compensation payments.

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Jones warned over Ardern blast



Alan Jones

SHOCK jock Alan Jones has been told he will be fired if he continues to make offensive comments similar to those about New Zealand's prime minister.

The controversial broadcaster on Thursday criticised Jacinda Ardern after she said "Australia has to answer to the Pacific" on climate change at a forum in Tuvalu. He said Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison should "shove a sock

down her throat". Macquarie Media chairman Russell Tate said last night that Jones had acknowledged the comments were "careless, unnecessary and wrong" and had apologised to Ms Ardern.

"Notwithstanding his apologies, I have today discussed the matter with Alan and advised him that any recurrence of commentary of this nature will result in the termination of his contract," Mr Tate said.



Taylor Swift

Latest Lover a Swift hit

TAYLOR Swift has continued her tradition of writing about her boyfriends and her new track, *Lover*, has the internet sobbing.

Swift was not meant to release the track for a few weeks, but overnight she dropped the title track from her new album and fans viewed the video more than two million times in less than 24 hours.

The track was a love song

for her actor boyfriend Joe Alwyn, singing "I've loved you three summers now, honey / But I want them all". Swift started dating Alwyn in September 2016.

Fans jumped to the conclusion Swift and Alwyn might be making wedding plans due to the lyrics.

It followed the first two songs from her forthcoming album, *ME!* and *You Need To Calm Down*.