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## BRINGING SPORT TO COMMUNITIES





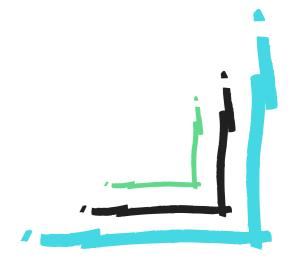


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## **EVENTS**

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER >**

### EMMA MILANESE

What a fortnight it has been! Quiz night was an absolute blast! We had so much fun, people are already asking when we're running Quiz night in 2023! I want to personally thank everyone who attended, donated gifts, donated on the night and made the night as special as it was! Thank you all!

Unfortunately, chatting to the Sporting Memories team this week, we have decided to postpone the Sporting Memories quiz night. We will be running it in November, but of course we will provide more details in the next newsletter.

This week is our last week out at Supporting Success for term 3. On Friday we will be annoucing the winner of our 'Guess how many marshallows are in the jar' competition. The students and parents have absolutely loved having a guess and we can't wait to announce the winner! Sporting Memories is in full swing with more clubs starting!

As always, thank you so much for your ongoing support. We appreciate you!



#### **EMMA MILANESE >**

## SPORTSUNITED QUIZ NIGHT

here was such a great turnout for our first SportsUnited X AD West Quiz night! In collaboration with Adelaide West Special Education Centre, we had a night of fun, laughter, and testing our knowledge. This event was so important to us. Running this event has enabled us to raise funds for our Supporting Success program that we run at Adelaide West Special Education Centre every Thursday and Friday throughout the school year.

From parents, to teachers, the SportsUnited placement students and volunteers, it was a massive team effort and I am in absolute awe of the culture and relationship we have built between SportsUnited and Adelaide West Special Education centre. I look forward to strengthening and continuing this relationship well into the future.

This program has brought so much magic, opportunity and fun to all Adelaide West students involved, and the success that the Adelaide West students have shown has been absolutely inspiring. We decided to host a quiz night to ensure we could continue to run this fantastic program, creating opportunities for future students to be involved. The support shown on the night has proven that we can continue to run this incredible program because of the love and support that was shown at quiz night!

I can not put into words how grateful we are. Thank you, thank you, thank you!







#### RICHARD MCGRATH >

## SPORTING MEMORIES QUIZ NIGHT

**mportant update:** The Sporting Memories Australia Sports Quiz night will be rescheduled to November due to unforeseen circumstances. In the coming weeks we will be provide all our wonderful supporters and subscribers more information about this exciting event. Stay tuned!

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## PROGRAM & COMMUNITY

### SPORTING MEMORIES ROBERT LAIDLAW>

Several Sporting Memories programs have been held successfully in the Burnside Council area. A presentation was held at the Burnside Men's Breakfast, followed by 2 come and try sessions, which have seen keen interest from several members of that group. A similar approach at the Burnside Men's Shed has also gained plenty of interest, which has worked well for a start-up Sporting Memories group in Burnside. Negotiations are currently underway to set up a suitable location in the Burnside area.

Several tours of the SANFL history collection at the Adelaide Library have been successful, with further tours planned. On one occasion, Walkerville ECH supplied a bus for participants, with a picnic lunch held afterwards near the Botanic Gardens.

One interesting aspect of the tour was identifying unusual team photos from the Australian National Football Carnivals on display. The 1908 presentation included a team from New Zealand, while the 1933 exhibit included Canberra - the only country and city in the collection. The walk along the ramp, with hundreds of photographs, also proved popular and stimulating -plenty of memories.

Future 'tours' are planned, including old sporting sites and sporting icons of the past. We are excited to show you some photos and stories of future tours!

### **SUPPORTING SUCCESS**

#### KAT MATTOCK >

ello all! It's been a while since I've filled you in on how things are going with Supporting Success. But its been super busy! We had book which was so much fun, new placement students started and of course quiz night, which Emma has been filling you in on!

In this issue I thought it would be nice to share some of the highlights of our sessions over the last term. I've changed the names of the students to maintain their privacy, but the achievements are real and I hope this story warms your heart as much as it warmed mine!



Tatenda, Adriana and Olivia Book week 2022



Sam, a young boy who is non-verbal, started attending Supporting Success sessions in the hall in week 1 of term 3. Entering the gym was very overwhelming initially due to the loud and varying sounds, and he struggled to share his space with his peers. Each week Sam would be paired with the same placement student to help build a trusting relationship, with them eventually engaging one on one in the gym. Last week Sam shared his space and played with his class in the gym during their classrooms whole session! As he was leaving, he held the hand of his trusted placement student and they walked back to class together. How amazing is that!

#### RICHARD MCGRATH >

## **RADIO PROGRAM**

ith September being footy final month our Sporting Memories Australia radio program BBBfm 891 on Saturday mornings from 9-11am over the past two weeks has focused on SANFL players who kicked 100 goals in a season and the Magarey medal. Did you know the Magarey medal was first awarded in 1898, 26 years before the first Brownlow medal was awarded?

This week's will program continue a focus on footy with a look back on some memorable arand finals.

If you'd like to share some of your sporting stories on a Saturday morning, then give us a call on 8563 3788 anytime between 9-11am.

You can also listen to the program each Saturday morning by visiting the BBBfm website.



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# HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

#### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

SportsUnited is currently seeking volunteers for our Supporting Success program at Adelaide West Special Education Centre and Sporting Memories clubs across various Adelaide metropolitan locations.

#### We are looking for people who can:

- · Actively participate in weekly sessions
- Engage and communicate sensitively with our members (some of whom may have difficulties communicating), with their partners or carers, with fellow volunteers, and with SportsUnited staff.
- Enjoy working as part of a team and taking responsibility for guiding fellow volunteers during sessions.
- Understand the value of companionship, have a great sense of humour, and are able to connect with people of all ages and from all backgrounds

#### SportsUnited volunteers have the opportunity to:

- Experience a range of new opportunities and a sense of fulfillment.
- Use their skills, knowledge, life experiences, and an interest in sport to help tackle social isolation within the local community.
- Have insight into and experience working with an innovative and experienced not-for-profit charity.
- Experience in working as part of and leading a team of volunteers. As well as being part of the wider SportsUnited team.

SportsUnited volunteers are provided with full induction and training, ongoing support, and access to training resources. If you are interested in becoming a

SportsUnited volunteer or have any questions, email: Supporting Success: Katerina Mattock (Project Officer)

katmattock.sportsunited@gmail.com

Sporting Memories: Robert Laidlaw (Project Officer)
robertlaidlaw.sports.united@gmail.com
or via the SportsUnited website Contact Us page
https://sportsunited.org.au/contact

#### SPORTING PINK PACKS

In response to the Covid-19 global pandemic, SportsUnited has developed a digital publication called Sporting Pink Australia Packs available for anyone (free) to use at home.

Each weekly pack contains a sporting reminiscence story (these can be about sporting players or events), a sporting quiz, and Name the Player as well as a Word Search.

The packs are a great way to get the conversation flowing, to remember those sporting moments, and to talk about sport!

If you, or anybody you know, would like to receive a free copy of the Sporting Pink Australia pack, please complete our registration form on the SportsUnited website: https://sports-united-web-c262e9.netlify.app/forms/sporting-memories-online-register/

#### STAY IN TOUCH

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