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It's the end of June (well almost the end of June), 6 months left of 2023 and we have so much on the agenda!

This fortnight, monarchs birthday meant a shorter fortnight, but the work load definitely didn't shorten! I'm sure everyone felt the same way!

I am extremely excited to share the details of our upcoming Quiz Night! Our first for 2023! We have recently partnered with Raptors Netball Club to organise this Quiz Night. Our first for 2023, our first in partnership with Raptors and I'm sure it won't be our last! More details are in the next column over. Check it and make sure to purchase your tickets!

The usual program update is brilliant as always with both programs in full swing, having huge success and continuing to change lives in the community.

We could always use some extra help though. Volunteers are the back bone to our organisation and we couldn't do, what we do, without them. If you know anyone who is looking for volunteer work, needs work experience or would just like to lend a helping hand, please don't hesitate to reach out! You can contact us via email: sports.united18@gmail.com.

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



EMMA MILANESE >

SPORTSUNITED X RAPTORS QUIZ NIGHT

Love proving how smart you are? Are you normally the smartest in the room? Or do you think you're normally the smartest in the room?

Either way, come test your knowledge at our SportsUnited X Raptors Quiz night!

In collaboration with Raptors Netball Club, we are running our first Quiz Night for 2023! It's actually our first Quiz Night with Raptors, and looking into the future, we can already see that it won't be our last! BUT you don't want to miss our first!

Gather a **table of 10**, bring your own food and drink and get on down to **Beefacres Community Hall (10 Pittwater Dr, Windsor Gardens SA 5087)** on **Saturday the 8th of July from 6:30pm** for a night of fun, laughter, and general knowledge. If you're okay with us randomly assigning you a table, **individual tickets are \$15.00**. Otherwise, make a **table of 10 and purchase the full table for \$90.00**. Use the QR code in the image to grab your tickets or click [here](#).

Whilst it is BYO food and drinks, we will have soft drinks and water available for purchase on the night, as well as a booth for Raptors and SportsUnited merchandise.

To top it all off, we have some brilliant raffle items and silent auction items up for grabs! Follow our social media pages for clues, hints and sneak peaks of the fantastic raffle prizes! Click on the links: [SPORTSUNITED Facebook page](#), [SPORTSUNITED Instagram page](#), [RAPTORS Facebook page](#), [RAPTORS Instagram page](#).

This event is so important to us. Running this event will enable SportsUnited to raise funds for our programs, so that we can continue to provide opportunities for sports participation in the community. Our programs have brought so much magic, opportunity and fun to all involved, young and old. We want to make sure we can continue to run our programs for years to come. For Raptors Netball Club, this event means providing their athletes with updated sports equipment, so they can continue to be at their best!

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support and hope to see you there on the night!



PROGRAM & PLACEMENT

ROBERT LAIDLAW > SPORTING MEMORIES

There are a number of activities participants get to enjoy at Sporting Memories sessions, including guest speakers. Recently at Unley 'Buddies at Breakfast', retired The Advertiser photographer Barry O'Brien gave an entertaining talk, which including a visual trip down memory lane, with many of his shots on the screen resonating with the audience. There were 35 people in attendance, and all were mesmerised, as Barry brought his pictures alive with interesting stories, which including non-sports photos. A favourite was the photo of George the Orangutang at the Adelaide Zoo, from the 1960s, which featured a brand new football, and the story of how George picked the leather and burst the bladder, before Barry sheepishly returned the ball to the shop!

Some of the great marks from yesteryear in the SANFL, and Barry's story of the types of cameras used and how they operated intrigued the audience, while the players featured in those photos brought back a flood of memories. Politicians in various poses, highlighted how much they would do for publicity, including Don Dunstan jumping into a pit of plastic balls with a group of children.

There were cricketers, Formula One racing in Adelaide, the Gawler Three Day equestrian event, and just about every sport imaginable was portrayed and discussed - with everyone having a unique story that only Barry could tell!

Many questions were asked regarding the subjects in the photos, which highlighted aspects of reminiscence, that are so important to Sporting Memories sessions. Other guests for Sporting Memories sessions are planned for later in the year, including Ben Hook from the Sunday Mail, former Port Power footballer Danny Morton and Indigenous footballer Sonny Morey.



JESS FLOOD > PLACEMENT EXPERIENCE

Through completing placement with SportsUnited, I have had the amazing opportunity to attend the Supporting Success sessions at Adelaide West Special Education Centre. These sessions have taught me so many things and provided me with many new experiences!

I have worked with so many students over my placement experience and have loved getting to know each of them individually. Placement has shown me how much a student's social, emotional and physical development can be enhanced, simply through creating a fun and safe environment for the participants. Through creating trusting relationships, the students have the ability to open up, engage, have fun and progress, regardless of what that looks like for each of them.

Every game we've played has had so many hidden benefits for the students whether it be strength building, coordination, body control, teamwork, sharing,

counting, colours or encouraging social interaction. Everything has its purpose and worked to help each student individually.

I'm so grateful for the amazing opportunity I've had to undertake placement with SportsUnited through Supporting Success, and I've enjoyed every minute of it! I really believe SportsUnited are making such a big difference in each of the students lives and I'll never forget all their smiling faces!



RICHARD MCGRATH >

RADIO PROGRAM

Over the past two weeks, Emma & Richard have chatted all things sporting winning and losing streaks during our Sporting Memories Australia radio program on BBBfm 89.1. Did you know the longest sporting streak in history belongs to the New York Yacht Club, which held the America's Cup for 132 years? Can you recall which yacht broke this record (Hint: it has Australia in it's name!).

Or did you know the Glenelg Football Club has the unenviable record for the longest losing streak in the SANFL when they did not win a game across four seasons, a 56-game record for futility.

This Saturday Emma & Richard will be reminiscing about sporting poems. Can you recall any sport poems? Richard actually read one out a few weeks ago.

If you'd like to share some of your sporting stories or poems with Emma & Richard on a Saturday morning, then give them a call on 8563-3788 anytime between 9-11am. You can also tune into the program each Saturday morning by visiting the [BBBfm website](http://BBBfm.com.au) or download the Community Radio Plus app (available for both Apple and Android devices).



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](#).

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