

A WORD FROM THE TEAM

EXECUTIVE OFFICER >

EMMA MILANESE What a fortnight!

I am so excited to announce that our quiz night in collaboration with Adelaide West Special Education Centre will be held on the 17th of September! Read more in the next column about tickets, prizes and why this even is so important to us. Throughout the week I chatted to our Sporting Memories team who have informed me that we have another event coming! We are super excited to have both programs running events this year!

We've been back running our Supporting Success program over the past 2 weeks. Book week is in week 5, so we are currently preparing our costumes (Emma wiggle has been asked to make an appearance!). Sporting Memories has seen an intake of new volunteers helping to facilitate the clubs which is absolutely wonderful to see!

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



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SPORTSUNITED QUIZ NIGHT

A re you normally the smartest in the room? Come test your knowledge at our SportsUnited X AD West Quiz night! In collaboration with Adelaide West Special Education Centre, we are running our first-ever quiz night! Cather a table of 8, bring your own food and drink and get on down to the Adelaide West Special Education Centre Hall (12 Moldavia Walk, Taperoo, 5017) on the <u>17th of September from 6:30pm</u> for a night of fun, laughter, and general knowledge. If you're okay with us randomly assigning you a table, individual tickets



Adelaide West Special Eduation Center: 12

Moldavia Walk, Taperoo 5017

are \$12.00. Otherwise, make a table of 8 and purchase the full table for \$65.00. Use the QR code in the image to grab your tickets or click <u>here</u>.

Whilst it is BYO food and drinks, we will have soft drinks and water available for purchase on the night, as well as SportsUnited merchandise. To top it all off, we have some brilliant raffle items and silent auction items up for grabs! To name a few, we have:

- Signed Port Adelaide Football Club Merch
- Signed Adelaide Strikers Merch
- Bunnings Gift Vouchers
- Local goods from Charlesworth Nuts
- Paintball tickets
- Adelaide Zoo Vouchers
- Treeclimb vouchers and many many more!

This event is so important to us. Running this event will enable 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. This program has brought so much magic, opportunity and fun to all students involved, and the success that the students have shown has been absolutely inspiring. We want to make sure we can continue to run this fantastic program, creating opportunities for future students to be involved.

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



We would like to say a massive thank you to those who have donated!

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ORGANISATION UPDATES

EMMA MILANESE > UPCOMING EVENT

o that our placement students are provided with every opportunity to gain the most out of their placement opportunity, we like to chat about potential placement projects. One particular student, Daniel, suggested he would love to be a part of helping to organise an event night for our Sporting Memories project!



So guess what? We've got some more exciting news that we can finally share with you! Theres another event in the works! This event will be specific to the Sporting Memories program and will include a night of some brilliant special quest speakers, who will chat to us about their playing careers. More information about this event will be in the next issue of our newsletter.

SPORTING MEMORIES ROBERT LAIDLAW >

new aspect of Sporting Memories Programs has been tours! Two groups have recently visited the SANFL history display (Our Footy, Our People, Our Stories) at the State Library. The Holden Hill Men's Shed participants were the first group, with a visit to the exhibition on Wednesday, August 3, while the Unley Walking Footy participants visited on August 10. The Walkerville ECH group is booked for August 22. Five years ago the SANFL History Centre put on an exhibition to mark the league's 140th anniversary, with the current display honouring 145 years of the competition - another is planned for the big 150th! The exhibition is open seven days a week, in conjunction with the State Library's opening hours. In addition to the tours, a new Sporting Memories group has launched at Happy Valley. Participants have been fully engaged in sessions, which have been adapted to suit participants. We cover a range of activities, including 'who am I' photos, quizzes, sporting memorabilia show and tell, and of course, sharing sporting memories! With the growth of sessions, the need for volunteers is increasing. If anyone is interested in being involved in this wonderful program, please contact us asap - it is truly a rewarding experience.

RICHARD MCGRATH >

CHARITABLE STATUS

We are a Registered Charity!

The Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) has awarded SportsUnited charity status, recognising us, as an invaluable role in providing opportunities for people at risk of social exclusion to participate in organised sport at no or minimal cost.

SportsUnited has also received Deductable Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australia Tax Office. This now means donations of \$2 or more to SportsUnited are tax deductable!

Every \$5 donation to SportsUnited enables us to support one student in our Supporting

Success program or one person to attend the Sporting Memories program. All donations enable us to provide opportunities for those in need.

You can donate to support us and the programs we run on our website. Or you can donate specifically to our Supporting Success program on the Australian Sports Foundation site.



RICHARD MCGRATH > RADIO PROGRAM

ver the past two weeks our Sporting Memories Australia radio program with BBBfm 89.1 on Saturday mornings from 9-11am focused on horses & air sports.

Did you know that the 1st of August is the birthday for all horses in the southern hemisphere? This fun little fact absolutely blew Emma's mind!

Emma and I interviewed Sandy Gray, a skydiver with the South Australian Sports Parachute club at Lower Light. Sandy recalled some stories about her times as a skydiving competitor at both a state and National level. Whilst Emma tried to change my mind about how fun skydiving is, I'm not convinced. Emma on the other hand chatted with Sandy and might be skydiving soon! We'll keep you updated.

We've also been busy preparing for the upcoming OB at the Barossa Medieval Fair on Saturday 20th August. We are super excited and hope to see you there! 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 <u>website</u>.



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-webc262e9.netlify.app/forms/sporting-memoriesonline-register/

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