



BRINGING SPORT TO COMMUNITIES



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EMMA MILANESE

Hello! We've had a big fortnight at SportsUnited. Firstly, it's a pleasure to introduce Shireen and Jordy to the team. Our intern, Shireen, has been monumental in the development of our newsletter, and long standing volunteer, Jordy, has been fantastic in helping us spread Autism awareness, and assisted in our merchandise drop. They've both been developing some amazing content that I am thrilled to be able to share with everyone.

For a while now, something we've wanted to do as an organisation is produce merchandise that can be worn everyday as 'casual clothing'. It's exciting to see this little project finally come into fruition, with the release of our first ever merchandise collection! Further details can be found on page 3.

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



SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARKETING OFFICER >

SHIREEN DE SOUZA

Hi, I'm Shireen the intern. My role for SportsUnited is as the Social Media and Marketing Officer. In my role, I help promote the organisation by posting health promotion content and curating our emerging newsletter. I studied Health Sciences at UniSA where I met Richard and Emma, and then I further studied Marketing and Digital Communications at Monash University. Having a role where I can use both of these fields is something I've been wanting to experience for quite a while.

Being a part of the SportsUnited team has opened my eyes up to the many opportunities out there to help and include all people in everyday sports and activities. Although playing sports hasn't been my forte, I appreciate listening to the autobiographies of famous sports legends such as Dylan Alcott and their journeys of pushing through, even when it's tough.

Aside from volunteering, I also currently work part-time as a data entry administrator for an electrical engineering product distribution company and play ukulele for fun.

MARKETING AND MERCHANDISING OFFICER >

JORDY BIGGINS

My name is Jordy and I'm so incredibly excited to be a part of the team! I've been volunteering with SportsUnited since 2021 - its been fantastic watching the organisation grow in such a short period of time.

I currently work as an elite dancer, and dance coach at Empire Dance Studio. I actually started off as a cheerleader when I was just 5 years old! At the age of 11, I developed my passion for dance and I've never looked back. I've competed in dance competitions all around the world, and was fortunate enough to dance in the Disneyland parade! I also work as a Behavioural Therapist, which has been one of the most rewarding jobs and I'm so grateful for the lessons I've learnt working in this role. But above all, one of the biggest blessings in my life is my godson William, who is on the Autism Spectrum.

Working as a Behavioural Therapist and watching William grow up have been the biggest inspirations for me and have helped grow my passion for spreading awareness about Autism. Through SportsUnited, I'm grateful to be able to do exactly this.

Besides volunteering, in my spare time I like to watch the Bring It On movies (I can quote them all!), spend time with William and attend as many Adelaide 36ers games as I can get to!



PROGRAM UPDATES

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BBB FM HISTORY FAIR

On Sunday 1st May, Emma & Richard attended the Barossa History Fair held at the Angaston Town Hall. The event had a number of heritage displays and demonstrations throughout the day including WWI recreations by the Barossa Light Horse Historical Association and colonial dress.



One of the historical displays focused on Reginald Ellis, a Barossa local who played cricket in the Victory Tests between ex-servicemen of Australia and England in England after WWII, before touring India and Australia with the Australian Services XI.

Throughout the day Richard & Emma had the chance to speak to listeners of the Sporting Memories Australia program on BBBfm, with a number of people indicating they enjoyed the show and liked hearing guest interviews.



JORDY BIGGINS >

MERCHANDISE

Take a look at our brand new merchandise! It costs **\$5.00 per session, per student** to attend our Supporting Success program.

Making a purchase and buying our merchandise means we can continue to provide our Supporting Success program for children and adolescents who are on the Autism spectrum, and/or who have other physical disabilities.

All proceeds from your purchase of our new merchandise goes back into our organisation, helping to provide equal opportunity and access to sport participation for all.

We have jumpers and t-shirts available, which you can purchase directly from the store on our website:

<https://sportsunited.org.au/store>



RICHARD MCGRATH >

RADIO PROGRAM

Throughout April, our Sporting Memories Australia radio program, with BBBfm 89.1 every Saturday morning from 9-11am, has covered a range of sporting topics including disability sports & the Paralympics, Martial arts, ANZAC day sports, Easter games as well as strength sports.

Richard & Emma also interviewed Olympian and Commonwealth Games Gold medalist Sean Carlin about his memories of representing Australia.

If you want to hear what Emma & Richard get up to each Saturday morning you can hear the program live by visiting the BBBfm website (<https://www.bbbfm.com/>).

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



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/>

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