



# BRINGING SPORT TO COMMUNITIES

	TODAY I PLAYED WITH THE WHOLE CLASS	TODAY I PLAYED VOLLEYBALL WITH THE BALLOONS	TODAY I LISTENED TO MY FRIENDS	
	TODAY I ENGAGED WITH MY COACHES	TODAY I COMPLETED THE OBSTACLE COURSE	TODAY I TRIED MY BEST	

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# A WORD FROM THE TEAM

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## EMMA MILANESE

Another fortnight has passed! They go so quick!

It's always a pleasure providing an update. This past fortnight has been about celebrating a big win for us - we have received Charity Status and Deductable Gift Recipient status! This is something we have been working towards for some time now, so this is a big achievement for us. You can read more about this on page 3.

Our programs have been running and it's been wonderful catching up with both Robert and Kat this week to talk about their time and experiences working with the community, they both have such great stories to share that are absolutely magical and wonderful to listen to. Watch this space! We are working on ways we can share our community stories and experiences with you!

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



ROBERT LAIDLAW >

## SPORTING MEMORIES

The Sporting Memories Australia team continues to be busy establishing new groups, with the most recent being at the BarZaar Bistro in Unley on Wednesday from 10:30am-12pm. The team are also preparing for other

upcoming sessions. See below for a list of days, times and locations:

- Friday 3rd June (9-11am) with Unley Council's 'Buddies for Breakfast' program.
- Friday 10th June (10:30-11:30am) with Smithfield ECH Day Program.
- Tuesday 14th June (10am-12pm) with Walkerville ECH Day Program.
- Tuesday 21st June (10-11am) at Holden Hill Community Centre.

A range of people have been attending our Sporting Memories Australia sessions including SANFL players, Sheffield Shield cricketers, an Olympic swimming coach, squash players, tennis players, softballers, netballers, basketballers, and many who only played sports at school, but have fond memories to share.

To assist with the growing number of Sporting Memories clubs being established, Robert and Richard are currently seeking to source and train a team of volunteers. If you, or anybody you know would like to be involved in the Sporting Memories Australia program, contact us either via our [website](#) or [email](#) us directly.

KATERINA MATTOCK >

## SUPPORTING SUCCESS

We're back! Supporting Success is back at Adelaide West with our Success Cards in tow! We had a brilliant couple of weeks reacclimating students to sessions, and the new faces of our brilliant placement students. Achievements and milestones look different for everyone, and this is also true about the children we interact with on site. Some massive achievements we celebrated this past fortnight were turn taking, coming to the gym, persevering with a game, and communicating effectively. We received great feedback from teachers about the sessions and look forward to filling the Success Cards with stamps this term with students! Enjoy these photos of us all working together to achieve our goals.



# PROGRAM UPDATES



ROBERT LAIDLAW >

## SPORTING STORIES

One of the joys of being involved in the Sporting Memories Australia program is having the opportunity to hear the many interesting stories from participants. We thought we would share a few with you this week.

A gentleman at Holden Hill Men's Shed reminisced about his school days, when he and three mates swam

a relay race against Dawn Fraser – a memory he was quite pleased to share, while also laughing at the fact they lost by 40 metres!

At Cumberland Park, a gentleman in his 90s, who was a handy cricketer and footballer in his day, talked about his one experience playing baseball – “it was at high school, and at my first time to bat I smashed the ball to the other side of the oval. I just stood there thinking it was a six, but soon realised that everyone was yelling at me to run!”

From Walkerville, a reserved gentleman, who had a soccer background, spoke about seeing Maradona play when he attended a match at the San Ciro in Italy.

A gentleman at Cumberland Park reminisced about being present at the cricket match where Trevor Chappell bowled underarm against New Zealand, which still irks him, as he was a Kiwi!

And a lady who was on the verge of bowling 300 in a 10-pin bowling tournament 30 years ago, but on the 10th frame had a split, which cost her that one opportunity to have the perfect game.

RICHARD MCGRATH >

## CHARITABLE STATUS

**It's official..... 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 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australia Tax Office. This now means donations of \$2 or more to SportsUnited are tax deductible!

Donations can be made to support us and the programs we run on our [website](#).

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 enables SportsUnited to provide opportunities for those in need.



RICHARD MCGRATH >

## RADIO PROGRAM

Our Sporting Memories Australia radio program with BBBfm 89.1 every Saturday morning from 9-11am covered a range of sporting topics throughout May including Netball, the SANFL in the 1970's, unexpected sporting moments and sport stadiums. Emma & Richard also interviewed Rebecca Reynolds, a member of the Nuriotpa War Memorial Swimming Pool Work Group (or Nuri Swimming Pool Working Group). Rebecca spoke about the group's history as well as ongoing interest with collecting stories and photos of the swimming pool since it was first built just after WWII. Check out the group on their [Facebook page](#).

Join Emma & Richard each Saturday morning by visiting the [BBBfm website](#). 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/>

## STAY IN TOUCH

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