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These fortnights just fly by!

Whilst it has been school holidays and Supporting Success hasn't been running, Sporting Memories is doing a fantastic job of welcoming the Olympic games! Among other discussion topics of course - it's fantastic to continue to see the development of this program. Robert and Richard are doing a fantastic job!

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, the first half of 2024 has been busy, but we are not slowing down. There's still a lot in store for our organisation in the second half of 2024. Since the start of the year, I have been working on new merchandise designs that we are very excited to be releasing soon! Keep an eye out! Our newsletter will be the first place we release information about the new 2024 merchandise.

Of course, we also have our annual quiz night that we will be running in partnership with our good friends at Adelaide West Special Education Centre. A date has been set! I would like to request that everyone keep Friday the 25th of October free! We will be hosting our quiz night at Adelaide West Special Education Centre. Now this is a Friday night so it's an excellent start to the weekend. BUT it is also super close to Halloween - we feel a theme coming on here and potential prizes for the scariest costume! As we usually do, if you know anyone who would be willing to donate or you feel that you have something to donate, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out and let me know:

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



ROBERT LAIDLAW >

SPORTING MEMORIES

What better way to help people reminisce about sport than with memorabilia. At Sporting Memories sessions there has been a range of memorabilia shown, including many interesting talking pieces brought in by participants.

Doc from Holden Hill specialises in using his skills to create wonderful SANFL emblems out of wood. A personal favourite was an intricately cut chess set from China, which Darrell received as a wedding present over 40 years ago, which are the type of pieces one perhaps wouldn't mind being check-mated with.

Over the past three years Mario from Walkerville has regaled and amazed everyone with his soccer memories, especially about seeing Maradona play in Italy. The stories are endless, including from our Sporting Memories Ambassadors Daryl Harper and Sean Carlin.

Daryl enjoys showing a baseball, from when he caught a foul ball at a MLB game in Toronto, which he treasures more than most of his cricket umpiring memorabilia. As for Sean, his Olympic memorabilia and Commonwealth Gold Medals are always appreciated by participants, because in many cases it was the first time they had actually touched such items.

Then there are the many varied memorabilia items I have collected over many years; some I had forgot I had until searching for something different to bring along to sessions.

Squash rackets, baseball bats, tennis balls, programs, badges, rings, trophies, tickets, collectables, coins, books, cards, posters, photos, maps, media guides, and a host of other material.

Behind every piece of memorabilia there is a story, both from the person who has brought the item, and from those who have had their own personal experiences 'relived' from seeing something they identify with from their sporting past.

If anyone is interested in considering a volunteering role with Sporting Memories, they are encouraged to contact Robert or Richard at sports.united18@gmail.com.

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RADIO PROGRAM

Over the past two weeks our Sporting Memories Australia radio program on BBBfm89.1 has continued the A-Z of Sport, focusing on the Letters 'O' and 'P'. And Emma returned from her overseas holiday.

There was quite a bit of sport related discussion as well as hearing from Emma about her travels.

The A-Z Sport Quiz continued, with Emma back challenging Steve. The first week of Emma being back saw a draw (not bad for Emma as she was not really prepared). However last week Steve scored another win, taking out the Letter 'P' quiz with a record high 14 points. This leaves the current A-Z Sport Quiz with Emma (with the help of Andrea) winning five times, Steve with four wins and seven draws. It starting to get very close between Emma & Steve with only ten rounds remaining.

This Saturday the show will be focused on the Letter 'Q'. This one is going to be a bit tricky.

What sporting words or names can you recall starting with the Letter 'Q'? This one is going to be a bit tricky.

Tune in from 9-11am by visiting the BBBfm website or download the Community Radio Plus app (available for both Apple and Android devices) and search for BBBfm 89.1.

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SUPPORTING SUCCESS

School holiday season is here! I trust that everyone is enjoying a well-deserved break and making the most of their time off. As we gear up for Term 3 at Adelaide West, I am excited to explore fresh activities for our students, aiming to tailor them to accommodate a diverse range of capabilities. Additionally, I am preparing new stamp cards for our Adelaide West students, featuring exciting goals and achievements to inspire and motivate them. Let's prepare for an exciting Term 3 with SportsUnited!

Looking forward to seeing you then.



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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