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It wasn't until this week whilst I was creating issue 21 that I realised last week was our 20th issue of our newsletter!

I spent some time this week going through previous years newsletters and realised that I have forgotten all that we achieved last year. It warmed my heart all over again!

Looking at how we've already started 2023, I know that we're in for another big year. So far, we've started so strong between the success at Sporting Memories and the development of new clubs as well as ambassadors. Then there's the achievements that have already been made out at Supporting Success and of course the fun we have on radio.

This year, we also have other exciting aspects of our organisation that we will be growing and developing. Between merchandise, training opportunities, volunteer opportunities, event days, more sites and programs as well as the launch of a brand new website - this year is going to be jammed packed! We can't wait to share it all with you!

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



ROBERT LAIDLAW >

SPORTING MEMORIES

Autumn is almost halfway through, with leaves and rain starting to fall more often, colder mornings are setting in and we know everyone's definitely swapped their wardrobe over! But, this hasn't deterred the Sporting Memories sessions across Adelaide from being held! We still have many great stories being shared amongst people from a variety of backgrounds.

Over the past two weeks sessions have been held for LifeCare at Old Reynella, Aldinga & Payneham. The sessions at Old Reynella and Aldinga focused on sports and games people played at school as well as over Easter. We heard stories about Easter egg hunts and how for some, there was a need to also work on the farm over the Easter period. We also welcomed another placement student to the team, Daniel. He reminisced about his school days in Japan and how Easter was not celebrated but told stories about seeing the cherry blossom season (which happens for about one week every April! How wonderful is that?).

Another successful session was also held at ECH Walkerville, with participants happily engaging with our quizzes and Name the Player games. Three placement students; Lola, Jess & Jasmine (you may be able to spot them in the images below!) were also able to attend, with them recalling stories about their school days as well as their own sporting memories.

Planning continues with developing a Sporting Memories publication based on the stories of group participants and a few retired elite athletes. We intend to collect stories and photos from session participants across the next few months, with the aim to have the publication ready before the end of the year (this could be a great Christmas present so keep a look out for our sales announcement!).



The Sporting Pink Pack also continues to be distributed weekly via email. This digital resource focuses on a sporting topic (recent issues have provided stories about sport stadiums and sports held over the Easter long weekend). Each issue also has a sporting quiz, a Name the Player and a Word Search. If you (or anybody you know) would like to subscribe to receive a copy of the Sporting Pink Pack, please complete our registration form on the [SportsUnited website](https://sports-united-web-c262e9.netlify.app/forms/sporting-memories-online-register/), or click the link provided: <https://sports-united-web-c262e9.netlify.app/forms/sporting-memories-online-register/>.

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SUPPORTING SUCCESS



Last week we welcomed back some familiar faces from 2022! We were absolutely thrilled to have previous placement students Adriana, Tatenda and Jim (right to left in image) return to help volunteer to work with the kids.

Volunteers play a critical role in helping us run the programs with the children. These individuals can bring a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and energy to the program, and help create a positive and supportive environment for all involved.

Volunteers serve as positive role models for the children, helping to instil values such as teamwork, perseverance, and good sportsmanship. These volunteers are especially helpful as they provided the 2023 placement students with advice and guidance on engaging the children in sessions. Plus, they helped ease the kids back into the rhythm of sessions as they were familiar faces to all on site.

Working with children can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience for volunteers. They have the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of the children they work with, helping them to develop new skills, build confidence, and achieve their goals.

Adriana, Jim and Tatenda were absolute superstars when they were on placement with SportsUnited in 2022, and are incredibly kind and generous individuals now as graduates!



I personally, greatly appreciated seeing them again, as did the local coffee shop that got used to their smiling faces throughout the last year!

We wish them all the best for this upcoming year and thank them for their ongoing support.

RICHARD MCGRATH >

CHARITABLE STATUS

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](#).

All donations enables SportsUnited to provide opportunities for those in need.



RICHARD MCGRATH >

RADIO PROGRAM

Our Sporting Memories Australia radio program on BBBfm 89.1 on Saturday mornings from 9-11am over the past two weeks has focused on sport stadiums and sports played over the Easter long weekend.

Did you know the SANFL scheduled its first Good Friday game at Noarlunga between South Adelaide and Sturt in 2012?

This week's program will focus on the Masters Games. Have you played in any Masters Games events? Emma will be jetting off overseas for the next month, travelling to the US. We might hear from her from time to time (if she has time!). During this time Richard will not be alone as he'll have a few guest presenters with him.

If you'd like to share some of your sporting stories with Richard on a Saturday morning, then give him a call on 8563-3788 anytime between 9-11am. You can also tune into the program each Saturday morning by visiting the [BBBfm website](#). Might be worth listening in to hear who is filling in for Emma while she's away!



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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