



BRINGING SPORT TO COMMUNITIES



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EMMA MILANESE

What a busy 2 weeks it has been! Programs are running smoothly as usual! We have some brilliant placement students who are studying OT, currently working through creating an online SportsUnited induction. Hear from them in the next column. Richard and Robert have been out an about at a volunteering expo! Robert provides a summary of the day on page 3. I've been working with Raptors Netball club this fortnight to organise our upcoming quiz night! You can use the QR code on the flyer to get tickets! Alternatively, click [HERE](#) to purchase! Tables of 10 are \$90 otherwise individual tickets are \$15 per ticket!



Next fortnight we will be highlighting some of the prizes! Look out for next weeks newsletter.

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



TARA GIRARDI AND THOMAS SERAPHIN >

PLACEMENT EXPERIENCE

Hi! We are Tara and Thomas, 4th year Occupational Therapy students from the University of South Australia (UniSA).

We have taken on an exciting project in collaboration with SportsUnited! Our aim is to create an online induction program that will equip both students and volunteers with consistent and essential information required to work effectively with SportsUnited.

Over the past 6 weeks, we have loved working alongside other placement students and staff, and hearing their thoughts and ideas on the direction of our induction. We have gotten some great feedback from everyone and actually presented our action plan to Emma, Richard and Robert this week.

We are now well on our way to creating the final resource, which will combine everyone's knowledge and ensure that future students and volunteers are prepared and excited to start their work.



We are very excited to continue with this project and are confident that our efforts will result in a well-prepared and efficient team of placement students and volunteers who are fully equipped to contribute to the organisation's vision.

We would like to thank everyone for their participation so far. Your involvement and feedback has been invaluable to the success of this project. Together, we can create a positive impact in our community through the power of sports.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to the next 3 weeks!

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.



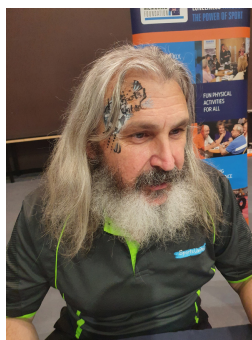
PROGRAM & PLACEMENT

ROBERT LAIDLAW > SPORTING MEMORIES

Recently Richard McGrath and Robert Laidlaw set up a 'Sporting Memories' stall at the Tea Tree Gully Community and Volunteer Expo, held at the Golden Grove Recreation Centre. The expo was about community connection and helping people find activities and purpose. It was an amazing opportunity to not only get recognition for what Sporting Memories is all about, but to network with similar minded organisations.

There was a lot of interest at the Sporting Memories' stall, with many of the available Pink Packs and literature snapped up. There was also some interest in volunteering, while 12 people signed up for the weekly Pink Pack! Over 100 people were in attendance, with around 50 stalls, which covered a wide range of organisations, including TTG Men's Shed at Holden Hill, which is a regular location on the Sporting Memories calendar.

One of the available activities was face painting, which Richard gladly indulged in (as per photo), while after the three-hour expo, a networking session was held.



TTG Mayor Marijka Ryan spent time speaking with Richard and Robert, and expressed interest in what Sporting Memories was doing, which augurs well for SportsUnited's opportunities for ongoing support from the council. It is hoped further expos are organised, by TTG and other council areas, which offer opportunities for SportsUnited to spread the word on Sporting Memories and possibly Supporting Success!

Several great ideas have been discussed as a result of the expo, while the contacts made will be invaluable going forward.

Thankyou Tea Tree Gully Council for 'putting this event on, and all the friendly staff.'



Richard (Left) and Robert (Right)



Richard (Left), Robert (Centre) and Marijka Ryan (TTG Mayor) (Right)

RICHARD MCGRATH >

RADIO PROGRAM

Emma & Richard have chatted about (amongst many things) First Nations sports people and Australians who have played in an FA Cup final during our Sporting Memories Australia radio program on BBBfm 89.1 over the past two weeks.

Did you know there have been five Australian men and five Australian women who have played in an FA Cup final? Probably the most notable are Craig Johnston who played in two finals for Liverpool, winning and scoring in one, and Sam Kerr, who has played in and won three FA Cup finals with Chelsea.

This Saturday Emma & Richard will be reminiscing about sporting winning streaks. Which teams, or sports people do you know that have a notable winning streak?

If you'd like to share some of your sporting stories with Emma & Richard on a Saturday morning, then give us a call on 8563-3788 anytime between 9-11am. You can also tune into the program each Saturday morning by visiting the [BBBfm website](https://www.bbbfm.com.au) or download the Community Radio Plus app (available for both Apple and Android devices).



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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