



# BRINGING SPORT TO COMMUNITIES



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## EMMA MILANESE

Another fortnight has passed and more tickets have been sold for our SportsUnited X AD West Quiz Night! These tickets are seriously going quick! Use the QR code or click [HERE](#) to get yours! You can read more about this event in the next column over and check out some of our sponsors who have already donated to the event! There are some brilliant prizes, we are so keen!

I'm very excited to introduce a new board member to our team! We would like to give a warm welcome to Lauren Marasco. Read more about Lauren on page 3.

Something we have been working on is upgrading our website! You can check out our new website by clicking [HERE](#). Very, very soon, our new website will host our brand new merchandise for 2023! Make sure you keep an eye on it and purchase our new merchandise.

Sporting Memories has been tracking nicely as always. Robert provides an update on page 3.

Supporting Success has officially started for term 3! This term, we will see many new placement students start, as well as greater success for the program participants. Kat provides an update on page 3. Next week is book week! In our next issue, we will provide an update on the book week activities that we are involved in!

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



EMMA MILANESE >

## SPORTSUNITED X AD WEST QUIZ NIGHT

It's back! The SportsUnited X AD West Quiz Night is BACK! In 2023, it's going to be bigger, better and even more exciting than the last one with more prizes, harder questions and guaranteed, more fun and laughter!

Once again, we are going to ask you, are you normally the smartest in the room? Or do you think you're normally the smartest in the room? Either way, come test your knowledge! In collaboration with Adelaide West Special Education Centre, we are running a quiz night! Gather a table of 8, bring your own food and drink and get on down to the **Adelaide West Special Education Centre** Hall (12 Moldavia Walk, Taperoo, 5017) on the **16th of September** from 6:30pm for a night of fun, laughter, and general knowledge.

If you're okay with us randomly assigning you a table, **individual tickets are \$13.00**, otherwise, make a **table of 8** and purchase the full table for **\$80.00**. Whilst it is BYO food and drinks, we will have soft drinks and water available for purchase on the night, as well as SportsUnited merchandise.

Use the QR code in the image to grab your tickets or click [here](#).

To top it all off, we have some brilliant raffle items and silent auction items up for grabs! See below for some of the logos of businesses that have donated!

This event is so important to us. Running this event will enable us to raise funds for our Supporting Success program that we run at Adelaide West Special Education Centre every Thursday and Friday throughout the school year. This program has brought so much magic, opportunity and fun to all students involved, and the success that the students have shown has been absolutely inspiring. We want to make sure we can continue to run this fantastic program, creating opportunities for future students to be involved.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support and hope to see you there on the night!



# PROGRAM & PLACEMENT

ROBERT LAIDLAW >

## SPORTING MEMORIES



One aspect of Sporting Memories sessions is the occasional guest speaker. Sunday Mail sports columnist Ben Hook joined our Unley Buddies for Breakfast session recently, regaling many sporting tales. A dual Don Bradman Medallist in District Cricket and a Sheffield Shield cricketer, Ben is well credentialled when it comes to knowing many of the State's and country's sports people.

But it's the everyday stories and people – the otherwise neglected by the media sports and sports people that Ben finds most enjoyment from when including the stories in his weekly column. Ben includes as many as eight different sports each week. He has a passion for improving the woes of country region sports and often includes positive snippets about various achievements of players and teams from regional areas. Not only a media 'expert' on cricket, Ben's love of golf comes shining through in his columns – and through his talk with Sporting Memories. His proudest moment was when he shot a hole in one! Ben was asked to write a column on district cricket with the Messenger in the early 2000s, which was quickly followed by writing match reports for SANFL games and led to an opportunity at the Sunday Mail – and he hasn't looked back. When he was captain of District Cricket club Glenelg, a young player named Alex Carey was stumped by the wicketkeeper after walking out of his crease – the same way Carey ran out Jonny Bairstow in the recent Test Series in England! Such was Ben's diverse range of knowledge on various sports, he attracted a multitude of questions from the audience at Unley, which he was able to answer with aplomb, while also adding plenty of colour.

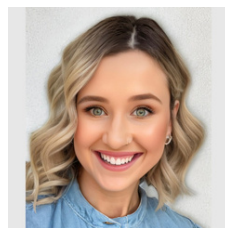
Not only does Ben write his weekly column in the Sunday Mail, he is a much sought after speaker and MC for a range of sports and clubs. Ben also co-hosts a podcast, 'Beyond the Club' with Dr. Sam Elliott.

EMMA MILANESE >

## BOARD MEMBER

We are very excited to introduce a new board member! Welcome to the team, Lauren Marasco.

Lauren has a Masters Degree in Counselling, Graduate Diploma in Counselling and a Bachelor of Business (Marketing). Lauren currently works at Mind Australia as the National Lead Practitioner for Recovery Retreats. Lauren is a passionate life-long learner, bookworm, yogi, cat lover and friend.



KAT MATTOCK >

## SUPPORTING SUCCESS

This term we have new psychology students embarking on their placement journey. Personally, I've found psychology students are very engaged in their placement and provide valuable insights and feedback about the program, and the children. As each group of placement students come from different fields of study, they all demonstrate different strengths and understandings of the Supporting Success program. Already I've noticed these placement students recognise the importance of learning to communicate effectively with children who have Autism or a disability; and they openly reflect on each session with myself and each other. Reflection is such an important aspect of learning and growth, and something that will serve them well in their future careers. I really look forward to seeing how these students grow, as well as watching their individual relationships form with the children over the next term.



RICHARD MCGRATH >

## RADIO PROGRAM

Our Sporting Memories Australia radio program on BBBfm 89.1 has focused on women's soccer and croquet over the past two weeks.

Emma & Richard not only chatted about the current Matilda's team but also some history of how females were not provided opportunities to play the game in the UK & Australia from the early 1900s through to the early 1970s.

When discussing croquet we learnt that Emma has not read or seen any movie about Alice in Wonderland. What does this have to do with croquet we hear you ask?? Well, there is a classic section of the story where Alice needs to compete with the Queen of Hearts in a game of croquet using pink flamingos as mallets and hedgehogs as balls!



This Saturday, weather permitting, Emma & Richard will be broadcasting live from the Barossa Medieval Fair in Lyndoch. Last year Emma commentated some battles between knights in armour. Listen in this weekend to hear her do it again!

You can tune into the program every Saturday morning by visiting the BBBfm website or download the BBBfm Community Radio Plus app (available for both Apple and Android devices) and search for BBBfm 89.1.

# 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)**

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**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](#).

## STAY IN TOUCH

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programs as well as other interesting photos.

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