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PROGRAM UPDATES

EXECUTIVE OFFICER >

EMMA MILANESE

I realised this week, that next weekend, the 4th of November is the Adelaide Christmas Pageant. Which means that as of today, there is only 60 days until Christmas. How scary!! I can't believe how quick that has come around.

Being the end of the year, we are already starting to look at what 2024 holds. Only slowly starting to think about it, but the conversations are being had! As an organisation, we generally wrap up in the second week of December, which means we don't have long to go now!

But focussing on this past fortnight, Supporting Success is going well as always and we are so happy that the term 4 sessions are in full swing! We are coming close to wrapping up, but sports day is coming up and we are super excited to be a part of that day again! A write up of sports day will be in our next issue of the newsletter, but for today, Yee has provided a wonderful write up of his placement experience on page 3.

Sporting Memories is still progressing through our October Gold celebrations and special guest speakers! Steph (one of our fantastic placement students), has been busy out at multiple Sporting Memories sessions this fortnight. Robert writes on her impact and input in Sporting Memories sessions in the next column over.

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



ROBERT LAIDLAW >

SPORTING MEMORIES

An interesting aspect of university placement students attending Sporting Memories programs is their contributions - with some serendipity.

Stephanie Adam has attended several locations and recently came to the first Sporting Memories session at Gawler, where Sean Carlin was the guest speaker. Amazingly Stephanie had a photograph of Sean Carlin in a North Adelaide Football Club under 17 team pic, with Steph's dad Simon Adam standing next to Sean, on his left side! Small world! A copy was given to Sean, who had never seen the photograph before.



North Adelaide U17. Sean Carlin is in back row, fifth player from left, with Simon Adam the sixth player from left.

Earlier at a Life Care session, Stephanie had told a story about meeting Tim Cahill and getting him to sign a shirt for her, which she also brought to the program to show participants - she also had a photo with her and Tim, with another friend.



Stephanie Adam (left) with Tim Cahill.

The October guest speakers have been popular with placement students, with up to four attending each session. With Stephanie, Shiela, Yee and Siena attended Sean's talk, while for John Platten's talk at Unley Buddies for Breakfast, Steph, Scott, Yee and Sheila came along.

The final guest speaker for October will be Sonny Morey at Holden Hill next Tuesday, October 31, although former Sheffield Shield cricketer Rick Drewer is attending a Sporting Memories session at Walkerville.



Placememnt students Yee, Shiela, Scott and Stephanie with John Platten.

PROGRAM & PLACEMENT

YEE HUAT GAN >

PLACEMENT EXPERIENCE

Hi, I am Yee Huat Gan, and I am coming to the end of my placement with Sports United. As I come to the end, I find myself thinking about how rewarding this experience has been for me. I've learnt a lot from all the sessions and have enjoyed myself throughout this experience. During my placement, I have worked with many students and I'm glad that I'm able to make connections with some of them; and see them enjoy the sessions. I have also learnt a lot from all the students as well, especially from their reactions to different obstacles, games, and items. I now know what they might enjoy and ways to help them enjoy and progress from every session.

All the sessions are created with games and obstacles to provide students with learning and understanding about sharing, coordination, teamwork, and social interaction in a fun and safe environment. I'm also very grateful to work with a great team of placement students and Kat.

I've learnt a lot from the experience of working with students and the things that I need to be aware of when working with individuals with a disability. I feel happy to have had my placement with SportsUnited, and personally I find that these sessions are a good way to end my week, it's very rewarding.



RICHARD MCGRATH >

RADIO PROGRAM

Over the past two weeks Emma & Richard have chatted about sports journalists South Australian players who have played in the US Major League Baseball competition on our Sporting Memories Australia program on BBBfm 89.1.

Did you know that there have only been four South Australian's to play in the MLB? With the first three all being pitchers?

This Saturday Emma & Richard will be heading out to host the program from the Kapunda Show! Last year Emma learnt quite a bit about rural agricultural shows. Wonder what will happen this year? Also, Emma and Richard will be providing an opportunity for visitors to the Kapunda show to participate in their inaugural 'Chuckathon Challenge'. They will also be chatting about the Bay to Birdwood car rally.

So if you are looking for something to do on Saturday, head on out to the Kapunda show, or 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.

JORDY BIGGINS >

MERCHANDISE

At our 2022 SportsUnited X Adelaide West Quiz night, we provided all guests with colouring-in equipment so they could colour in the SportsUnited logo. We had so many fantastic designs submitted to us, that we've decided to put the design on some merchandise! The 3 designs chosen were, 'Finger Prints', 'The Kid in Us' and 'Colourful Creations'. This merchandise means so much to us because it has been created and inspired by our biggest supporters - YOU! Our SportsUnited community!

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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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