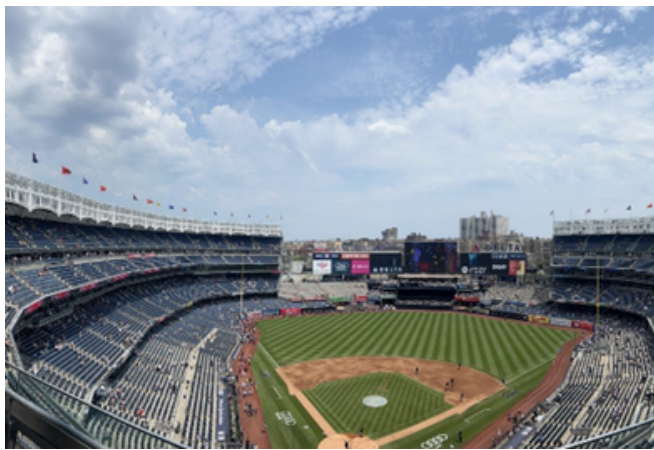




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EMMA MILANESE

Hi everyone!

I am still away on holiday, but I only have 1 more week to go! That means for our next issue, I will be writing to you from Adelaide again – time has absolutely flown! Last week I was able to provide an update of my travels including my time spent in Rome, Cinque Terre and of course seeing the Olympic rings on the Eiffel Tower. I'm so excited to update you on my travels of the last couple of weeks and the brilliant sporting arenas/games I've seen.

I was fortunate to attend the Olympic stadium in Greece! The Panathenaic Stadium (I still can't pronounce that word, I just call it Olympic stadium) is located in Athens and fun fact, it is the only stadium in the world built entirely of marble. Let me tell you, it was gorgeous, very bright and extremely hot! It was amazing to see and stand inside of it.

This week, I have been in New York and managed to catch a Yankees game at Yankee stadium (sorry Robert!). What an absolutely spectacle it was. The journey there was a half hour train ride and the chanting, singing, sea of

blue/grey/white attire was like nothing I have ever seen before. I will never forget the first time I laid eyes on the front façade, I couldn't take my eyes off it (I actually tripped on the road!). It's big and beautiful. Whilst the Yankees lost the game, I will always remember singing New York, New York and eating an extra long hot dog. As mentioned last week, whilst I am enjoying my travels, I am missing home. I'm very excited for this addition of the newsletter to go out! Reading over the stories that Robert, Adriana and Richard have sent through has made me extra happy and warms my heart. They are doing such a wonderful job of facilitating programs. I hope that you enjoy this issue as I have!

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



ROBERT LAIDLAW >

SPORTING MEMORIES

The Olympics are on in July, which makes it an exciting time for the Sporting Memories program, especially in the Digital Sporting Pink Australia pack, as there will be plenty of opportunities to feature some of Australia's best athletes from the past. And as luck would have it, with the theme of Digital Sporting Pink Australia pack going through the alphabet, in the second week of July the letter O (for Olympics!) is due. In the name the players section, Aussie Olympians from various disciplines will be featured – swimmers, track and field athletes, and competitors from the Melbourne and Sydney Games.

Each edition in July a specific Olympic story will embrace the week's letter, whether it be N, O, P or Q. And at least two Olympic-type questions will be asked in the quiz.

To watch Cathy Freeman's 400m win at the Sydney Olympics: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_U7Tra5Qm0Q

The Digital Sporting Pink Australia pack has been produced every Thursday for 220 weeks, which is more than four years' worth, which is an amazing statistic for an idea that was originally planned for the lockdowns through COVID19.

There have been so many different sports and sports stars featured, there surely is something for anyone who enjoys sport, while some of athletes have been the greatest sportsmen of all time world-wide, there is always a good selection of local talent.

Football and cricket, as well as Olympics, seem to be the most popular, but netball, softball and a host of other sports are also well-liked by readers.

To subscribe to the 'free' weekly Digital Sporting Pink Australia pack head on over to the SportsUnited website (<https://www.sportsunited.org.au/digital-sporting-pink-australia.html>)

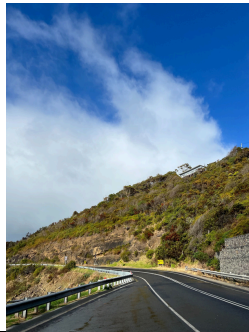


PROGRAM & PLACEMENT EXPERIENCE

JOEY PONG

PLACEMENT EXPERIENCE

Hi, my name is Joey Pong and I'm studying Public Health at UniSA. I recently participated in the recent Great Ocean Road Marathon which further solidified my interest in sports and public health. Initially, I planned to run 23 km, but due to unforeseen circumstances, I started from a different starting line and ended up running 44 km. Despite not training much and having stopped exercising for three years due to a knee injury, I took on the challenge and enjoyed the beautiful scenery on foot. This experience demonstrated my perseverance and passion for physical activity, reinforcing the importance of integrating sports into public health initiatives. Overall, my placement so far at SportsUnited and my marathon experience taught me perseverance, enriched my knowledge of sports and public health, and provided me with valuable observational insights that will benefit my professional journey.



RICHARD MCGRATH >

RADIO PROGRAM

Over the past two wet and wintery weeks our Sporting Memories Australia radio program on BBBfm89.1 has continued the A-Z of Sport, focusing on the Letters 'K' and 'L'. These Letters proved to be quiet entertaining during the radio program with mentions of the Letter 'K' sounding like an abbreviation for OK and the Letter 'L' sounding like a place where fire and brimstone reside. The A-Z Sport Quiz continues to be fun, with Steve being challenged by Andrea (a local listener who is substituting for Emma while she is away overseas). Andrea won the Letter 'K' quiz while Steve won the Letter 'L' quiz. This leaves the current A-Z Sport Quiz with Emma (with the help of Andrea) winning five times, Steve with two wins and five draws.

This Saturday Richard and Steve, will be back to continue the A-Z of Sport focusing on the Letter 'M'. What sporting words or names can you recall starting with the Letter 'M'? 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.

ADRIANA CONDE >

SUPPORTING SUCCESS

At the end of the Term here at Adelaide West, SportsUnited is wrapping up its sessions. We had the pleasure of welcoming back a familiar presence, Jim, who previously completed placement as a university student in 2022 and then come back as a volunteer in 2023. It brings us immense joy to have him return for the third consecutive year. Additionally, we are delighted to introduce one of our new volunteers, Anaya. In her quest for volunteer opportunities, Anaya discovered SportsUnited. She has forged meaningful connections with students and significantly contributed to their development in various areas. We express our deep appreciation for both Jim and Anaya's valuable presence within our team. Throughout Term 2, the students at Adelaide West have demonstrated remarkable progress, excelling in the new activities presented to them and bravely stepping beyond their comfort zones. As we navigate through the beginning of the year, I have fostered strong relationships with the children, as have the placement students for Term 2. While bidding farewell to our Term 2 placement students, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of fresh faces in the upcoming term.



Enjoy your holidays, Adelaide West!



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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