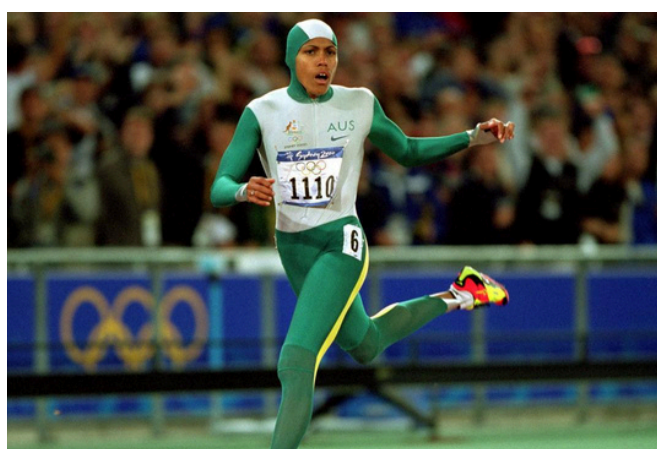




BRINGING SPORT TO COMMUNITIES



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EMMA MILANESE

I'm back! I touched down in Adelaide on Sunday and it's been go, go, go ever since!

My final week away I was in Los Angeles – sunny LA. Although my time in LA didn't consist of anything sport related, my trips to Universal Studios, Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm certainly felt like a marathon as I had to dodge my way through crowds and didn't do any less than 20,000 steps a day (the heat didn't help!). It has definitely been a shock to the system coming back to winter in Adelaide. But nevertheless, it's wonderful to be home.

SportsUnited has been absolutely thriving. It's fantastic to hear about the special guest appearances out at our Sporting Memories program and of course, the wonderful progress that the students are making out at Supporting Success – although we are on school holidays now of course!

The first half of 2024 has been busy, but we are not slowing down. There's still a lot in store for our organisation in the second half of 2024. Since the start of the year, I have been working on new merchandise designs that we are very excited to be releasing soon! Keep an eye out for our next newsletter for updates, photos, and the announcement of our brand new, 2024 merchandise. Of course, we also have our annual quiz night that we will be running in partnership with our good friends at Adelaide West Special Education Centre. We will be sure to let you know the date as soon as it is confirmed so that you can start purchasing tickets.

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



ROBERT LAIDLAW >

SPORTING MEMORIES

It's July already and the first half of the year is closing in fast for Sporting Memories Australia, with several major highlights, including guest speakers and two major tours planned for September and October.

Sporting Memories Australia ambassadors Sean Carlin and Daryl Harper have regularly made appearances at sessions, including this week at Walkerville.

With his guest appearance at Walkerville, Daryl has now visited every current Sporting Memories Australia site, and has continued to captivate participants with his wonderful stories from his Test Cricket career around the world.

And with the Olympics around the corner, having hammer thrower Sean on board is a pleasure, as he shares his stories from competing at Barcelona in 1992 (where he finished eighth) and Atlanta in 1996.

The support our ambassadors and the long list of guest speakers who have generously donated their time have been a wonderful highlight for those who have attended Sporting Memories Australia sessions.

Recently racing car driver Bernie Stack visited a Gawler session, and has indicated his interest in making guest appearances at other Sporting Memories Australia sessions. Another semi-regular speaker who has proven popular is former Sheffield Shield cricketer Rick Drew.

The Holden Hill group will be involved in a tour of Norwood Oval in September, thanks to the wonderful support of the Norwood Football Club's heritage committee, while the Payneham group will be visiting Adelaide Oval for a tour later in the year.

Sessions are adapted to suit participants, with a range of activities, including 'who am I' photos, quizzes, sporting memorabilia show and tell, and the sharing of memories, with some fantastic stories being told.

If anyone is interested in considering a volunteering role with Sporting Memories, they are encouraged to contact Robert or Richard on sports.united18@gmail.com.

PROGRAM & PLACEMENT EXPERIENCE

KAREN ZOUENIN

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Hi everyone!

My name is Karen Zouein, and I'm currently an intern at SportsUnited. I studied Public Health at the University of South Australia and completed my placement with SportsUnited in 2023. I enjoyed working with Emma, Richard and Robert in the Sporting Memories Program as I got to see the behind the scenes of how programs and sessions are designed and planned.

After completing my placement hours, I was contacted by Richard to join them as a volunteer intern with Social Media Officer posts and promoting the organisation and programs. I'm 7 months into this role and I've learnt a lot about how social media works and what is required to grab the audience's attention.

I am very thankful for the team for this opportunity as I understand that it can be challenging to gain experience in any field and grateful that I get to learn from experienced and knowledgeable individuals.

Make sure to follow SportsUnited on Instagram and Facebook!



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RICHARD MCGRATH >

RADIO PROGRAM

Our Sporting Memories Australia radio program on BBBfm89.1 over the past two week has continued the A-Z of Sport, focusing on the Letters 'M' and 'N'.

There was quite a bit of sport related discussion focusing on these two Letters. Who knew there were so many sports people named Michael???

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). Steve finally managed to get another win with the Letter 'M' quiz, while last week's quiz was a draw. This leaves the current A-Z Sport Quiz with Emma (with the help of Andrea) winning five times, Steve with three wins and six draws. It will be interesting to see how Emma goes with her return this weekend.

This Saturday the show will be focused on the Letter 'O'.

What sporting words or names can you recall starting with the Letter 'O'? (Hint: there is a mega sporting event about to start in Paris this month).

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

School holiday season is here! I trust that everyone is enjoying a well-deserved break and making the most of their time off. As we gear up for Term 3 at Adelaide West, I am excited to explore fresh activities for our students, aiming to tailor them to accommodate a diverse range of capabilities. Additionally, I am preparing new stamp cards for our Adelaide West students, featuring exciting goals and achievements to inspire and motivate them. Let's prepare for an exciting Term 3 with SportsUnited!

Looking forward to seeing you then.



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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