



# BRINGING SPORT TO COMMUNITIES



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# A WORD FROM THE TEAM

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER >

## EMMA MILANESE

I can't believe its July already! 6 months down, 6 months to go and we are full steam ahead!

This past fortnight has been very productive and consisted of a number of successful meetings. The meetings have been all about events! Whilst we aren't ready to 'spill the beans' on everything we're organising, Kat tells you of one of the events in her section of the newsletter!

As for our programs, whilst we are on break from Supporting Success, Sporting Memories is still running beautifully. Robert has been out talking to a number of amazing and interesting people, all of which have told some fantastic stories. We are looking for and brainstorming different ways we can share these wonderful stories with all our community partners soon. If you have any ideas, we'd love to hear them! As always, thank you so much for your ongoing support. We appreciate you!



## ROBERT LAIDLAW >

## SPORTING MEMORIES

On July 9th out at Unley Park 'Breakfast for Buddies', Sporting Memories held a special session with two guest speakers. The session was based on celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the longest baseball game in Australian history! In 1972, the A grade baseball grand final between Port Adelaide and Goodwood at Norwood Oval, went for 19 innings – the club produced a book.



Two of Port's players from that game, Ron Hocking and Adrian 'Daisy' Pearce reminisced about the 'good times' from their playing days, which kept the audience's attention throughout the presentation. Ron and Adrian gave some insight into how the 1972 game was won, and what it takes to play baseball into the dead of night! Some of the stories were humorous, while others included the unfolding drama of that historic game. There were plenty of questions from the floor, with several reminiscing about when they watched night baseball games at Norwood Oval in the 1960s! Adrian had the unique experience of playing in all of Port Adelaide's nine premierships in the 2000s, however he started at the club as a teenager, playing in the club's first game in 1958. He also took out the title of oldest player in 1982, when, as a 43-year-old, he won an award as the best player in the grand final. A regular state player, Adrian also won the Helms Award as best player in the Claxton Shield in 1964.

Ron would play Claxton Shied baseball after the 1972 game, which was his sixth consecutive premiership success with Port, and eventually became president of the club. It was a popular presentation, which engaged the 22 participants as they enjoyed their weekly breakfast. Sporting Memories held session at the Unley Park Sports Club.

## KATERINA MATTOCK >

## THANK YOU!



Just as you support us to continue the work we do, we've also gained support recently from businesses in the local community. To ensure we're dressed in the latest sportswear at the best prices, Lorna Jane invited us to join their Ambassador program. Delta Force Paintball Adelaide also helped us out with free paintball tickets for a full day of paint balling fun! Finally, we reached out to Bunnings Woodville to see if there was any way they could help, and they went above and beyond! As such we have some exciting additions to raffles coming up for a quiz night... Yep! We're going to run a quiz night with all proceeds in part going to SportsUnited. More details on that soon!

Last but not least: if you're looking for an easy way to support us, we've now joined the Drakes Community Dollar program. Every time you shop at Drakes you can scan a barcode and every dollar of your shop goes toward our fund that we get back in a giftcard! This system is completely free, so if you'd like to help us out please [email](#) us and we'll send a barcode & keychain clip your way! If you know of a business that can help us gather donations for the quiz night we'd love to hear from them (or you!). Please [email me](#).



# ORGANISATION UPDATES

RICHARD MCGRATH >

## CHARITABLE STATUS

**We are a Registered Charity!**

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!

Every \$5 donation to SportsUnited enables us to support one student in our Supporting Success program or one person to attend the Sporting Memories program. All donations enable us to provide opportunities for those in need.

You can donate to support us and the programs we run on our [website](#). Or you can donate specifically to our Supporting Success program on the [Australian Sports Foundation](#) site.



RICHARD MCGRATH >

## RADIO PROGRAM

Over the past two weeks our Sporting Memories Australia radio program with BBBfm 89.1 on Saturday mornings from 9-11am focused on two sports, Basketball and 10-pin bowling.

The most notable aspect of the past two weeks, apart from the lively banter, fun games and interesting information has been Emma taking charge of 'the desk'.

Earlier this year Emma was involved in the BBBfm presenter training sessions but until recently she has not had a chance to get behind 'the desk'. Emma proudly announced on the program she now has her PI's which will allow her to sit behind 'the desk', take control of the program and stay under 100km/hr!

Across the next few weeks Richard & Emma have a few more surprises in store for listeners of the program, as well as opportunities to get involved.

If you'd like to share some of your sporting stories on a Saturday morning, then give Richard & Emma a call on 8563 3788 anytime between 9-11am. You can also listen to the program each Saturday morning by visiting the [BBBfm website](#).



JORDY BIGGINS >

## MERCHANDISE

It's back! Take a look at our brand new merchandise!

We have our **grey zip hoodie with large Peace Out logo** on the back of the jacket and our **black hoodie with Old School logo** across the front! Don't they look great! **These new items will be going out for just \$55.00 each!**

Of course, you can still purchase our other merchandise too! The black crew neck jumper with small Peace Out logo (\$50.00), black t-shirt with small Peace Out logo (\$35.00) and the black t-shirt with large Peace Out logo (\$35.00) are all still available for purchase!

It costs **\$5.00 per session, per student** to attend our Supporting Success program. All proceeds from your purchase of our new merchandise goes back into our organisation, helping to provide equal opportunity and access to sport participation for all.

We have jumpers and t-shirts available in both adults and kids sizes. Merchandise can be purchased directly from the store on our [website](#).



# 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: <https://sports-united-web-c262e9.netlify.app/forms/sporting-memories-online-register/>

## STAY IN TOUCH

Email: [sports.united18@gmail.com](mailto:sports.united18@gmail.com)

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### FACEBOOK

Keep up to date with our latest news and stories.

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a 'live' conversation with us, then follow us

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