Date Claimers

**Launch – Whitten Project Recipients**

Sat 3 May 2014, Portland

Launch event for all successful Whitten applicants.

**Training – Governance Training for Community & Sporting Groups**

Tues 3 June 2014, Casterton
Wed 4 June 2014, Portland

Details over page.

**Workshop – Caring for Sporting Memorabilia**

Wed 18 June 2014, Melbourne

Details over page.

**Recreation Forum**

Tues 22 July 2014, Portland

Western Bulldogs List Manager Jason McCartney will be the guest speaker at this information sharing, network opportunity for clubs and community groups.

Further details to come.

**Recreation Services**

The Glenelg Shire’s Recreation Development Officer is available to assist groups and clubs in development, governance, planning and promotional activities. For more information, or to arrange attendance at your next committee meeting, please contact Kerry Geyer on Ph: 5522 2346 or by email kgeyer@glenelg.vic.gov.au
Whitten Project:
Community Leadership Project

Nominations are in for this exciting project. Inspiring the next generation of leaders for the West, The Whitten Project provides a group of boys and girls an exciting range of life, civic and sporting experiences building upon their emerging strengths to develop their leadership capacity through elite sporting environments and community experiences. Over a seven month period commencing in April 2014, young leaders will take part in a diverse range of activities and excursions Community Leadership Project to make a positive impact in their local community.

Hosted by the Western Bulldogs, this unique initiative is delivered in partnership with the Glenelg Shire, the AFL, AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria, SportWest and the State Government with support from Victoria University and the Western Region Football League (WRFL).

A launch event will be held for all successful applicants on Saturday 3 May, where they will be formally presented to the Mayor and Glenelg Shire Councillors.

Workshop: Caring for Sporting Memorabilia

Learn how to best preserve your medals, trophies, leather and wooden objects, photographs and paper items. Hear from a trained conservator and experienced curators from leading sporting collections.

Wednesday 18 June, 2014
National Sports Museum
Melbourne Cricket Ground
East Melbourne VIC
For more information visit: http://www.mavic.asn.au/
Training: Governance Training for Community & Sporting Groups

This training session is designed to assist anyone in a position of governance in a not-for-profit community organisation to understand:

- the basic governance and legal framework in which community organisations operate
- the role and key legal duties of committee or board members
- the importance of an organisation’s rules and what they say about holding meetings and resolving disputes
- key requirements under the new Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) – including why some community organisations may need to update their rules

We are holding two training sessions for either:

**Casterton**
Date: Tuesday 3 June 2014
Time: 6pm to 8.30pm
Location: Island Park Club Rooms

**Portland**
Date: Wednesday 4 June 2014
Time: 6pm to 8.30pm
Location: Reception Room, Glenelg Shire Council Office

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Friday 23 May

Phone: 03 5522 2151 or email: swalker@glenelg.vic.gov.au
TTY / Voice Calls 133 677

We encourage each club to send as many committee members as possible and strongly urge both presidents and treasurers to attend. Under the Club Licence Agreements, a minimum of two committee representatives are required to attend at least one skills development program each financial year.

Recreation Forum

Glenelg Shire Council will also be hosting a Recreation Forum on Tuesday 22 July.

Special guest speaker is Jason McCartney from the Western Bulldogs.

Please note, this forum counts towards a skills development program that both presidents and treasurers are strongly urged to attend under their Licence Agreement.

Numbers may be limited, so please put the date on your club committee calendar or contact Kerry Geyer
Ph: 5522 2346 or email kgeyer@glenelg.vic.gov.au to register an expression of interest to guarantee a place.
Funding Opportunities

Glenelg Shire Council Community Grants

Round 2 of the 2013-2014 Community Grants deadline has closed, however it is not too early to start thinking about applying for the next round due in July 2014.

Your club or organisation may be eligible for funding in the following categories:

Recreation
To increase sport and recreation participation; assist with club development; and enhance health, fitness and social cohesion.

Other categories include: Tourism, Arts, Culture and Heritage, Community Plan Support and Community Support.

Application forms will be available from the Glenelg Shire Council Customer Service Centre or visit: www.glenelg.vic.gov.au when Round 1 2014-2015 is announced.

Before completing the relevant application form(s), applicants MUST contact the responsible officer for the category they wish to apply for.

L2P Program: Seeking Mentors

L2P is a community based volunteer program designed to provide young learner drivers who face significant barriers to obtaining their Probationary Licence with the opportunity to access driving practice under the supervision of a fully licensed volunteer driver.

The Glenelg L2P program is currently seeking more volunteer mentors to assist with the growing number of young learner driver applicants.

Mentors are required to give at least 1-2 hours of their time per week and attend training, as part of a selection process, in order to fulfill the role as a supervising driver.

Mentors develop and maintain a safe, supportive and ongoing relationship with the young person they are matched with.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming a mentor or would like more information please contact the L2P Coordinator Elly Murrell on (03) 5522 2329 or email emurrell@glenelg.vic.gov.au

South West Community Foundation Grant

Up to $5,000 is also available through the South West Community Foundation for projects that build community capacity in the local government areas of Glenelg, Southern Grampians, Moyne, Warrnambool, Corangamite and Colac Otway.

For more information contact Linda Grant Ph: 0437 756 082 email info@southwestcommunityfoundation.org

For Recreation and Public Halls Grants contact the Recreation Officer, Kerry Geyer Ph: 5522 2346 email kgeyer@glenelg.vic.gov.au

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Youth Happenings

Ripple Effect A Huge Success!

A free 8 week music program offered by the Glenelg Shire Council to people aged 12-25 years was a huge hit.

Under the expert guidance of local musical director Rosie Collins, of Spontaneous Creations, and other local musical mentors’ program participants were given the opportunity to creatively express themselves through music.

To showcase their talents, the participants held a public concert at the Heywood Community Centre on Thursday 3 April, where an audience of over 120 people filled the space.

For more photos and information search for “rippleffecthamilton” on Facebook.

School Holiday Program

The Glenelg Shire Council Easter School Holiday Program was extremely well received with all activities booking up early!

The range of free activities across the shire included everything from abseiling and horse riding to creating leadlight masterpieces.

Planning has begun for the July program. If you are interested in delivering an activity suitable for school age children, as part of the Glenelg Shire Council Holiday Program please contact the Youth Development Officer, Hayley Dunning Ph: 5522 2137 email hdunning@glenelg.vic.gov.au
Other Happenings

National Volunteers Week

National Volunteer’s Week is 12 – 18 May, 2014.

Volunteers play an integral role in our Shire by supporting, encouraging and enhancing the lives of others in our Shire.

This is a good time to acknowledge and recognise any volunteer that support your sporting and community group.

Promote Your Club

Club contributions are invited for publishing in the Glenelg Active Communities Newsletter. This is a great opportunity for clubs to promote themselves and member achievements. Please supply a high resolution photo along with a short paragraph for consideration.

Contact Kerry Geyer, Recreation Development Officer, on 5522 2346 email kgeyer@glenelg.vic.gov.au

Wheelchair Rugby

Wheelchair Rugby (VIC, QLD, SA) in Hamilton on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 May.

This is a great opportunity to witness the excitement of Murderball and see elite athletes with disability in action.