

ACTIVE YOUR WAY

GLENELG

MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN

The Glenelg Shire Council Recreation Team respectfully acknowledges the traditional lands and waters of the Gunditjmara people, Boandik people, Jardwadjali people and their respective cultural heritages, and the significant contribution they make to our local Recreation and Sporting organisations. Council embraces diversity and is committed to fostering an inclusive active sports community.

Annual & Winter Season Allocations Open



Annual and winter season Licensed User Groups are now invited to enter their allocation for the upcoming annual season (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026) and winter season (1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025) via our Reserves Manager website <https://www.imscomply.com.au/glenelgrm/> using your organisations login details.

If you no longer have access to your login details please email recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au and our Recreation Team can assist with providing these details to you.

Allocation entries close on 23 March 2025.

If you require further support with your allocations or have any queries please contact the [Recreation Team](#).

Corella Control

It is once again the time of year when Corella's are more active across the Shire, and they are particularly noticeable in open space grass areas, such as ovals, often causing damage to grass surfaces.

Further information on Corella's and potential control measures that Recreation Reserve User Groups can consider implementing is available on [Council's website](#).



PLAY YOUR WAY



ATTENTION Portland, Heywood, Bolwarra and Narrawong 2024 Grades 3 & 4 Student Parents and Guardians



Want to receive FREE** SPORT REGISTRATION for your 2024 Grade 3/4 Child starting a new sport in early 2025?

Following the successful 'Play Your Way' come and try event held in November 2024, parents and guardians of eligible school's (listed further below) grade 3 & 4 students are now invited to submitted reimbursement requests to receive back their child's sport registration cost.

Eligible schools students from 2024 grade 3 & 4 classes:

- All Saints Parish Primary
- Bolwarra Primary
- Heywood Consolidated
- Narrawong District Primary
- Portland Bay School
- Portland Primary
- Portland South Primary
- Portland North Primary
- St Johns Lutheran Primary



Reimbursement is only applicable for one of the below local sports registration fees IF the grade 3/4 student has not previously been a participant in the particular sport:

- AFL football
- Soccer (football)
- Netball
- Hockey
- Cricket

Reimbursement applications strictly close on 30 April 2025.

For further information on the Play Your Way Project is available by visiting our [YourSay Glenelg website](#) or for information on reimbursement sport options [click here](#).

The [Play Well - Australia's Sport Participation Strategy](#) is designed to change the way participation in sport is connected, delivered and supported across Australian communities - with the overall aim to ensure everyone has a place in sport!

***conditions apply*



How Walkable is the Glenelg Shire?

Portland District Health have partnered with the [Heart Foundation](#) and invite you to provide your feedback on the walkability, comfort, convenience and safety of footpaths, neighbourhoods and walks in the Glenelg Shire.

When you're out walking between 4 Dec 2024 - 28 Feb 2025, consider completing the walkability checklist.

The checklist can be accessed via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/w1sTxqqzWT> or via the QR code further below.

Hard copies of the walkability checklist can also be collected from (and dropped back to) the following locations:

- Casterton Memorial Hospital
- Dartmoor Bush Nursing Centre
- Merino Community Health Centre
- Narrawong Post Office
- Portland District Health (Consulting Suites)
- Heywood Rural Health

How Walkable is the Glenelg Shire?

Provide your feedback on the walkability, comfort, convenience and safety of your local walk by **28 Feb 2025**



Complete the Heart Foundation's Community Walkability Checklist via the QR code or at forms.office.com/r/w1sTxqqzWT



Use of Council Recreation Reserves

Dog Poo Bag Dispensers

In the last few months of last year, Council installed dog poo bag dispensers at majority of the Portland based recreation reserves and the Heywood Recreation Reserve, with bag dispensers already located at Island Park in Casterton, as well as at both Henty Park and Nelson Park in Portland.



Dog poo bag dispensers are now located at the following recreation reserves:



- [Hanlon Park](#) - near the Henty Street entrance
- [Alexandra Park](#) - between the oval and netball courts, and also near the BMX canteen area
- [Flinders Park](#) - on the Bentinck Street end of the Football/Cricket changeroom pavilion
- [Heywood Recreation Reserve](#) - on the highway end of the Football changeroom pavilion near the oval
- [Friendly Society Reserve](#) - on the Glenelg Street end of the changeroom pavilion (pictured)
- [Cavalier Park](#) - on the northern end of the pavilion

This initiative is to encourage dog owners to pick-up after their dogs when at a Council managed recreation reserve and keep the area tidy and enjoyable for all users.

Prohibited Activities

To ensure that recreation reserve users are safe and infrastructure is not damaged, the following is not permitted at recreation reserves (with some exceptions as noted below):

- Horses on are not permitted on majority of Council's recreation reserves, with the exception of Licenced User Groups at Yarraman Park in Portland, and the Casterton Polocrosse grounds.
- Golf activities are also not permitted at any Council managed recreation reserve at any time.
- Dogs are not permitted at the Yarraman Park Recreation Reserve in Portland.

If you notice any of these prohibited activities occurring at a Council recreation reserve please notify Council's Local Laws Unit by phoning 1300 GLENELG (453 635).



Glenelg Shire Community Grants

Round 2 of the 2024-25 Glenelg Shire Community Grants program is [OPENING SOON!](#)

Keep an eye out on Council's [Facebook page](#) or [website](#) in early February 2025 for further details.

*For grant eligibility and conditions refer to the [community grant program guidelines](#) available on Council's website.

Grants & Funding Opportunities

Clubs / User Groups often ask us about where they can go for assistance with Grants or what funding opportunities are available.

[VicSport](#) often update their website with links to various grant opportunities some helpful links on their website. There are also some [quick links on our website](#) for organisations that regularly release different grant opportunities.

Some externally funded grants and fundraising opportunities that may be of particular interest to your club that are currently advertised include:

- [Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant program](#) provides assistance to grassroots sport and active recreation clubs and organisations to replace or repair essential sporting and first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed as a consequence of fire, flood, significant storms, theft or criminal damage - *applications are being accepted until 31 May 2025*
- [Regional All Abilities Participation Grants](#) supports grassroots sport and active recreation clubs and community-based not-for-profit organisations, to enable ongoing, sustainable, and meaningful participation for people with disability in regional Victoria - *applications close 10 February 2025*
- [Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund \(ACIF\)](#) provides funding of up to \$40,000 for community cricket facility projects, with a focus on growing participation and promoting accessibility and inclusivity - *Applications open on 3 February 2025 and close on 23 March 2025*
- [Australian Sports Foundation](#) provides a platform for tax deductible fundraising

Below are some online resources that may assist with grant writing:

[Clubhelp](#)

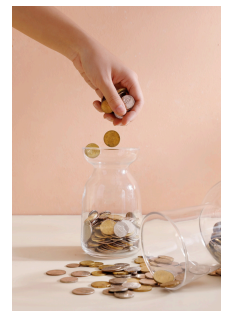
[Grant Writing for Dummies](#)

[The Grants Hub](#)

[Funding Centre](#)

[Sports Community](#)

[GrantGuru – grant search portal](#)



We also welcome any expressions of interest from Club representatives that may be interested in participating in a Grants Writing Workshop. Should enough club representatives express interest then we will advise of further details if a workshop can be confirmed. Please submit your interest via email to recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au including how many representatives may like to attend.

Council Recreation Reserve & Pavilions Casual Bookings

Did you know that most of Council's Recreation Reserve pavilions and facilities can be casually booked by other organisations, schools or for private recreation events (subject to availability)?

If your club or another organisation or an individual wish to casually book a Council recreation facility this can be done through our IMS Reserves Manager website

<https://www.imscomply.com.au/glenelg/m/>

For further details regarding Council's Recreation facilities casual hire conditions as well as a risk assessment template required for all bookings [click here](#).

If you require further support with submitting a casual booking or have any queries please contact the [Recreation Team](#).

Maintenance Requests for Council Recreation Reserves & Pavilions



Did you know that all maintenance items/requests can be submitted online via [Council's website](#)?

All maintenance items/requests for Council recreation facilities must be submitted in writing either via the [online request form](#) or alternatively submitted via email to enquiry@glenelg.vic.gov.au.

Submitting any maintenance requests via this process ensures the issues are correctly lodged into Council's maintenance system. We appreciate user groups continued co-operation and understanding with this process.

Update Your Club Contact & Membership Details

Has your club/organisation had an Annual General Meeting recently?

So that our Recreation Team can ensure they maintain an up-to-date contact database for clubs, we have introduced a simple online form for a Club committee representative to complete.

There is also the option to opt-in to this monthly bulletin (or opt out if you no longer want to receive the emails).

Click below to access the form, which is also accessible via the Glenelg Shire Council website:

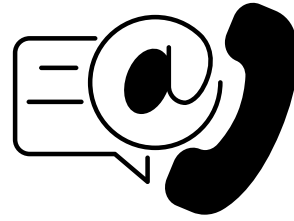
<https://au.openforms.com/Form/6f1550ca-22ee-42e0-9124-61278e834dc5>

[GSC Club Committee Kit Resources](#)

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Need Help?

Contact Us via recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au



If you no longer wish to receive this bulletin please [email us](#).

