

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.

Active Your Way Glenelg Facebook

Stay up-to-date and connected by following our [‘Active Your Way Glenelg’ Facebook page](#) for regular news, funding opportunities, events and more on all things sport and recreation.



Annual & Winter Season Allocations Due Date Approaching



Reminder for all annual and winter season Licensed User Groups that allocation entries for the upcoming annual season (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026) and winter season (1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025) are due **23 March 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.

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

Licenced User Groups - Upcoming Licence Renewals

All current Licence Agreements for use of Council owned or managed Council Recreation Reserves and Facilities are due to expire on 30 June 2025.

So what does this mean for current Licenced User Groups (Clubs)?

New 3 year agreements are currently being prepared by Council and will need to be reviewed and signed prior to 30 June 2025 by Licenced User Groups (Clubs).



From April 2025 onwards, Council's Recreation Team will be in contact with your Club's nominated representative via email with a new draft agreement and potential meeting times for some Clubs.

Please let your Club's nominated contact to keep an eye out for this important correspondence (email) in the coming months.

Licenced User Groups Incentivisation Procedure

In February 2024, Council's Recreation Team introduced an Incentivisation Procedure, the aim of which is to encourage Organisations/Clubs to undertake activities and offer programs that promote inclusivity, increase participation levels, and improve Organisation/Club governance capabilities. This in turn promotes healthy lifestyles throughout our Community and assists with working towards strategies identified within [Councils Active Your Way Glenelg Recreation Plan](#).

The procedure covers 4 focus areas:

- Active Ageing
- Female Friendly
- Modified & Inclusive Sport / Recreation
- Healthy Clubs
- Club Development



How can this procedure benefit Licenced User Group's?

The procedure provides an opportunity for Licenced User Group's to receive a partial reimbursement of the most recently paid Lease/Licence fee. To be eligible for a partial fee reimbursement, the Licenced User Group must meet the criteria outlined within the procedure and be able to provide evidence of doing so via the required measures across the 4 focus areas.

Applications under this procedure must be submitted within 45 days of the applicable Licenced User Group's season (summer / winter) or program being undertaken.

Should your Licenced User Group wish to seek a copy of this procedure and any further information please email recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au

FREE Workshop

Socially Responsible Fundraising

South West Sport is presenting a club development workshop focused on assisting clubs with socially responsible fundraising.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and/or to register.

The following will be discussed at the workshop:

- How to raise funds without promoting a drinking/gambling/smoking culture
- Tips to improve your fundraising activities
- Benefits of having a fundraising officer/committee
- Alternative fundraising options

This workshop will suit both new and established clubs who are looking to expand on their current fundraising activities and find new ways to enhance their fundraising efforts, all whilst doing so in a socially responsible manner that promotes healthy habits.

A promotional poster for a workshop. The background is a photograph of a man standing and presenting to a group of people seated at tables in a room. Overlaid on the image are several text elements and graphics. In the top left, the 'south west sport' logo is visible. In the top right, a teal pill-shaped box contains the text 'Club Development Workshop'. The main title 'Socially Responsible Fundraising' is written in large, bold, white letters across the center. Below the title, on the left, is a teal box with the date 'Monday 17th March' and the time 'Time 6-7pm'. On the right, there is a location pin icon followed by the text 'Alexandra Park Pavilion, Portland'. At the bottom right, a black button with white text says 'Register Now!'.

south west sport

Club Development Workshop

Socially Responsible Fundraising

**Monday
17th March**

Time 6-7pm

 Alexandra Park Pavilion,
Portland

Register Now!

South West Sport together with Ace Radio will once again be holding the 'South West Community Sports Awards', on 1 April 2025 in Warrnambool.

The awards event celebrate's clubs and organisation's who are driving positive community outcomes through sport and recreation, as well as acknowledging individuals who contribute to grassroots community sport, through volunteerism and leadership.

Nominations for all 12 award categories close at midnight on 2 March 2025, however please contact South West Sport should you wish to discuss any potential late nominations.

For further information please refer to South West Sport Community Sports Awards website: <https://www.southwestsport.com.au/www/south-west-community-sports-awards>



Good Sports - Game Ready Round

It's time to get Game Ready and take a stand against drink driving!

The Good Sports Game Ready Round will be held in May 2025, and it's all about raising awareness in your club and wider community on the importance of staying safe on the roads.

Why it's important:

- Drink driving makes up over 30% of the fatal road toll in Australia. And, in the last five years, 41% of all drivers and motorcyclists killed had drugs in their system.
- We know the stats are even more concerning in regional areas. 55% of road crash deaths occur in regional areas of Australia. Even one death on our roads is too many.
- And drink driving is still common at clubs. A third of young adult Australian community sporting club members said they drove home after drinking 5 or more standard drinks.

Join the Good Sports Game Ready Round to show your members and your community loud and clear where your club stands on drink driving.

It's easy to get involved – Good Sports will give you everything you need. Registrations are currently open, to run the round in May 2025.

Head over to goodsports.com.au/gamereadyround to sign up.

Together, we can get the message across. Your club has the power to save lives.

And, if your club is not already part of the free Good Sports program, [register today](#).



International Womens Day 2025 - FREE ONLINE Event



Join the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation for 'March Forward: Engaging the Next Generation.'

In recognition of International Women's Day 2025 and UN Women's theme 'March Forward – for all women and girls,' this year's theme calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all. Central to this vision is empowering the next generation as catalysts for lasting change. This free, online event will explore creative strategies to re-engage and retain girls in sport as fans, participants and leaders, ensuring they have equal opportunities to thrive and succeed.

[Click here](#) for further details about this event and to register

Vaping - FREE Online Workshop for Parents / Carers

Vaping, Let's Clear the Air: A Parent/Carer Virtual Workshop

Vaping is a growing issue among young people aged 12-25 years old. Through this free workshop you are invited to be part of the conversation.

Gain practical tips and strategies for having important conversation about vaping and other risk-taking behaviours.

Share your insights in this interactive session.

Your Voice Matters! Let's tackle this issue as a community.

Details:

Tuesday, 25 March

6.30pm - 8.00pm

Online Workshop

Reserve Your Spot:

trybooking.com/CVPPE



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Learn more about the Barwon South West Vaping Project at: batforce.org.au/projects

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*

Grants & Funding Opportunities

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

A new search platform, [SmartySearch](#), has been added to the Glenelg Shire website.

SmartySearch is a customised grants search database, highlighting hundreds of government, philanthropic, corporate and foundation grant opportunities from across Australia.

Grant seekers can conduct quick, localised searches for the grants most relevant to them from the convenience of Council's website. It provides anyone in the community with a 'one-stop-shop' of available funding sources.

Council are able to recommend this search tool when approached by not-for-profits, businesses, individuals, schools and more or for funding requests that fall outside of the scope of the Community Grants Program.

To access SmartySearch, visit: www.glenelg.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/Grants/SmartySearch

[VicSport](#) also 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:

- [Victorian Sporting Club Grants Program](#) is currently open for Community-based clubs to apply for funding towards one of 4 categories such as uniforms or equipment, volunteer and officials upskilling, accessibility and engagement improvement projects, or assistance for individuals selected for representative competitions - *Applications close at 4pm 27 March 2025*
- [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*
- [The Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program](#) provides grants from \$750 to \$2,500 (pending category) to assist Aboriginal Victorians to participate in Aboriginal sporting carnivals, buy sports uniforms and equipment, as well as funding for travel and accommodation expenses for athletes to compete in state and national competitions. - *Applications close on 4 March 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 close on 23 March 2025*

Grants & Funding continued...

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.

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 recently held an Annual General Meeting?

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>

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/glenelgrm/>

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

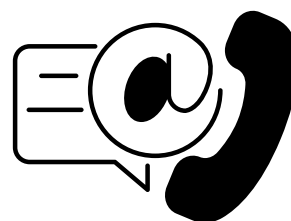
If you require further support with submitting a casual booking or have any queries please contact the [Recreation Team](#).

[GSC Club Committee Kit Resources](#)

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Need Help?

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



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