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.



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

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Our next round of Community Grants opens 9:00am, Monday 27 July!

The aim of the Community Grants Program is to assist community organisations and groups to undertake activities and provide facilities for the benefit of the citizens and residents of the Shire region.
The Glenelg Shire Council provides funding each year for community grants. There are two rounds of funding each financial year, and applications are usually invited in July and February.
Not for profit community organisations or groups are invited to submit an application in the following categories:

1. Recreation
2. Public Halls
3. Community Events
4. Arts, Culture and Heritage
5. Community Strengthening
6. Ageing Well



Up to $1,500 can be applied without any contribution. For amounts over $1,500 and up to $6,000 a dollar-for- dollar contribution is required from the community organisation/group.

Potential applicants should refer to the Community Grants Guidelines to assess their eligibility to apply. All organisations and groups are strongly encouraged to discuss their projects with the relevant Council officer prior to submitting their application.

For more information, visit our website

SOUTH WEST SPORT CLUB DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

When: Tuesday August 4 2026 from 5:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Alexandra Park, Park St, Portland, Victoria

South West Sport - Club Development Workshop

This is a fantastic opportunity for your club and/or volunteers to get involved in this Club Development Workshop for community sport leaders .

This workshop is run by South West Sport, a leading organisation that helps develop healthier, more inclusive, and more active communities across the region.

These face-to-face opportunities DO NOT come around often, so we highly recommend that you/your club make the most of this incredible opportunity.

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For more information on this opportunity, please contact us at recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au

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PLAY BY THE RULES - PODCASTS CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers, the heroes of grassroots sports, are being recognised and celebrated in a new podcast series featuring Play by the Rules.

Pitch In is an eight part podcast showcasing the vital roles community sport and volunteers play in building connection and belonging - especially in regional and remote locations and for diverse communities.

Hosted by comedian and entertainer Anothony 'Lehmo' Lehmann, Pitch In reminds us how sport brings people together, highlighting the contributions of volunteers throughout Australia who make community sport possible.

Listeners will hear from extraordinary volunteers who are maintaining playing fields, hosting competitions, serving food in the canteen or stepping in to act as a mascot.

Each episode highlights the rewards of volunteering and the social and community connection it brings. The Minister for Communications and Minister for Sport, Anika Wells, said:

"We know volunteers are the backbone of community sport. Every weekend across the country, volunteers are out there coaching kids, washing uniforms, managing teams and keeping clubs running.

Pitch In showcases the stories of a wonderful group of volunteers, inspiring all Australians to get involved, no matter their age or stage of life."

'Lehmo' said "This series is about more than sport. Volunteering connects people from all different backgrounds, creates friendships, breaks down barriers and gives people a genuine sense of belonging."

The series has been developed through a partnership between the Australian Government and the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA).

Pitch In aligns with the Australian Government objective to promote community connection, inclusion, and belonging through participation in a range of roles.

Pitch In is out now and widely available across podcast platforms.



South West Academy of Sport

Do you or someone you know have what it takes?

South West Academy of Sport is "the home of developing, emerging, and talented athletes in South West Victoria". They provide a platform that helps aspiring and talented athletes to reach their goals through Talent Identification, Athlete Preparedness, and Pathway Progression.

APEX Program: The APEX Program (Advancing Performance to Enhance eXcellence) is designed to support high performing athletes who are well progressed in their pathway, through an athlete management process. The APEX athletes have specific and personalised needs to enhance their performance trajectory, SWAS supports APEX athletes through examination of their current training and competitive load, their goals, their perceived limitations, and subsidising their access to personalised services.

ASCEND Program: The ASCEND Program (Accessing Skilled Coach Educators to Nurture Development) works with State Sporting Associations, National Sporting Organisations and the Victorian Regional Academy of Sport Network (VRAS) to provide opportunities for athletes to train with similarly motivated athletes and gain insights into achieving at a higher level in their sport. Where SWAS does not have a sport program partner, athletes may consider applying to the APEX program.

Commitment to Child Safety

South West Academy of Sport (SWAS) is committed to ensuring that young people who participate in its activities have a safe and happy experience. SWAS supports and respects children, young people staff, volunteers and participants.

Child Safety explanation for Young People

For more information on the South West Academy of Sport, visit their website - https://www.swas.org.au/

COMING SOON...

We have an exciting opportunity for women and girls in the Glenelg Shire on the horizon...

Keep an eye out for next months newsletter - where we will be releasing more information. Do not miss it!





Summer Seasonal Allocations

Summer season Licensed User Groups are now invited to enter their allocations for the upcoming summer season (1 October 2026 - 31 March 2027) via our IMS Reserves Manager website, which can be accessed via this link.

If you no longer have access to your login details, please email the Recreation Team who can assist with providing these details to you.

Allocation entries close on **Friday 18 September 2026.**

If you require support with any aspect of your allocation or have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Recreation Team at recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au

CLUBMAP Special Webinar

PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING FOR COMMUNITY SPORT
MONDAY, 3 AUGUST | 7:00PM (AEST)

Webinar presenters: Terry Dillon, CLUBMAP CEO and Co-founder, and Rob Threlfall, Director at Elite Sports Philanthropy.

We know many elite level clubs are active in philanthropy with great success. **Community sport can do the same. No question.** The principles for success are the same for any club, any sport, at any level.

Join us for an insightful session with **Rob Threlfall, Director at Elite Sports Philanthropy**, to explore how clubs can unlock philanthropic giving, build stronger community connections, and create sustainable funding streams.

Rob will share practical steps, real examples, and strategies to help clubs understand how philanthropy works in sport, identify potential donors and build long-term support, not just one-off donations.

Register here to save your spot

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Portland District Health - Health Promotion

FREE SUICIDE ALERTNESS TRAINING IN HEYWOOD

SafeTALK is a suicide alertness workshop gives you the confidence and practical skills to recognise when someone may be thinking about suicide and take action by connecting them to safety. You don't need prior experience or a special background - just a willingness to help and a few hours of your time.

Valued at $190 per head, this training is being delivered to the Glenelg community for FREE thanks to funding support from PacificBlue and the Rotary Clubs of Glenelg Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Committee.

This event is open to Glenelg Shire residents over the age of 18 years, and staff who directly support Glenelg residents. Together, we can make Glenelg safer from suicide.

- Monday 3rd August
- 12:15pm - 4:30pm (arrive at 12:15pm for a 12:30pm start)
- Heywood Library (77 Edgar Street, Heywood)

Registrations are essential. Please register via this link, or by calling 5522 1197.

Please note:
If suicide has touched your life in the last 6-12 months, this session may not be right for you at this point in time.

Find out more about SafeTalk here



Other Grants & Funding Opportunities

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

Our 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

Current Funding Opportunities Through Sport and Recreation Victoria

Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program **- Closing 30 June 2027**
The Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program provides grants to assist First Nations communities in Victoria 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.

Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program **- Closing 31 May 2027**
This 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.

Local Sports Infrastructure Fund **- Closing 28 July 2026**
The 2026-27 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (the Fund) is a competitive Victorian Government program, open to Victorian Local Government Authorities and Alpine Resorts Victoria.

Regional All Abilities Participation Grants **- Closing 12 August 2026**
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.

Sporting Club Grants Program **- Closing 26 August 2026**
The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

Significant Sporting Events Program **- Opening soon**
The Significant Sporting Events Program is a Victorian Government funding program that assists event organisers to enhance the delivery of national or international level sporting events in Victoria.

For more information follow this link to the Sport and Recreation Victoria website.

Grants & Funding continued...

Telstra Footy Grants

Local football clubs across Australia have the opportunity to share in an $8 million funding boost over 2024 - 2028 through Telstra Footy Grants. $4 million was granted by the AFL and Telstra in the first two years of the program to deserving clubs Australia-wide. With another pool of $2 million to be distributed in 2026, eligible regional and metro community football clubs can apply for grants up to $20,000 - helping strenghten, sustain and grow local footy.



The Telstra Footy Grants is designed to financially assist initiatives that can support Community Clubs affiliated to the AFL to strengthen the base and secure the future in three key strategic areas:

- Grow and assist volunteer capacity.
- Grow and diversify participation.
- Improve club environments and experiences.

INITIATIVES CLUBS CAN SEEK FUNDING FOR

Whether it's upgrading to an electronic scoreboard, upskilling volunteers, or introducing new initiatives to attract more participants, Telstra Footy Grants aims to provide tangible support for clubs and alleviate the challenges they may face.

View Funding Criteria Here

PAST RECIPIENTS

The AFL and Telstra have injected $4 million dollars into local football clubs around the country in the two years of the Telstra Footy Grants program, with nearly 1,100 projects across an array of initiatives benefiting from the funding.
From electronic point of sales systems to new line markers, Telstra Footy Grants has provided local clubs around the country with funds to help volunteers where they need it most.

JUNIOR SPORTS TRUST 2026/27

Applications for the Glenelg Junior Sports Trust have now opened for 2026/27.



The Glenelg Junior Sports Trust provides financial support for individual athletes or teams who have been selected to represent at State, National, or International level in their chosen sport aged up to 18 years of age inclusive. The age is to be the age of the individual/team participant at the time the activity/event is being held.

Refer to the Guidelines available on our website for further details regarding eligibility and information.

Click here to apply via SmartyGrants

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