

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

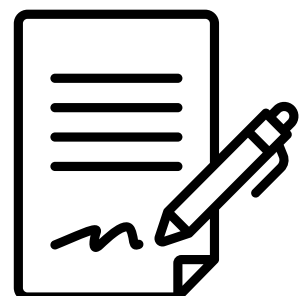
HAS YOUR CLUB / ORGANISATION RECENTLY HELD AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OR HAVE ONE UPCOMING?

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>



Volunteer Week Community Award Winners

Outstanding Achievement Award
Braydon Saunders



Arts and Culture - Saige Bell

Community Group of the Year
*Casterton Royal Children's Hospital Good
Friday Appeal Organising Committee*



COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR



**VOLUNTEER
WEEK 2026**

TO READ MORE ABOUT THE 2026 AWARD RECIPIENTS, VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](#)

Volunteer Week Community Award Winners

Citizen of the Year - Bruce Elijah

Youth Citizen of the Year - Jaylan Tomlin

Senior Citizen of the Year - Helena Lucas

Volunteer of the Year - Robyn Nunn



Good Sports - Governance and Liquor Licensing

Governance and Liquor Licensing

Does your club have a Liquor License or is thinking about applying?

Do you have volunteers assisting with alcohol sales?

Has it been a while since you reviewed your alcohol management practices?

Does alcohol sometimes affect the many positives that your club provides to members, players and community such as social connection, physical & mental health?

Alcohol is a regulated product due to the short- and long-term risks associated. These risks are increased for young people.

This doesn't mean that we can't enjoy a drink, but if selling alcohol, it does mean there are legal responsibilities and community expectations to consider.

We support clubs by providing education to members about liquor licenses (endorsed by LCV) and help with developing alcohol policies that are tailored to the needs of individual clubs. Policies take the pressure off individuals and support consistent management practices.

Reviewing alcohol practices is not about radical change but about balancing risk and enjoyment in a way that works for your club.

For more information and support, contact Keith Gregory on 0414633218 or email: keith.gregory@adf.org.au

Scan the code to read about Good Sports and leave a question/request for contact





**SESSION #2 - FOCUSING ON
RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS AND
COMPLAINTS
WEDNESDAY JUNE 17 | 7:30PM - 8:30PM (AEST)**

Play by the Rules is running a free, online Community of Practice for MPIOs in Australian sport. Three highly interactive, practical sessions are offered in 2026. Open to MPIOs from clubs, associations and peak bodies in all states and territories, the sessions are about building the confidence, knowledge and capability of MPIOs to contribute to safer and more inclusive grassroots sport environments. All sessions will be held on Microsoft Teams and run from 7:30pm - 8:30pm Australian Eastern Daylight/Standard time.

To register your attendance, follow this link to the ['play by the rules'](#) website, and follow the displayed steps

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN KELPIE MUSTER - CASTERTON

SATURDAY 6 JUNE - SUNDAY 7 JUNE

Watch as Casterton's main street comes alive with a huge range of activities and events including the Kelpie High Jump, Kelpie Hill Climb, Kelpie Dash, Stockman's Challenge, Street Parade, Kelpie Kids, Poets Breakfast and much more.

Sunday kicks off with excitement with the working dog demonstrations from 9:30am. The inaugural Working Dog Auction is set to commence at 3pm, watch as some of Australia's finest kelpies demonstrate their skill, explore the trade stands and feel the excitement and anticipation of the record breaking auction.

[For further information on any of the events please visit the Casterton Kelpie Association website](#)

WINTER SOLSTICE FUN RUN - PORTLAND

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

The Portland Winter Solstice Fun Run is back for 2026. Celebrate the Winter Solstice in style by participating in this challenging and exciting day.

The Winter Solstice Fun Run incorporates four challenging and scenic distances which you can run or walk, and we've also got a free 1km Kid's Dash. Note, courses are not suitable for prams or dogs.

Registration is open right up until race day, and you can sign up on the day itself. However, we highly recommend registering early to avoid any last-minute rush. Click the link below to sign up!

Portland Runners Club proudly donates \$2 per entry to Beats Cycle for Hope.

[Visit the Portland Runners Club website for more details on how to register](#)



CLUBMAP ONLINE

Tools, Resources and Support for Club Success

CLUBMAP's online tools, resources and support for club success. Are you looking to support multiple clubs? [Contact us](#) or [Book a Strategy Chat](#).

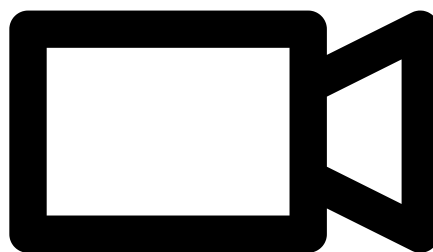
- Club Health Check
- Resources Hub
- Free Educational Webinar Series

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Engage More Volunteers For Your Club

Webinar recordings will be available within 48 hours of the live session.

If your club or organisation needs a new structure, more volunteers, or anything else to help thrive, we'd love to chat!



CLUBMAP WORKSHOPS

CLUBMAP PLANNING WORKSHOP

2 HOUR ONLINE WORKSHOP

The original workshop, covering all aspects of club admin and planning. Clubs receive the CLUBMAPS Plans, with an operational focus, revenue focus and strategic direction.

[Planning Workshop more info](#)

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

2X 2 HOUR ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Focus purely on long-term planning. Collaborate and align the committee on deciding strategic direction and objectives, mission, vision & values, and how to get there.

[Strategic Workshop more info](#)

PREMIUM PLANNING PACKAGE

2X 2 HOUR ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Combination of the Planning Workshop & Implementation Workshop. The gold standard in community sport planning. Help build your roadmap and bring it to life.

[Premium Package more info](#)

TOPIC SPECIFIC WORKSHOP

90 MINUTE WORKSHOPS

Great training & development workshops on specific areas of club administration and operations, tailored to your needs.

[Enquire for more information](#)

SOUTH WEST SPORT - NEXT GENERATION CLUB LEADERS PROGRAM

The Next Generation Sport Club Leaders Program is a free, streamlined, all-inclusive workshop designed to upskill local sport club volunteer leaders on topics critical to long term club sustainability and best practice club management.

This workshop is ideal for both new and established sport volunteer leaders that want to get to grips with what is required to successfully and efficiently manage their clubs.

Presented by experts from the Institute for Community Directors, this workshop will cover topics including:

- *Best practice governance and sport volunteer administration*
- *Strong financial management capability*
- *Increasing child safety*
- *Driving inclusive leadership*

This free workshop is valued at over \$500 per person. Spots are limited.

Please note - registrants must be 18 years of age.

Portland

When: Tuesday, 4th August | 5:30pm - 8:30pm

*Where: Alexandra Park Pavilion, Park St, Portland Victoria
3305*

[Book Now](#)

Hamilton

When: Wednesday 19th August | 5:30pm - 8:30pm

*Where: Melville Oval Pavilion, Lonsdale St, Hamilton Victoria
3300*

[Book Now](#)

Get to Know South West Sport

A non-profit organisation founded in 1985, South West Sport is one of nine Regional Sports Assemblies across Victoria. We provide advice and guidance to clubs, leagues, and associations across the region and work closely with the sports sector, local government, and other like-minded community organisations to build the capacity of community sport within the region, create participation opportunities, and champion inclusion in sport.



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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:

- The [Telstra Footy Country 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.

Round 4 of the Telstra Footy Country Grants is now open. Apply before the cutoff date on July 23

- [Great South West Sustainable Communities Fund](#) shares the benefits of the Portland, Yambuk, and Codrington Wind Farms with the surrounding communities. Pacific Blue's GSW (Codrington/Yambuk) and GSW (Portland) Sustainable Community Funds shares the benefits of Codrington, Yambuk and Portland Wind Farms with the surrounding communities, providing long-lasting social, economic and environmental value that goes beyond the life of the wind farm. Fund applications open in June 2026.

Grants & Funding continued...

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

[Clubhelp](#)

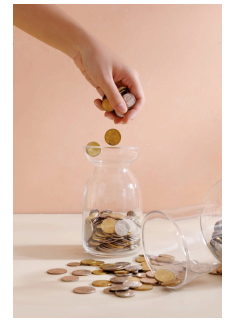
[Grant Writing for Dummies](#)

[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 in the next Financial Year. 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.

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](#).

JUNIOR SPORTS TRUST 2025/26

APPLICATIONS FOR THE GLENELG JUNIOR SPORT TRUST ARE STILL OPEN FOR 2025/26.

THE GLENELG JUNIOR SPORT 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](#) FOR FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMATION.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY VIA SMARTYGRANTS.](#)



RECREATION TEAM UPDATE

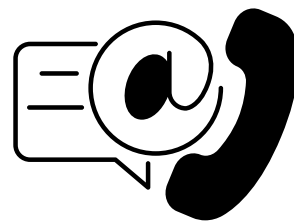
The Recreation Team is pleased to announce that Sam McDonald has been appointed to the role of Recreation Officer. Recreation is also going through a period of transition, and so the team will respond to your queries as soon as possible.

[GSC Club Committee Kit Resources](#)

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Need Help?

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



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