

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 and Winter Allocations Open



Annual and winter season Licenced User groups are now invited to enter their allocation for the upcoming annual season (1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027) and winter season (1 April 2026 to 31 September 2026) via Reserves Manager website <https://apps.imscomply.com.au/glenelgrm/> using your organisations log in details.

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

Allocation entries close on 22 March 2026.

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

Meet with the Recreation Team



The Recreation Team are undertaking annual meetings with Clubs to discuss any issues, questions or thoughts. This is not a requirement but an opportunity for your club to discuss any items with Council. Please reach out to recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au if you would like to meet with the Recreation Team. Meetings can be face to face or via Microsoft Teams.

Corella Control

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

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



Glenelg Shire Council Community Grants

Round 2 of the 2025-26 Glenelg Shire Community Grants Program is **open from 9am Monday 9 February 2026, closing 5pm Sunday 22 February 2026.**

Up to \$1,000 can be applied for without any contribution. For amounts over \$1,000 and up to \$5,000 a dollar for dollar contribution is required from the community organisation/group.

Grants are available in the following areas:

- Recreation
- Public Halls
- Community Events
- Arts, Culture, and Heritage
- Community Strengthening
- Ageing Well

More information can be found on the [website](#).

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

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

Round 10 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program opens in February 2026.



Eligible families can apply for vouchers for up to \$200 per child to help cover the cost of joining local sports, reducing out-of-pocket expenses and boosting participation.

The program is open to kids aged up to 18 who are:

- Named on a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Listed on a Medicare Card
- Eligible under special consideration (including children in care, visa holders, migrants, and international students)

More information can be found [HERE](#).

SportsBox - Self-serve lockers

Have you seen the new SportsBox lockers across the Glenelg Shire?

Lockers are located at the Portland Foreshore and Island Park, Casterton. SportsBox is a free, self-serve locker providing access to sports equipment including basketballs, soccer balls, netballs and AFL footballs. These are the first SportsBox lockers in Victoria!

The response so far has been amazing!

Across Portland and Casterton, in the month of December alone, there were:

- **Over 200 equipment hire transactions**
- **More than 70 hours of equipment use**

How it works:

1. Download the SportsBox App
2. Create an account (credit card details are required, but you'll only be charged if the equipment is not returned)
3. Unlock your chosen equipment and play
4. Return the ball to the locker and upload a photo to confirm your return

If you experience an issue with the app or the equipment:

- report it via the SportsBox App, or
- Call SportsBox Support on 1800 343 213

The Recreation Team are thrilled with how well the lockers have been used and the community has been fantastic - with **equipment returned after every single use!**



VICSPORT



Each year, the VSAs honour those who have made an exceptional contribution to sport in Victoria as individual or team athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers, media and clubs as well as initiatives that have kept people active, from both metropolitan and regional areas in Victoria.

18 awards are open for nomination between **14 January - 13 February 2026** with the entire Victorian sporting industry and general public able to nominate. The full list of awards can be found below.

Awards will be announced in late March before the winners of each award are revealed on Wednesday 13 May 2026.

Find out more or make a nomination [HERE!](#)

Award Categories:

- Leaseexpress Coach of the Year
- Gallagher Community Coach of the Year
- Sports Accounting Australia Official of the Year
- etrainu Community Official of the Year
- AFL SportsReady Young Team of the Year
- Team of the Year
- My Sport Live Community Sporting Event of the Year
- Love the Game Community Sporting Club of the Year
- revolutioniseSPORT Victorian Sports Administrator of the Year - Eunice Gill Award
- Bunnings Trade Local Government Initiative of the Year
- Vicsport Volunteer of the Year
- VicHealth Sport and Active Recreation Initiative of the Year
- Involve Masters Athlete of the Year
- Southern Cross Trophies Young Athlete of the Year
- Outstanding Media Coverage of Sport Award
- Polytan Peter Norman Inclusion Award
- Frank Wilkes Award
- Kitty McEwan Award
- Outstanding Contribution to Victorian Sport Award

South West Sport - Club Transformation Program

Looking to set your club up for success?

The Club Transformation Program gives you the tools, support and plans to grow stronger - now and into the future.

What your club receives:

- a tailored 5-year Strategic Plan and Action Plan
- A professionally designed Strategic Plan brochure to showcase your club's vision
- a Volunteer Management Toolkit specific to your club's needs
- access to exclusive volunteer leadership training and club development forums
- A 12 month South West Sport membership
- Access to ongoing club support from South West Sport

Club Commitment:

- Participation of 4-5 club representatives
- Attend two Club Planning Workshops
 - 2 Hour Strategic Planning Workshop
 - 2 Hour Co-Design Club Planning Workshop
- Distribute member surveys
- Provide relevant club insights
- Participate in program evaluation

What is involved:

- Club enrolment - Meet with South West Sport
- Distribution of club and member surveys
- Complete club insight checklists
- 2 Hour Strategic Planning Workshop
- 2 Hour Co-Design & Club Planning Workshop
- Receive professionally produced club documents

Program Costs:

This program is valued at \$10,000 but with thanks to the Victorian Government, the program is available to clubs at the **heavily subsidised rate of \$2,500 + GST.**

South West Sport has decades of experience in developing and delivering strategic and volunteer plans for community sporting clubs and leagues across south west Victoria.

Having worked with clubs from a variety of sporting codes, locally based staff have a unique understanding of community sport in our region, and the best approaches to ensure club's thrive long into the future.

Submit your expressions of interest [HERE](#)

Contact Nick at South West Sport for more information - nick@southwestsport.com.au



Licensed 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 Licensed User Group's?

The procedure provides an opportunity for Licensed 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 Licensed 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 Licensed User Group's season (summer / winter) or program being undertaken.

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

Junior Sports Trust 2025/26

Applications for the Glenelg Junior Sports Trust has opened 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.](#)

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:

- [Great South West Sustainable Communities Fund](#) shares the benefits of the Portland, Yambuk, and Codrington Wind Farms with the surrounding communities.
- [Country Football Netball Program](#) provides funding to Local Government Authorities to help regional football and netball clubs, associations and umpiring organisations upgrade and develop facilities in rural, regional and outer metropolitan locations. Any eligible clubs interested in this funding must submit an expression of interest form via email to recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au
- [Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program](#) helps grassroots organisations replace or repair essential sport or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed because of unpreventable incidents.
- [Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund \(ACIF\)](#) provides funding for community cricket facility projects, with a focus on growing participation, promoting accessibility and inclusivity and delivering upon Australian Cricket's strategic priorities. Opens 2 February 2026.
- [Level the Field Program](#) provides support for more people with disability to join the sport and recreation workforce in paid and volunteer roles in Regional Victoria.
- [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.

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

[Clubhelp](#)

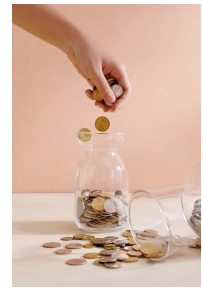
[Grant Writing for Dummies](#)

[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/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](#).

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>

Maintenance Requests for Council Recreation Reserves & Pavilions



Did you know that all maintenance items/requests can be submitted online via [Council 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.

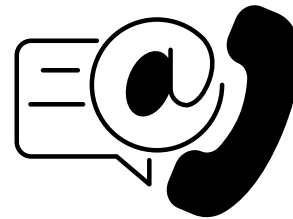
Submitting any maintenance requests via this process ensures the issues are correctly lodged into Council's maintenance system. We appreciate user groups continued co-operation and understanding with this process.

[GSC Club Committee Kit Resources](#)

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Need Help?

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



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