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MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN

This bulletin is an initiative introduced in February 2023 by the Glenelg Shire Recreation Team, providing an opportunity for the team to share any upcoming events, opportunities and information that might assist or be of interest to Clubs / User Groups and their volunteers across the Shire.

Seasonal Changeover Approaching

With the Winter Season wrapping up this month, seasonal changeover from winter users to summer users is due on 1 October 2024. Council will be undertaking seasonal changeover inspections of relevant Recreation Reserves between 23 September 2024 and 3 October 2024.

These inspections focus on areas such as cleanliness of all reserve facilities, identifying/addressed potential safety hazards, and the overall facility condition.

Notification of upcoming inspections has recently been sent directly to the relevant Recreation Reserves Licenced User Groups, and a summary of any items requiring attention/follow-up from inspections will be provided onto the relevant user group/s.

For further information please contact the Recreation Team via recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au or call 1300 GLENELG (453 635).

Summer Season Allocations Due

Summer season Licensed User Groups are now invited to enter their allocation for the upcoming summer season (1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025) via our IMS 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 the Recreation Team who can assist with providing these details to you.

Allocation entries close on **Wednesday 18 September 2024.**

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

Council Elections - Caretaker Period

At 12pm on Tuesday 17 September 2024, Glenelg Shire Council will enter the Election Period ahead of the 2024 Local Government Elections.

So what does this mean for our public communication?

Until the end of the Election Period (6pm on Saturday 26 October 2024) Council must avoid actions and decisions which could be seen to be influencing voters, providing an advantage to a Councillor standing for election, or which will have a significant impact on the incoming Council.

As such you won't see the usual number of facebook posts, news bulletins etc by Council during Election Period as you would during the rest of the year, but Council will still update the community with any important information relating to our usual services and activities.

Further details on the election period is available via [Council's Website](#).

Short Street Playground Upgrade

The Short Street Playground has been temporarily closed since early August for renewal works, including the removal of some of the existing and installation of new equipment.

The new equipment has been installed, with some further works including a footpath leading to the playground and small shelter including a table, to be constructed in the coming month. Following these remaining works, the playground will be reopened to the public.



South West Sport Activating Youth Participation in Sport



[South West Sport](#) recently hosted the 'Activating Youth Participation In Sport' workshop at Alexandra Park in July.

Thank you to the representatives from Portland Touch Football Assoc., Portland & District Cricket Assoc., Portland Lawn Tennis Club, Portland Netball Assoc., and Westerns Football Netball Club, for attending this valuable workshop.

If your Club or Recreation Group would like further information on this workshop information please contact South West Sport by emailing sws@southwestsport.com.au or calling 5561 1689.

**SAVE THE DATE
GRADES 3 & 4**



Come and Try Event

Friday 29 November 2024

Alexandra Park, Portland

**Morning Session
9:30am-11:40am:**

All Saints Parish Primary
Bundarra Primary
St Johns Primary
Portland North Primary

**Afternoon Session
12:30pm-2:40pm:**

Heywood Consolidated
Portland Primary
Portland South Primary
Narrawong District Primary
Bolwarra Primary

**Further details will be provided via your Primary School
in early November 2024**



This Girl Can EOI - October 2024

Following on from the success of the April 2024 This Girl Can activities, Portland District Health (PDH) are seeking expressions of interest from sporting/recreation clubs and physical activity providers throughout the Glenelg Shire who would like to be involved in This Girl Can Week from 7th – 13th October 2024.

This Girl Can is a VicHealth initiative all about inspiring women and girls to get active with beginner/come and try classes and sessions. This Girl Can is also about women embracing physical activity in any way that suits them.

For some, this could be joining a structured sport or attending group fitness classes, but for others it could be something more casual such as getting in to walking, dancing or bike riding.

This is the perfect opportunity to increase participation in your summer sports/activities by running come and try sessions for and get some great promotion along the way.

If you are interested in holding a free/low cost come and try or beginners' session as part of the This Girl Can October campaign, complete the PDH [survey](#) by 15th September.

Further information on the upcoming events for the October This Girl Can week will be available on the [PDH facebook page](#) in the coming month.

If you have any questions, please contact PDH's Health Promotions Team via healthpromotion.pdh@swarh.vic.gov.au

Active kids are healthy kids!



Walk to School Month - October

VicHealth's Walk to School initiative encourages kids to be active before and after school, by supporting our kids to walk, ride, scoot or skate to school.

From **7 October** to **1 November 2024** in the Glenelg Shire we're celebrating Walk to School month.

Primary and Secondary Schools across the Glenelg Shire have been invited to participate in this year's Walk2School campaign by registering their interest by Monday 16 September 2024 via email to recreation@glenelg.vic.gov.au, with all registered schools receiving an incentive for participating.

Enquire with your local Glenelg Shire school for further details on whether they'll be participating.

Get Active Victoria

What is Get Active Victoria?

Get Active Victoria is a free government initiative dedicated to supporting Victorians to live a more active and healthy life.

Their aim is for all Victorians to be active every day, in a way that suits them.

[Activity Tracker](#): Set yourself a goal, then use their tools and tips to meet it. Visit Around Home for guided Workouts, fun Challenges and Games.

[Kids Voucher Program](#): Get Active Victoria is also home to the Get Active Kids Voucher Program, which is helping families afford the cost of organised sport and recreation for their kids. You don't need to join Get Active Victoria to apply for a voucher, but there are eligibility requirements. Find out more about how and when to apply for a voucher.

[Resources](#): Get Active Victoria shares up-to-date and trusted information about being active in our ever-growing resource library. All our content is provided by experts and is free from ads.

[Places](#): Explore places to get active outdoors. Discover trails, parks, playgrounds, exercise stations, and skate parks across Victoria. Great for families – explore your neighbourhood, or venture somewhere new.

For more information visit <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/about/>



2024 Wannon Sport and Volunteer Awards

Federal Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan MP, is calling for nominations for the 2024 Wannon Sport and Volunteer Awards.

The Sport Awards recognise and highlight exceptional sporting performances, achievements and contributions by community members. The Volunteer Awards recognise and celebrate both individual and group volunteers whose selfless dedication and hard work have made a significant difference in the lives of others.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to shine a light on both our high achievers and our unsung heroes! Nominations close at 5pm on Sunday 22 September 2024, with the awards ceremony to be held on Friday 25 October, in Ararat.

[Click here](#) to submit a Sport Nomination, or [click here](#) to submit a Volunteer Nomination.

For further details please contact Dan Tehan MP's office by calling 1300 131 692.

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*
- [***Significant Sporting Events program***](#) helps organisations to deliver significant sporting events in Victoria, with grants available for event assistance with general operational costs associated with hosting events, and event development to develop or expand events or for events with high operational costs - *applications close 31 October 2024*
- [***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 - *due to Council's upcoming election period commencing on 17 September, no applications will be submitted for the current round of this program which closes on 30 September 2024.*
- [***Australian Sports Foundation***](#) provides a platform for tax deductible fundraising

Grants & Funding Opportunities 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.

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>

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)?

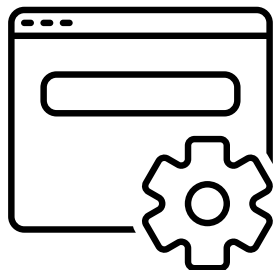
If your club or another organisation or an individual wish to casually book a Council recreation facility this can be done through our IMS Reserves Manager website

<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](#).

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.

[GSC Club Committee Kit Resources](#)

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