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Junior Sports Fund gets a jump-start for early 2027

Sporting clubs across the Glenelg Shire are being invited to participate in a short survey to help United Way Glenelg better understand the needs of junior sport and shape the future of its new Junior Sports Fund.

The survey will explore the financial barriers facing young people, the types of sporting equipment most needed and how the fund can best support children and families to participate in organised sport.

It will also provide clubs with an opportunity to register their interest in a new \$200 junior sporting equipment voucher program, set to launch in early 2027.

Thanks to the generosity of a private benefactor, who has made a further donation in addition to their original \$1 million gift, the Junior Sports Fund will begin supporting local children a year earlier than originally planned. This additional contribution will help children and young people experiencing financial hardship access essential sporting equipment, including footwear, uniforms and other items needed to participate in their chosen sport.

United Way Glenelg Executive Officer Nicole Carr said gathering information directly from sporting clubs was an important first step in establishing a fund that would support junior sport for generations.

"We want to understand the challenges facing local sporting clubs and families before finalising how the fund will operate.

"This is an opportunity for clubs to tell us what their junior members need, where the financial pressures exist and how we can make sporting participation more accessible.

"At the same time, we're excited to be able to offer practical assistance through the \$200 voucher program in early 2027."

All sporting clubs and organisations offering opportunities for children and young people aged 18 years and under within the Glenelg Shire are encouraged to complete the short survey.

Complete the survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/uwg27> Survey closes: 30 November 2026

Further information about eligibility requirements, applications and voucher distribution will be released ahead of the program's launch in early 2027.

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