

Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

Oh, what a night!

KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL

Although it was far from a balmy summer's evening, Night on the Green was a wonderful time for our Encounter community. Thanks for being part of this event. A special thanks too to the staff team who had an extended work day by the time many of them headed home around 9pm.

At the time of writing I was excited about heading to Robe to visit the Year 7 camp. It's one of the joys of my role to have the flexibility to join camp experiences and seeing students embrace new opportunities and connecting with each other is a real gift.

John Lennon said, 'Life is what happens when you're busy making plans' and with Sports Day now just around the corner I'm reminded once again of the hamster wheel nature of Term 1. It seems as though school routines were just recommencing the other day and now we're approaching the half-way mark of term and we're leaping from one engaging moment to another. I wouldn't have it any other way, though, as all of these events and experiences are what brings richness to school life and what helps make memories for our students.

Although as parents you only get a glimpse of what takes place in classes, I'm happy to share with you how positive and friendly the tone has been amongst staff and students so far this year. As I pop my head in to say hi and to get a sense of the tone and what's happening, I'm observing students on task, establishing connections with peers and teachers building positive rapport with the kids in their care. It's wonderful to see 2024 continuing so strongly as we establish a rhythm for the year.

Blessings for your week,
Kelvin



What's On!

TERM 1 | WEEK 5

Friday 1 March

- House (Pre-Sports Day)

TERM 1 | WEEK 6

Tuesday 5 March

- Come 'n' Try Golf (Years 10-12)
- Year 11 Stage 1 Earth & Env Science Investigation

Wednesday 6 March

- Bush Kindy at the Beach, 9am
- Early Learning Sports Day

Thursday 7 March

- Clean Up Australia Day
- Volunteer Orientation, 8.45am
- Books Alive, 9.00am

Friday 8 March

- Sports Day 2024

TERM 1 | WEEK 7

Monday 11 March

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Adelaide Cup

Wednesday 13 March

- Bush Kindy at the Beach, 9am
- Year 7 ICT Night, 6.00pm
- NAPLAN (until 25/03)

Thursday 14 March

- Volunteer Orientation, 8.45am
- Books Alive, 9.00am

Friday 15 March

- Year 12 Formal

More at: www.encounter.sa.edu.au/calendar

DEVOTION

Finding Peace in God's Nature

FIONA HAYNES | JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHER



*"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."* Psalm 46:10

My world is often filled with chaos and uncertainty, and at times finding peace can seem like an elusive dream. When I go walking early in the mornings across to Granite Island and see the majestic sunrises I am filled with such joy and peace. It is a wonderful way to start the day and begin in a positive mindset.

I reflect on the beauty of God's creation and am reminded that true peace can only be found in him. One of the most profound ways to experience this peace is by being immersed in the beauty and serenity of God's creation.

In the midst of our busy lives, taking the time to marvel at God's creation can help us find a sense of peace that transcends understanding. In moments like these, the worries and stresses of



life seem to fade away as we are enveloped in the peace of God's presence and that he is in control of our lives.

My prayer for you is as you go about your day, you take the time to pause and appreciate the wonders of God's creation and the peace it brings you.

Fiona

ENCOUNTER LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Prayer Breakfast Invitation

You are invited to join us for an upcoming Prayer Breakfast at Encounter as we pray for our College community.

- TERM 1** - Tuesday 26th March
- TERM 2** - Thursday 20th June
- TERM 3** - Wednesday 4th September
- TERM 4** - Wednesday 6th November

8.45am until 9.45am in the Staff Lounge. Refreshments available upon arrival, and concluding with tea & coffee.

RSVP: www.trybooking.com/CJIMV

Encounter Prayer Breakfasts

Encounter Lutheran College commenced holding Prayer Breakfasts in November 2022 with the intention of providing an opportunity for our local community to come together to pray for our College.

The mornings commence at 8.45am with refreshments in the Staff Lounge at the College, followed by a short informal opportunity to pray together for our College community, and for our 2024 theme of "Peace".

The mornings conclude by 9.45am.

All are invited to join us, and newcomers are always welcome.

RSVP at www.trybooking.com/CJIMV

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Camping Experiences

JON GREAR | HEAD OF MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

I am writing this to you from Robe as I take the opportunity to spend some time with the Year 7 students and the staff on our Robe camp. It is a great reminder of why camps are such an important element of teaching and learning at Encounter. Some of the activities on this camp include students joining together in team building activities in which collaboration and critical thinking help them work out the various problems they encounter in activities that are fun and engaging. Students have spent time at the beach learning to surf, but also learning how to be safe in the water, looking for the signs of any danger, and how to look out for and care for each other. They have also been bike riding, practising how to ride confidently, along with how to fit a helmet, and how to care for the bike. Many of these things are life skills as we help our families raise confident and versatile young people.

Other advantages of camp experiences at Encounter include students learning how to navigate their way through an airport, helping to prepare meals or clean up, learning how to use public transport and to find their way around a city. They find resilience on long walks, they learn how to put up and pack up tent, how to manage their own clothes through a camp, they find new connections with different students and form friendships in unexpected places, and they learn that being away from home can be daunting and even a little scary, but they learn that they can do it. As parents and staff our goal is to encourage the students, to paint a positive picture of what camps look like, and then to celebrate the successes of being on camp.

Developing skills such as personal organisation, self awareness, team building, and resilience are all critical skills for the emerging future. The 2020 Report of the Review of Senior Secondary Pathways into Work, Further Education and Training recognises the range of skills and attributes young people need to thrive in a changing work world, including those gained from experiences outside the classroom.



Finally, another exciting event in the coming week is Sports Day. This is another opportunity for students to exercise, engage in some team spirit, to encourage each other, and to enjoy a day outdoors beyond the classroom. I look forward to seeing the fun, colours, and excitement of Sports Day.

Jon



STAFF PROFILE

INTRODUCING... **Dennis Rice**

Hi, my name is Dennis Rice and I am the Grounds and Maintenance Officer here at Encounter. The thing that I love the most about my job is the people I work with and how everyone helps everyone!

What drew you to Encounter Lutheran College?

Why wouldn't you want to work here!

What were you doing before coming to Encounter?

I was a Construction and Maintenance Worker at Alexandria Council.

What were your first impressions of Encounter Lutheran College?

It felt very welcoming.

Describe yourself in three words:

Team Player, Honest, and Reliable.

What are you most passionate about?

I am passionate about my family and sport.



What do you do for fun or relaxation?

I love to play cricket and golf.

What is your favourite Movie?

Forrest Gump. *"Life is like a box of chocolates!"*

What is the best advice that you have every received?

Believe in yourself!

Staff News

APPOINTMENTS

Encounter welcomes David Cook to our team who has joined us as the Cleaner in the Wilderness Centre.

David is a highly experience and knowledgeable cleaner, used to working in food safe and confidential environments.

Welcome to the Encounter family, David!

Parent Handbook 2024

A reminder that the 2024 [Parent Handbook](#) is now available for viewing and downloading via the following page on our website:

www.encounter.sa.edu.au/parent-resources/

Sick Bay Procedure Change

We are introducing a new initiative to support families with timely notifications of sick room attendance. An **SMS** will now be sent to advise families of a student visiting the sick room along with an email identifying the reason for the visit and any first aid provided. Parents are welcome to contact the College for further details at a time that is convenient for them. In the event of an emergency or where there are concerns about the wellbeing of the student, College staff will continue to call families as a priority.

NIGHT ON THE GREEN 2024

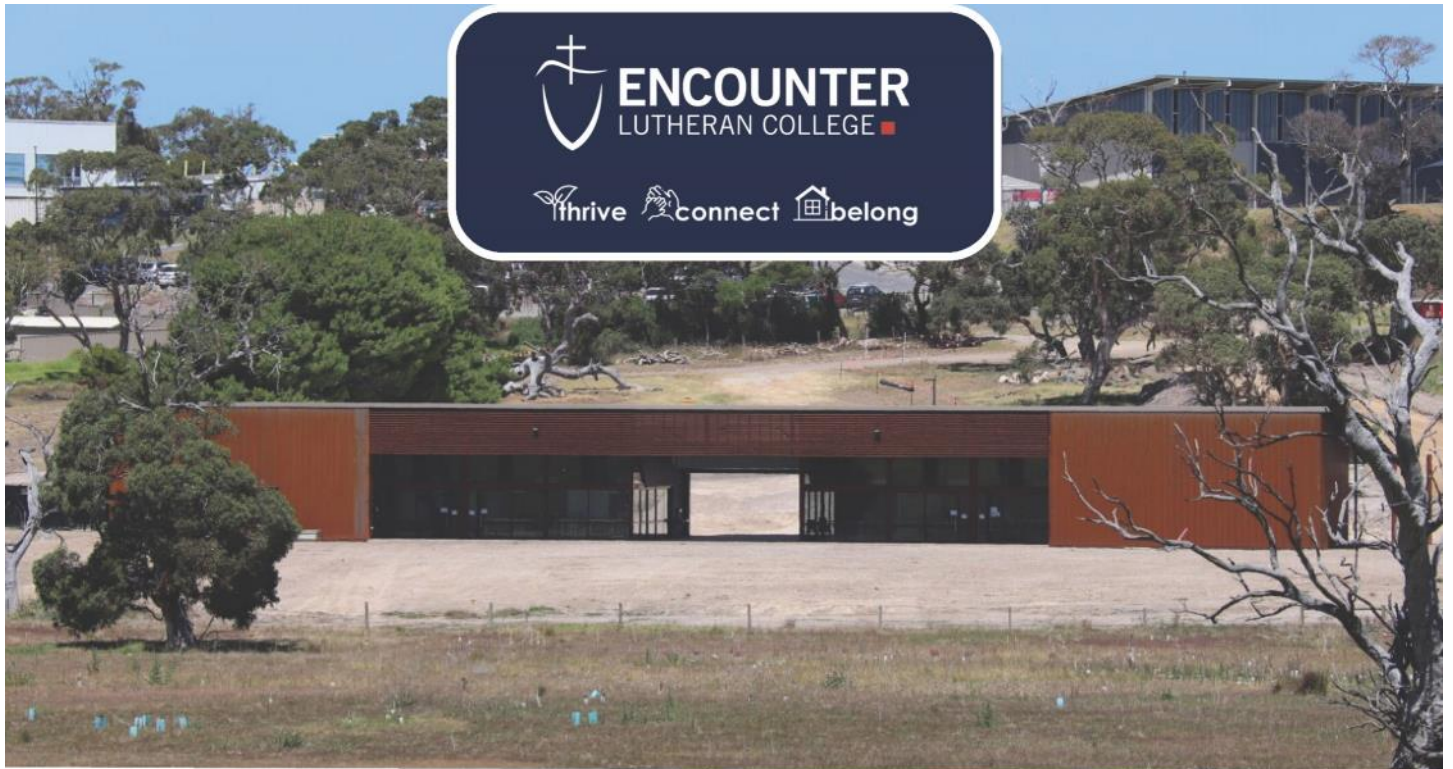


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— Victor Harbor —



COLLEGE NEWS



WILDERNESS CENTRE OPEN HOUSE Wednesday 20th March 2024

We are pleased to offer our College families the opportunity to tour our newly built Wilderness Centre.

Join us to see how this innovative learning space is being used and learn about our plans for the future of the surrounding space.

Reserve your place in one of the followings sessions during the day:

- 9.00 - 9.45 am
- 2.00 - 2.45 pm
- 5.00 - 6.30 pm



www.trybooking.com/CPGJO

Wilderness Centre Open House

You're invited to our Open House of the Wilderness Centre on Wednesday 20th March! Three tours will take place across the day, with the 9.00am and 2.00pm sessions departing from the front of The Nest.

An evening session will be held between 5.00pm and 6.30pm where parents are

welcome to park at the rear of the College and come directly to the Wilderness Centre throughout this timeslot.

These tours are reserved just for Encounter families, with an additional Community Open House event planned for our wider local community towards the end of Term 1.

COLLEGE NEWS

Adopt a Spot Scheme

HINDMARSH RIVER TO OLIVER'S REEF

Encounter Lutheran College has just signed up to the "Adopt a Spot Scheme", a volunteer community group that aims to minimise waste entering the ocean through regular collection and removal of debris.

As part of the program, Encounter Lutheran College has adopted the beachfront from Hindmarsh River to Oliver's Reef where we will regularly undertake rubbish pick-ups that are recorded and photographed for its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/adoptaspotscheme

When each clean-up is completed, students will lay out all collected rubbish on tarp and record how many cigarette butts and plastic bottle lids collected. The students will then write a few words about what was found, and upload the images to the Adopt a Scheme Facebook page.

The scheme also asks the adopters to record how long they spend on their cleans and how many people participate.



SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



The Encounter Junior School staff spend time at the beach after school earlier this week where they recorded the following:

"On February 27 at 4.00pm, 20 people spent 20 minutes cleaning the area between Hindmarsh River and Oliver's reef, 12 cigarette butts, 1 bottle top and an assortment of rubbish".



WANTED OLD KITCHEN TONGS



In preparation for Clean Up Australia Day in Week 6, and as a way of being sustainable, we're looking for donations of any spare tongs hanging around in your kitchen drawers. Any donations of unused tongs can be delivered to the Front Office.



SPORTS DAY 2024



Sports Day 2024

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024

Sports Day 2024 is being held on **Friday 8th March** at Encounter Lutheran College. Students are to arrive **at the College from 8.20am** in readiness for the official opening at 8.40am.

Students that have signed up for the 1500m are asked to be at the bottom oval ready for a 7.45am start.

In order to accommodate more track and field events this year, we have introduced a Pre-Sports Day program for Years 7-12. Students will sign up for these events as normal during Home Class. These will be conducted on Wednesday 6th March (please refer to the program).

ATTENDANCE

Junior School

All Junior School students should go **straight to their classroom at 8.20am**. Attendance will be taken at their classroom, and their teacher will then walk the students to their House tents on the bottom oval for the official opening at 8.40am.

Middle and Senior School (Year 7 – Open)

Middle/Senior School students are asked to arrive and go straight to their House tent on the bottom oval where they will sign in with one of the House teachers. Students need to remain in their House tent until the official opening. All student bags are to be stored in House tents. Lockers will be closed for the day.

TRANSPORT & COLLECTION TIMES

Buses

All bus students (Link SA & Encounter Bus) will be dropped off and picked up from Encounter Lutheran College as normal. Students catching the buses will be dismissed by 2.55pm from the bottom oval.

Foundation

Sports Day is usually a very tiring day for our Foundation students. Therefore, lunch will be from 12.00pm and they may be collected from 12.30pm, from their classroom. For parents unable to collect their children earlier, quiet activities will be set up in the classrooms for students to go on with.

Junior & Middle/Senior School

Students will be dismissed from the bottom oval by 3.05pm and may be collected as per a normal school day.

OSHC

Before and after school OSHC will run as normal. Students attending OSHC in the morning will be walked to the classrooms by OSHC staff so they can have their morning attendance recorded.

RECESS & LUNCH

The Foundation to Year 3 Sports Day Program has scheduled breaks. Older year levels will have time throughout the morning for recess. Please refer to the program.

Foundation to Year 4 students are to bring their own recess and lunch.

Year 5 and 6 students can either bring their own or purchase from the stalls listed below.

Middle/Senior School students will be able to purchase their own recess and lunch during the day during break times.

Please Note:

- Good to Go lunch orders will NOT be available on Sports Day.
- The P&F will unfortunately not be offering pre-orders to our younger Junior School students this year due to a shortage of volunteer help.

SPORTS DAY 2024

There will be a range of food available for purchase on the day, including:

- **Parents & Friends** – sausage sizzle, soft drinks.
- **Meal Hub** - little pizzas, ham and cheese croissants, sushi, and drinks.
- **Brew Box** – coffee van and sweet treats.
- **GPS Café** – Ice blocks, soft drinks, wraps, croissants and sweet treats.

Students are to bring their College hat and plenty of water for the day .

CAR PARKS

Parents and students will be able to park in the front and rear College car parks. Additional parking is available on the southern side of Aldi. Please leave the Adelaide Road carpark free for trade workers.

SEATING

Please feel free to bring your own seating or picnic blankets.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS (F-6)

This year we are once again able to seek parent volunteers (who have completed their [Volunteer Orientation](#)) to assist where they can in the Year F-6 groups. For each of the timetabled events, these marshals will assist with measuring, raking, collecting projectiles and supporting teachers so the program runs to the allocated times.

We are specifically asking for parents to support these groups (with teachers) from 9.00am – 2.00pm. If you would like help, please identify which group you would like to assist on the day by placing your name on the form link below by Monday 4th March.

[Click Here to sign-up as Parent Volunteer](#)



MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Sports Day, program, maps and live scoring, scan the QR code or go to www.encounter.sa.edu.au/sportsday

EVENT SCHEDULE

A copy of the event schedule and information will be emailed to all families in the coming days.

If you have any questions about Sports Day please feel welcome to email your child's class or homeroom teacher. Alternatively, you can also email the PE staff below.

Thank you for your help and support,

Sports Day Team:

- **Troy Wegener:**
troy.wegener@encounter.sa.edu.au
- **Hannah Oakeshott:**
hannah.oakeshott@encounter.sa.edu.au



Year 12 Formal

On Friday 15th March our Class of 2024 will be celebrating one of life's transition points, their final year of school, with the Year 12 Formal.

Families are invited to join the Year 12's at 5.45pm at Blues Restaurant in Middleton for a welcome drink and photographs. Students will move inside at 7.00pm for an evening of beautiful food, dancing and photo booth fun.

We look forward to seeing our Year 12's looking glamorous as we celebrate with them.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Parents and Friends News

It was lovely to see a number of new faces at the Encounter Parents & Friends Coffee and Chat meeting this morning! A special thank you to our outgoing committee members for their years of service to the Encounter P&F: *Kim Baker (Chair), Brooke Fishlock (Secretary), Ruth Ridley (Treasurer) and Mark Watters (Vice Chair).*

A warm welcome to our newly-elected Parents & Friends Committee for 2024:

- Sharnie Hutchinson (Chair)
- Laura Cameron (Secretary)
- Karl Barclay (Treasurer)
- Jacqueline Brayford



ABOVE: Outgoing Parents & Friends Chair, Kim Baker (left), pictured with newly elected Chair, Sharnie Hutchinson (right).

How to get involved

For further details about the Encounter P&F, and how you can get involved:

P&F Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/ELCParentsandFriendsCommittee

P&F Email List: [Click here to sign up](#)

Email: encounterlutherancollegepandf@gmail.com

P&F Sports Day BBQ

The next major activity coming up for our P&F is the Sports Day BBQ on Friday 8th March. We're keeping it simple this year and just having a BBQ, (no pre-orders or cake stall). If you can give an hour, or even half an hour for cooking or serving in between your children's events, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email encounterlutherancollegepandf@gmail.com

Volunteer Orientation Sessions

Volunteers support the College through a wide variety of roles. Volunteer Orientation Sessions are being held each Thursday for the remainder of Term 1 as follows:

- **Thursday 7 March** at 8.45am
- **Thursday 14 March** at 8.45am
- **Thursday 21 March** at 8.45am
- **Thursday 28 March** at 8.45am
- **Thursday 4 April** at 8.45am

If the above session times do not suit you, contact Lauren McKee at people@encounter.sa.edu.au and we will arrange an additional timeslot for you.

Volunteer Requirements

The health and wellbeing of our community is our top priority, and so all Encounter volunteers are required to complete and maintain the following certifications:

1. [Working With Children Check](#)
2. [Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care \(Fundamentals Only\)](#)
3. [Encounter Lutheran College Volunteer Orientation & Volunteer Code of Conduct](#)
4. [I'm Alert Food Safety Training](#) (only required upon request for volunteers involved in catering activities)

For further information, visit:

www.encounter.sa.edu.au/volunteer-with-us/

SPORT NEWS

Year 7/8 Zone Basketball

The Year 7/8 Zone Basketball was held last Thursday, in hot conditions at Morphett Vale Stadium. Encounter sent 25 Year 7/8 boys and 10 Year 7/8 girls, with a focus on participation and learning. All students displayed excellent effort and sportsmanship on and off court and there were some fantastic wins throughout the day.

With multiple teams, Encounter finished 1st, 3rd and 4th in Division 1 boys, 7th in Division 2 boys, 3rd in Division 3 boys and 5th in Division 1 girls (despite only losing 1 game in this competition – it was as tight as it comes!)

A huge thank you to the Senior students who attended as coaches: Heidi, Jordy, Locky and Keane and well done to all year 7/8 students!

An outstanding start to the year for the Encounter Basketball Program.



SPORT NEWS

Encounter Cricket Success Stories

Great Southern Cricket Association: Over the last few weeks several of our keen Encounter Cricketers have made the Great Southern Cricket Association Representative teams to play against other SA country leagues. Congratulations on your huge efforts.

U12s Blom Shield

Jasper Wegener (C)
Harper Williams
Hugh McIntosh
Patrick Chesser
Zac Stringer

The Boom Shield is an annual game with representatives from Southern vs North Fleurieu teams. This year Southern won by 1 wicket.

Zac Stringer made an impressive 40 runs and his partnership with Harper Williams kept the team in the game right to the end.

U13s Fuller Shield

Jasper Wegener
Samuel Eves

Round 1 Great Southern defeated Murray Towns. Samuel Eves took two wickets.

Round 2 Jasper Wegener made 15 runs and took a wicket. Great Southern lost to Alexandra & Eastern Hills by 2 wickets.

U15 Calaby Shield

Levi Stringer (C)
Reilly Weidenhofer

Round 1 Great Southern defeated Murray towns. Levi managed 1 for 7

Round 2 Great southern defeated Hills. Reilly made 102 runs, while Levi made a very handy 33.

Final: Great southern defeated Alexandra & Eastern Hills by 71 runs. Reilly made 80 runs and Levi made 36.



SPORT NEWS

Specialist Basketball Program visits Victor Harbor Rec Centre

As the school continues to expand into triple streamed classes for Years 7-10, the demand for space in the Kondole is ever growing. Further growth in Specialist Basketball Program across both sub-programs (Intensive Training Program [ITP] and Development Program [DP]), has seen the Program decide to trial how we deliver Basketball to specific squads for Term 1.

ITP Squads began their Tuesday morning sessions at the Victor Harbor Recreation Centre. The Year 9/10 squad have traditionally used their Sports Science sessions during lessons 7 and 8 as their sole skills session, however, the Tuesday morning sessions will allow for additional focus on skill development, with the aim for all players to feel more comfortable with team concepts. This will assist our playing teams to better prepare for their competitions. Sports Science is an important aspect of the Year 9/10 program, it will continue use practical sessions to explore concepts



including movement strategies, data collection/analyse, methods to acquire skill (coaching), injury prevention, biomechanical diagnostics. This learning environment assists to prepare students for senior Physical Education (SACE) through an integrated approach in Basketball.

NEWS FROM THE NEST



Swift-Mania hits The Nest!

The Nest celebrated Swift-mania sweeping Australia the past couple of weeks with the library being decorated in posters of Taylor Swift. Students were FEARLESS and danced in STYLE as they sang along to Taylor's music during recess and lunch on Valentine's Day. What a fun day it was for both students and staff!



Library Bags

It is wonderful to see the creativity of home-made, recycled and purchased library bags our students bring in.

If your child still needs a library bag, the waterproof-lined bags below can be purchased from the College for \$10.50.



COMMUNITY NEWS

A fun, family-friendly **Christ-centred** church for all ages, filled with **creativity, celebration** and **hospitality**

17 MARCH

Easter Blessings

5 MAY

Called to Care

16 JUNE

A Whale Tale



Victor Harbor

28 JULY

Messy Olympics

22 SEPTEMBER

God's Creation

10 NOVEMBER

Peace Pageant

Sundays from 3.30pm - 5.30pm
with meal provided

 [victorharbormessychurch](https://www.facebook.com/victorharbormessychurch)



Lutheran Church Centre, 21a Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor
E: messychurch@victorlutheran.org P: Church Office 0491 193 398

MIDDLETON WINERY

FRONT YARD Festival

Easter SATURDAY
Gates Open 11:30am

30th March

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THE SHIZZLE - ABBA GOLD
THE MAC A TRIBUTE TO FLEETWOOD MAC
YACHT ROCK EXPERIENCE
DOJO DUO - CIARAM GRANGER
HOSTED BY ANDREW BALDINO

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Victor Harbor Football Club

Girls Auskick

Mondays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Starts: 4th March

Ends: 20th May

Jaimee Millard

0447 120 668

Mixed Auskick

Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Starts: 7th March

Ends: 30th May

Mark Stringer

0417 445 699



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