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SPORT & FITNESS

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**2015 WAS ANOTHER YEAR OF PROGRESS AND SOLID ACHIEVEMENT FOR SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY. STUDENT USE OF OUR GYMNASIUMS AND MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CLUBS SHOWED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IT WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASING TO NOTE THE INCREASING INVOLVEMENT OF OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. IT IS AN EXCELLENT WAY FOR OVERSEAS AND LOCAL STUDENTS TO DEVELOP FRIENDSHIPS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.**

During the year the new development at the renamed Sydney University Football Ground neared completion. This is a huge undertaking made possible by partnership between the University, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF), its member clubs and its sporting alumni. The facility provides an outstanding boutique stadium together with a sports institute standard elite training facility which will free up space at SUSF's gymnasiums for use by the general University community. This is the culmination of years of planning, fundraising and attention to the complex details of construction. Many SUSF staff and club officials were involved but special mention should be made of the tireless contributions of Rob Smithies and Ed Smith.

There were many notable sporting achievements in 2015 including our University's dominance at the Australian University Games where we won fifteen first place pennants, more than twice as many as the second-placed university.

Our men's Rugby Club won its twelfth straight Sydney club championship as well as winning four grand finals out of the seven grades it contested. Our Australian Football Club finished third in the very prestigious NEAFL competition, while our Athletics Club has been undefeated in every senior elite competition for the past two years. In the NSW State Relays the Club won 15 gold medals, 10 of them by our female athletes.

In fact, 2015 might be characterised as the year of women's sport at Sydney Uni. In women's hockey we were undefeated first grade premiers. We also won first grade premierships in women's soccer and women's rugby. In women's cricket our joint team with UNSW won the 20/20 competition. We were premiers in netball and our women's AFL team were grand finalists.

Individual female performances included Angie Ballard winning two more World Championship Golds in wheelchair racing, breaking two world records in the process. Sydney Uni Velo Club's Lauren Fitzgerald won a stage in the National Capital Tour just one week after making her competitive road cycling debut. In October Milly Clark finished third in the prestigious Amsterdam Marathon, a qualifying performance for the Rio Olympics. Also Michelle Jenneke, Anneliese Rubie, Ella Nelson & Emily Brichacek are National Champions who competed in World Athletics Championships.

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness have an ongoing commitment to its Women's Sport Initiative.

**Bruce Ross  
PRESIDENT**

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



**2015 MARKED 125 YEARS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE MEN'S SPORTS UNION IN 1890 AND SUSF ONCE AGAIN GOT ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF WHAT IT'S BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST 125 YEARS – DELIVERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN PARTICIPATION AND ELITE SPORT.**

What made 2015 remarkable was that women's sport was the cornerstone of our elite sport success in a year celebrating the origin of the Men's Sports Union. It's not that our men are doing poorly (they're doing incredibly well also) but more a case of our women steadily increasing their levels of professionalism and dedication year after year and having a lot of that culminate in multiple success stories in the year just gone. No-one can guarantee that it will continue at this rate every year, but for the moment it's time to celebrate our 125th year, where our women won a lot of elite titles and our men consolidated their success across the board.

I'd like to begin this year's report by thanking our volunteers across every sport that we have. SUSF has a number of full-time staff, but without the small army of volunteers we have, we would struggle to exist. These are the people who cook sausages, run the line, get the team sheets completed, update the website, coach, manage, fundraise, donate, administrate, and generally run our huge club sport program. Yes, they have some help from SUSF but without them we wouldn't have a club sport offering that looks anything like what it does today, and after 125 years it is stronger than ever thanks to their tireless work. In addition, our contingent of club and SUSF sponsors, led by Lee Hagipatelis and Vicki Lang at Brydens Lawyers, have been so good to us yet again. Without these two groups, we'd have had a very different 2015. Thank you all for your support.

## PHILANTHROPY

They say that if you change nothing, then nothing changes. The biggest recent change in our organisation started in 2013, expanded drastically in 2014 and was confirmed in 2015. Philanthropy is now part of SUSF's DNA, and as painful as it is sometimes to begin raising money for a project or an initiative, the end results are worth it. In 2013 we raised \$250,000 for the Finishing Touches Fund in support of the SUSAC Extension – we raised these funds in 16 weeks, and at the time this was a record amount for infrastructure fundraising. In 2014 we began the task of raising \$1,250,000

for the Building on Excellence Campaign in support of the grandstand project – even raising that record sum would have left us without a number of critical parts of the project. Within a few weeks after launching that campaign we had exceeded that target and began adding extra scope to the building thanks to the Soccer Football Club and the TAG Family Foundation's pledges – the second floor of the David Mortimer High Performance Gym and the club offices only exist because of these very generous donations. At the time of writing we are closing in on raising \$2,500,000 and have enough money to fit out almost the entire project. The other huge developments during 2015 were the fundraising campaigns for the new boatshed and the new hockey turf at the Cumberland campus. The Hockey community pledged \$1,750,000 towards the new turf and the Rowing and Boat Clubs (which merged to become simply the "Boat Club" during the year) are closing in on \$1,500,000 for their project.

All in all, these fundraising ventures, when complete, will have raised nearly \$6,000,000 towards new and improved infrastructure for our clubs. The old way of thinking was "SUSF will build it when it gets funding and gets around to it". The new way of thinking is "SUSF, together with The University of Sydney can provide some funds if you can do some fundraising, and together we can get extraordinary things done". Two projects are now basically complete – the SUSAC Extension and the TAG Family Foundation grandstand. Two more are on the way – the new boatshed and the new hockey turf. When all of these projects have been completed, approximately \$40,000,000 worth of new infrastructure will have been built over a 6 year period. Yes, we lost HK Ward Gymnasium in the process, and a significant portion of this building program was to replace that facility. We should also bear in mind that the boatshed project is simply replacing the old boatshed which was destroyed by arson. However, our philanthropic endeavours have improved our facilities well beyond what the HK Ward gymnasium and the old boatshed could ever have delivered. This has changed SUSF in profound ways and will continue to influence our thinking and our actions for many years to come. Our next big fundraising initiative will be for sports scholarships, and this will be an ongoing need.

Focusing on 2015 itself, I'd like to thank everyone that donated to the various fundraising initiatives we presented. Your contributions are incredibly valuable and we simply couldn't achieve what we've achieved without them. Our infrastructure projects would not have happened or would not have the "bells and whistles" that they do without people's donations – thank you so much. It's challenging to single out donors but David Mortimer made a terrific contribution to enable the high performance gym in the TAG Family Grandstand to be fitted out – thank you David. David has given a huge amount of his time and resources to the Football Club over the last 16 years and his retirement as Football Club

President late last year marks the end of one of the more spectacular (and successful) contributions to the Football Club and SUSF – thanks David for all that you’ve given to the cause, seen and unseen. There was also a monstrous pledge to build our new hockey turf from an anonymous donor and some great donations to get the new boatshed started. These donations will come to fruition during 2016 (and beyond) and will be recognised in future reports.

Within The University and SUSF there are people to be thanked starting with Tim Dolan, The University’s Vice Principal (Advancement). Tim works on all of the major gifts that have come in and has been terrific to collaborate with. Rod Tubbs has been the backbone of fundraising for many years. His efforts in “friend-raising” over many years prior have made SUSF’s fundraising efforts a lot smoother. Dave Collins plays a crucial role in keeping track of all of the donations and administrative functions for the Foundation. A variety of SUSF staff assist these key contributors in other ways, as do the volunteers on the University of Sydney Sport Foundation. Rowan Johnston and Brian Fitzpatrick from the Hockey Club, and Chris Noel and Steve Newnham from the Boat Club, have been instrumental in gathering donations from their respective clubs. Altogether it has proved to be highly effective.

The idea of philanthropy is nothing new – private high schools in Sydney and US Universities have been doing it for years. The shift towards it in SUSF is not entirely new but the sums being collected are. Our largest donations have all come during the last 3 years, and each year has set a fresh record. In addition, readers should be aware that The University of Sydney has broken new ground in this area – it has gone from raising \$30 million in 2008 to raising \$130 million in 2015. To move forward and remain as the leading University sports program in Australia (and arguably the Asia-Pacific), we need to keep this ball rolling. This is the change that will make or break SUSF and determine where we are positioned when we celebrate our 150th anniversary. Thankfully, I am confident that we are up for the challenge and that if we continue to present worthy initiatives, our wonderful donors will back them. I don’t believe in change simply for the sake of change, but this is a change we had to make, and we’ve done it with some style and conviction.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

The other huge change in the way we do things has been the introduction of new and improved infrastructure, which has been greatly assisted by the fundraising mentioned above. The completed SUSAC Extension has allowed us to grow and improve our clubs, raise more revenue, introduce more social sport programs, increase training time and begin to pay back the investment made by SUSF. The TAG Family Grandstand has just opened at the time of writing and so far has been well received. The new boatshed is underway and planning for the new hockey turf is well advanced. There are a multitude of people to thank on the operations side of things, but first among them is our Operations & Infrastructure Manager, Ed Smith. Ed has worked incredibly hard on first, the SUSAC Extension, and now the TAG Family Grandstand. There isn’t a detail in the building unknown to Ed and his perseverance and attention to detail are unrivalled. The rest of our facilities are operating remarkably well and we have a wonderful team to thank for that – Paul Reynolds, Andy Heil, Michael Culkoff, Leon Talay, Mark McLennan, Matt Rennick, Matt Rolfe, Ann Garvey, Dylan McDonald, Paul Quiney, our lifeguards Matt Backhouse and Tim Walmsley, Daryl Davidson and the grounds team, our terrific casual staff, gym staff and group fitness instructors. 2015 saw fresh records across a range of areas, including commercial revenue – well done everyone. As our new infrastructure comes online over the next couple of years we have a team of people in place to handle things, which is a big reassurance for all involved.

**CLUB SUCCESS – THE CONTINUED RISE OF WOMEN’S SPORT**

I’m going to cut to the chase – in 2015 we made grand finals in women’s water polo, netball, women’s hockey, women’s volleyball, women’s cricket, women’s rugby, women’s AFL and women’s soccer. We won netball, hockey, cricket, rugby and soccer. Skier Lavinia Chrystal, won her 9th National Championship and our athletics sportswomen swept all before them, winning every major open title on offer. The Brydens Sydney Uni Flames

finished third, and Lauren Fitzgerald won our first ever National Road Series title for the Velo Club. Early in 2016 our women’s water polo team went one better than 2015 and won the national title for the first time – that’s for the 2016 annual report, but at the time of writing we are also champions in that female sport, making it 6 major female sports that we currently top. Also at the time of writing, four females from our Athletics Club have been selected for the Rio Olympics. If you’re a female and you’re serious about sport and study, then Sydney Uni is where you belong and will excel.

That’s not to say our men had a poor year! On the men’s side of things we won our 12th straight rugby club championship and 4 premierships, and we finished 3rd in the NEAFL in a very tough competition, beating every side at least once, and our own Tom Young won the NEAFL player of the year. Our male athletics representatives had a massive year, also winning every major open title on offer. Seven Sydney Uni athletes competed in Beijing at the World Championships in athletics and the Sydney Uni men’s 4 x 100 metre relay team equaled the fastest time ever run by an Australian club. Our men’s water polo team was runner’s up in the national league having won the minor premiership. Our male rowers won the Australian Boat Race again.

On a combined basis, we won Australian University Summer Games, Australian University Winter Games and won the Overall Australian University Championship. There is so much hard work that goes into these results from our coaches, administrators, volunteers and staff. 2016 holds a lot of promise for SUSF – at the time of writing 9 athletes have been selected for the Rio Olympic Games, with many more to come. From SUSF’s point of view I’d like to thank Matt Phelps and his whole team for their work during 2015. In particular, Leonie Lum and her staff do such a great job keeping our elite athletes on task in and out of the classroom.

**SUSF**

We achieved record income and record margins in a tight but efficient year by keeping a close watch on our expenditure whilst striving for optimum income. Our contracting, administration, record-keeping, investing and legal machinery were the best they have been, and our planning for 2016 is in great shape. Every year we get sharper and better at these tasks, and we continue to address the challenges of a changing regulatory and administrative world. We also overhauled our constitution and our policies, and our WHS and general safety are very sound. I’d like to pay tribute to Charlotte Churchill and her team, and Aleksandra Pozder and her team, for a really productive year – their individual reports give a larger picture of the scope of what was handled in 2015. We also set fresh records for school holiday camp numbers, lunchtime social sport, and have also set a new income record in our Programs & Participation department. Mel D’Arcy has done an outstanding job in her first year of senior management and I’d like to acknowledge her efforts in 2015. Her individual report shows a healthy interest across the board in participation sport, College sport, interfaculty sport and social sport. SUSF aims to do both elite and participation sport well, and our numbers continue to grow in the participation area at very impressive rates. In addition, our marketing team, led by Kristen Barnes for the latter part of the year, did a great job making sure that SUSF was presented well and hit revenue targets on the back of fresh and exciting marketing campaigns. Our social media was in great shape thanks to Laura Hanlon and our design work was also first rate thanks to Sarah Odgers. I’d also like to thank my EA, Helen Polus for another great year.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

I’d like to acknowledge those that sat on SUSF’s Management Committee during 2015. These people don’t get a lot of credit, but they quietly contribute their time and expertise to carefully guide SUSF to its success. They are listed at the back of this Annual Report and some of them have given a great deal to this Committee as volunteers. In particular, their dedication to put the whole of SUSF ahead of individual clubs, programs, facilities or people and to look at the big picture, is critical and well received. I’d particularly like to single out Bruce Ross, our President, for all that he does for SUSF. During 2015 he won what will be his final election campaign and in May 2017 he will retire after 26 straight years as President, an SUSF record in itself. There will be more to say on that in next year’s Annual Report, suffice it to say that after all of those years on

the Management Committee he is more determined than ever to see SUSF succeed. He continues to say that our story is only beginning, and he’s been saying that for over a decade. I keep telling him that it has to start some time! Thanks to everyone on Management Committee, and to all those who contributed in various ways to the Annual General Meeting and the General Committee Meetings – SUSF always works best when individual interests are laid aside and our clubs and people work together for the common good (which ends up also being for the betterment of those individual interests anyway...).

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY**

The University of Sydney was, once again, our biggest supporter financially and in a range of other ways. Dr. Michael Spence’s contribution has been enormous and the leadership he’s provided on fundraising within The University is one of his lasting contributions to sport and fitness on this campus. The Chancellor, Belinda Hutchinson, was again a great supporter and is always positive about the role sport plays on this campus. Her own contribution to The University itself has been outstanding. David Pacey was very supportive and helpful in a variety of ways as was Richard Fisher, Susan Cullen, Tim Dolan (and his whole team), and Tyrone Carlin. SUSF deals with The University in a multitude of ways, and we are very grateful that so many people within The University are there to assist and help with what we do. At the top of that list is the large number of people we deal with regarding

infrastructure, and the Campus Infrastructure Services (C.I.S) team have helped out a lot during 2015 particularly with regard to the delivery of the TAG Family Grandstand. Our thanks go to Director Greg Robinson, Juliette Churchill, David Wiles, Tracey Baldwin, Kevin Duffy, Gareth Williams, Stephane Kerr, Alan Crowe, Mark Moeller and a host of other staff that have helped SUSF deliver the new facility. SUSF would also like to thank those on the Building and Estates Committee at The University who have supported our projects. Specifically, the late Bob Leece, who made an invaluable contribution and we are thankful for all he did.

As 2016 has begun to unfold the signs are strong that SUSF will have another great year. The TAG Family Grandstand is basically finished, the Rio Olympics beckon, and our club sport program is looking strong. I’m as motivated and inspired about SUSF’s future as at any point during my tenure to date.

Finally, it is difficult to quantify the amazing support of my wife Tasha and my children Maddy, Amber, Violet and Dan. This role is time-consuming and challenging and I don’t think I could perform it without their love and support. Thank you so much.

God bless,

**Rob Smithies**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



# BLUE & GOLD REPORT



## THE MOST INTERESTING ASPECTS OF THE YEAR WERE ONCE AGAIN THE 'BLUE & GOLD' SPORTING FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS.

### 'BLUE & GOLD' AUSSIE RULES LUNCHEON

A larger than usual crowd assembled for the 2015 'Blue & Gold' Aussie Rules Luncheon at The Ivy Ballroom on Friday 17th April. There were 14 past and present AFL players in attendance, as well as numerous celebrities from other sports. The biggest contingents were Sydney University Australian National Football Club past players; members of the Sydney Swans' Centre Circle coterie and gourmands from the Liniment & Leather luncheon group.

The luncheon guests all had placemats which profiled the very strong North Eastern Australian Football League team that would be representing Sydney Uni in the 2015 season.

As a result of very generous support for the raffle and auctions, some most useful funds were raised for the promotion of Aussie Rules football at Sydney Uni.

The Ivy's Paling Bar was a most convenient watering hole for post-luncheon refreshments.

### 'BLUE & GOLD' SOCCER FOOTBALL DINNER

On the evening of Friday 7th August, a capacity crowd of Sydney Uni Soccer Football Club players, past players and supporters assembled for one final shindig in The Grandstand Bar & Restaurant, which overlooks Uni N°1 Oval.

A year earlier (at the 2014 'Blue & Gold' Soccer Football Dinner), an appeal had been launched to raise \$200,000 in new tax-deductible donations to the BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE campaign in support of a new Sydney Uni Football Ground.

By the time of the 2015 dinner, that initiative had generated just over \$140,000 in brand new contributions to the BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE campaign. SUSFC Foundation Chairman, Brendan Casey, encouraged the 2015 'Blue & Gold' soccer football dinner guests to reduce the \$60,000 shortfall during the course of the evening.

Club President, Ross Xenos, emphasised that the Club had an amazingly qualified pair of Head Coaches (Raul Blanco and Heather Garriock) to mastermind the new era of Sydney Uni football on a superb new home ground.

While all of this was happening, the function also raised a further \$13,000

towards the new home ground infrastructure development. Other attendees also gave notice of their imminent donation intentions.

Future 'Blue & Gold' Soccer Football Dinners will be in the 300-seat function room of the new pavilion overlooking the Sydney Uni Soccer Football Club's new home ground from the start of the 2016 season.

### 'BLUE & GOLD' RUGBY LUNCHEON

On Friday 19th June, the nineteenth staging of the 'Blue & Gold' Rugby Luncheon took place at The Ivy Ballroom.

The entertainment commenced with Adam Spencer's SUFC panel which comprised current first grade players, Tom Coolican and Greg Jeloudev, and their Head Coach, Chris "Nobby" Malone. Our luncheon guests received frank insights into how the Students' 1st XV was travelling at that stage of the Shute Shield season.

Coach Malone maintained that the potential of his young, enthusiastic and talented charges was just about to click into gear for the run up to Finals' football. This prediction appeared very sage the next day when our Shute Shield team inflicted a 44 points to nil hiding on their Eastern Suburbs' opponents!

After mains, the much anticipated nineteenth staging of the annual 'Blue & Gold' debate took place. The Gentlemen of Rugby (Greg O'Mahoney and Tim Davidson) asserted that Rugby is Australia's Real Football! That proposition was vehemently denied by the Low-Life Academia team (Rhys Muldoon ... in the guise of Ed Miller ... and Adam Spencer).

This year's debate was once again decided by way of audience acclamation. Tumultuous applause and loud whistles were the order of the day. After a moment's deliberation, the moderator announced that history was again being made. He declared that the result of the debate was a draw – the first such outcome in nineteen consecutive 'Blue & Gold' debates!

### 'BLUE & GOLD' WATER POLO LUNCHEON

On Friday 4th September, the sixth annual 'Blue & Gold' Water Polo Luncheon was staged at The Ivy Ballroom. There were 45 more luncheon guests than at the previous year's function and as always there was a great atmosphere in the room.

At the outset, the luncheon guests acknowledged the presence of twenty-five national Water Polo representatives. Our guests were also reminded of the wonderful 2014-15 National League seasons of both our men and women, culminating in Grand Final appearances by both teams.

Adam Spencer was the panel moderator and his first panel comprised three very eloquent and vivacious Sydney Uni Water Polo internationals – Hannah Buckling, Deb Watson and Lea Yanitsas.



Everyone was captivated by the Deb Watson story: outstanding international player from 1983 to 1995; successful campaigner for the inclusion of Women's Water Polo for the first time in in the Sydney 2000 Olympics; successful comeback/selection for Sydney 2000 Games and then instrumental in Australia becoming the first Women's Water Polo Olympic Games gold medallists. Since then, Deb has continued to be involved in the sport and she had recently agreed to become the assistant coach of the Sydney Uni Women's National League team.

Adam's second panel compromised three equally eloquent, but considerably less vivacious, Sydney Uni Water Polo internationals – Dudi Krstic, Peter Montgomery and Michael Rosenthal.

The overriding theme to discussions was that the Sydney Uni Lions are now in an ideal position to claim the 2015-16 National League championship. Dudi explained that his toughness as a National League coach probably comes from being married to a black belt exponent of martial arts!

Much of the time allocated to this segment was taken up by the introduction to Peter Montgomery, given his stellar career as both a 4 times Olympian and then a high-ranking official with the Australian and International Olympic movements. Peter has had a role as a player or official at every Olympic Games since 1972 in Munich. The MC stated that no one has seen more Olympic events than Monty and he has never once had to pay for a ticket!

### BLUES ASSOCIATION/SUSF GOLF DAY

Wednesday 7th October was a testing day for golf on the Sydney coastline. At Little Bay (St Michael's Golf Club) the skies were overcast and the wind was blowing.

The field for the 2015 SUSF/Blues Association Golf Day involved 20 teams, mostly comprised of Sydney Uni sporting alumni and their golfing friends. However, there were three subsidiary events within the main event of the day:

- the team from ActivateUTS was too good for the other university sports administration bodies;
- team Kluger was the best of the five teams representing Sydney City Toyota clients; and
- the Archbishop John Bede Polding Cup (for former and current St John's College residents) was won by a surrogate Johnsman named Tariq Holdich from perennial winner of this event, Richard Hendriks.

The surprise winner of the individual event was many times starter, Stewart Scoon, with 41 stableford points off his handicap of 24. The singles runner-up was scratch marker, Earl McGlinn, who shot a four under par round of 68 (23 strokes less than Stewart) for 40 stableford points! There were two scores of 39 with Chris Ward finishing ahead of Tony Wickham on a countback.

**‘BLUE & GOLD’ CRICKET LUNCHEON**

The 21st consecutive ‘Blue & Gold’ Cricket Luncheon was held at The Ivy Ballroom on Friday 20th November 2015.

The MC commenced proceedings by welcoming back to the fold three very special groups of people: Test cricketer, Ed Cowan, and his family; SUCC President, Bruce Collins, and his wife Di plus a full table of the late Mick O’Sullivan’s relatives. Special mention was also made of one of Australia’s foremost cricket commentators who has entertained our guests at most of the past twenty ‘Blue & Gold’ Cricket Luncheons – the renowned journalist, Mike Coward.

Luncheon guests were reminded of the Sydney Uni Cricket Club’s successes since the last ‘Blue & Gold’ Cricket Luncheon. There was particular praise for the SUCC 2nd XI, which has now won four premierships in succession.

In discussions on the redevelopment of Sydney Uni No. 2 Oval, it was pointed out that our cricket club would soon have the best indoor and outdoor practice facilities in Sydney; new offices; new meeting room; new function centre; a “soccer and rugby free” Uni No.1 Oval and a brand new ground at the University’s Cumberland campus. It was also pointed out that the campaign, which is raising the money for these developments, will run until 30th June 2016!

Later in the afternoon, Adam Spencer moderated an exceptionally entertaining panel discussion with three of the Sydney Uni’s current cricket champions – Ryan Carters, Greg Mail and Ed Cowan.

**‘BLUE & GOLD’ XMAS HAMPER GOLF DAY**

On Wednesday 25th November, the initial weather conditions were ideal for golf – 29°C with a light cooling breeze. However, that light cooling breeze eventually became a strong wind, which played havoc with the flight of any slightly miss-hit shots!

All but two of the teams (Ivan’s Angels and The Burghers of Rose Bay) had previously played in this event. Indeed, the Nelson Hotel and the Men About Town teams have played in all nineteen Xmas Hamper Golf Days.

The ‘Nearest-to-Pin’ competition was won by Sydney Uni Golf Club team member, Tim Felan. The ‘Longest Drive’ on the 18th fairway was won by Brad Seymour, who anchored the Gallagher Australia team.

The Club 19 team posted the winning score of 129 points, being the total of the best three stableford scores on every hole. The Lunatic Promotional Clothing team (Dean Edser, Paul Lawrence & the brothers Fayn) came second on a count back from the Valvoline team (Barry Breen, Mark Conlan, John Newell & Michael Porter).

**BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN**

Throughout 2015, the principal emphasis of SUSF’s Corporate & Alumni Relations’ personnel was on raising funds for the redevelopment of Sydney Uni N°2 Oval into a state-of-the-art Sydney Uni Football Ground with wonderful new facilities for other SUSF-affiliated clubs, especially Cricket.

By the end of 2015, the BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE campaign was closing in on its revised objective to raise \$2.5million from philanthropy.

The BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE campaign will continue to run until 30th June 2016, by which time it is hoped that most of the grandstand seats will be named after generous donors of the campaign.

**Rodney Tubbs**  
**CORPORATE & ALUMNI RELATIONS MANAGER**



# COMMERCIAL & REGULATORY REPORT



**2015 WAS A YEAR DURING WHICH THE SUCCESS OF OUR ATHLETES AND CLUBS AS WELL AS OUR MISSION TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES TO BOTH THE WIDER COMMUNITY AND STUDENTS CONTINUED TO DEMONSTRATE HOW SUSF SETS THE STANDARD FOR THE TERTIARY SPORT AND RECREATION INDUSTRY.**

In order to support this mission the Commercial & Regulatory team had a busy year not only ensuring that SUSF's foundations in terms of regulation, compliance and human resources management remained sound but that the organisation and staff were well equipped and supported as SUSF continues to grow and develop.

In the increasingly regulated sport and recreation sphere, 2015 marked the completion of a suite of policies in complex compliance areas which impact every member of SUSF. This included the introduction of new SUSF privacy management systems and significant developments in the Work Health Safety system, which ensures that all members have a safe and enjoyable experience with our organisation.

2015 was also an extremely busy year for the management of legal issues at SUSF. Employment law matters, litigation management, insurance and contractual, sponsorship, license and player agreement negotiations were a significant focus among other complex legal issues. I would like to extend my thanks to all staff who worked with me in the field of dispute resolution this year and also to the University's Office of General Counsel, who has been of great support to SUSF to advise in the resolution of these matters.

The human resources department also had a productive year supporting the hundreds of permanent and casual staff as well as the volunteers

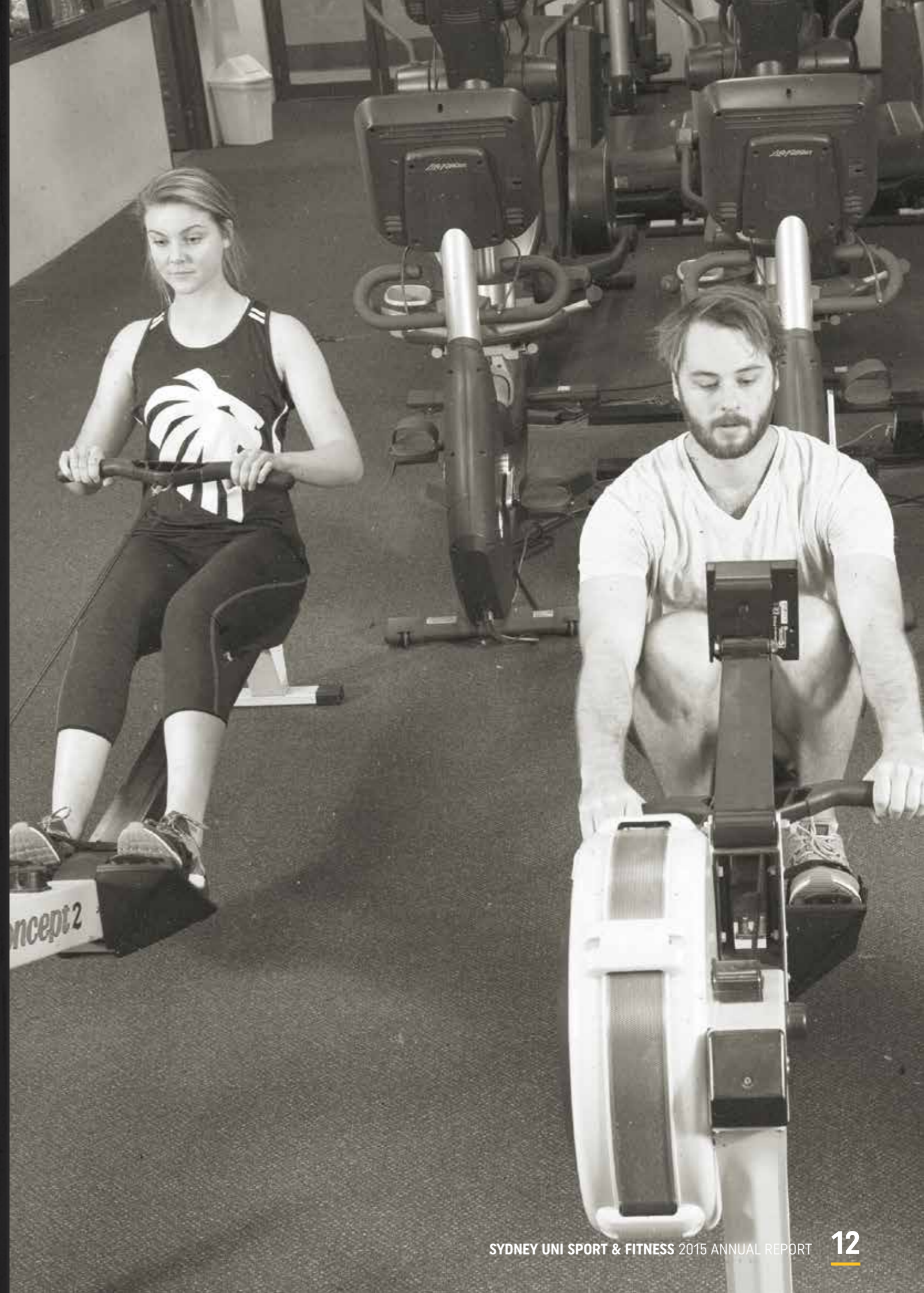
who contribute to SUSF across such a diverse range of spheres. The implementation of new staff recruitment and retention policies, systems and documentation strengthened SUSF's policies and procedures fulfilling our mission to be proactive rather than reactive in a legal area which has received significant attention from both the media and regulators during 2015.

One of my department's goals is to improve the commercial operations of the organisation, its financial systems and increase SUSF's ability to respond to market changes; while ensuring the responsiveness and efficiency of the large and complex organisation that SUSF is. To attain these goals, my team has created stable internal structures and has successfully implemented procedural measures to improve the efficiency, accessibility and turnaround time which are fundamental to the effective operation of the organisation and enable our senior management team to drive our commercial strategy. The expansion of our staff intranet, the management of complex immigration matters as well as providing advice on Modern Awards, workers compensation and working with children has been of paramount importance to my team this year.

The key to the success of the commercial and regulatory department in 2015 was the hard work and dedication of my team. I would like to thank Sam Quinn, Tom McClintock, Nina Khoury and Sam Fong who worked as SUSF Human Resources Coordinators throughout the year as well as Yasmine Howes who joined us later in the year and will carry on in 2016. We have a great program of University students and scholarship athletes a part of the SUSF Commercial and Regulatory team. I would also particularly like to thank Romy Brouwer whose contribution as both my Executive Assistant and SUSF Office Coordinator was critical to the success of my department as well as the organisation.

I look forward to working with my team as well as every member and stakeholder in 2016 to ensure SUSF can meet and exceed the high standards which we strive to achieve and that which was characterized in the past year.

**Charlotte Churchill**  
**COMMERCIAL & REGULATORY MANAGER**



# HIGH PERFORMANCE & CLUB DEVELOPMENT



**THE HIGH PERFORMANCE DEPARTMENT ENJOYED AN EXTREMELY MEMORABLE YEAR IN 2015. WE CONTINUED TO ENHANCE OUR SERVICES TO OUR MEMBERS AND ENJOYED CONSISTENT PERFORMANCES FROM OUR CLUBS. THE DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS WAS CENTRED ON IMPROVING OUR 2014 CLUB PERFORMANCES AND CONTINUING TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT TO ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS.**

Discussion and education with our clubs around Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) governance and legal protocols was enhanced and improved in 2015. We continue to work with our clubs to foster processes and protocols, which assist the clubs to maintain sound foundations for their activities.

The Elite Athlete Program continued to focus on providing market leading support to our athletes. The number of athletes finishing degrees and achieving academic results above the University average is extremely pleasing. Our suite of services continued in 2015 and our focus on athlete welfare will create more capable and resilient students in the future.

The Physical Preparation staff continued to work diligently to provide the highest standard of service to our athletes and clubs. The team focussed on long-term physical development and providing the basis for individual sustained performance of their athletes.

The results of our Premier Clubs were extremely pleasing for the organisation. We set out to create high performance programs with our premier clubs some years ago and our methodical approach is starting to pay off. Additionally, SUSF is excited by the results our non-premier clubs are achieving in their respective competitions. Across all clubs we can be proud of our efforts in 2015.

Twenty athletes were selected to compete at the 2015 World University Summer Games in Gwangju, South Korea. The University also dominated the 2015 Australian University Games held on the Gold Coast. The University achieved fifteen gold medal pennants, with 2nd place receiving seven pennants.

Overall, the success stories of 2015 were the culmination of many years of hard work across our clubs. Sound governance, stability in our coaching

ranks and cultivation of strong club performance cultures resulted in the successes our clubs enjoyed. The future for our clubs will continue to be bright if we stick to a method of hard work, sound governance, decision-making and respect. Part of the process will be strong engagement with SUSF resources and compliance to enhance clubs' sustained success. Maintaining strong relationships between our clubs and SUSF will ensure the continued success of our organisation.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

The High Performance employees at SUSF continually exhibit leadership and work ethic to their members in a bid to create an environment of excellence. Our greatest resource is our staff who are largely responsible for the accolades our clubs and organisation regularly achieve.

The High Performance department incurred some change in 2015. The effects of success led staff to accept roles within professional sporting organisations to further expand their careers and experiences. The department took the opportunity to assess and reshape roles in consultation with clubs and looks forward to the influx of new energy and ideas. We continue to invest in our staff and create an environment that staff excel and gain satisfaction.

## AN OUTLINE OF STAFF CHANGES IS BELOW:

- The Sydney Uni Football Club (SUFC) undertook immense change at the end of 2015. David Haigh became the clubs General Manager after the departure of Hannah Catchpole. Chris Malone (Head Coach) announced his resignation to take a role with the NSW Waratahs. The club announced a new model with Tim Davidson (Head Coach), Robert Taylor (Director of Colts) and Tom Carter (Athlete Development) overseeing the performance area of the club;
- SUSF Club Development & Australian University Sport Coordinator, Sarah Harris tendered her resignation in October. The department welcomes Stephanie Glanville-Fyfe to the role as High Performance Administrator;
- SUSF continued our Bath University (UK) Strength & Conditioning internship with Sebastian Moran and Graham Bell completing their term and were replaced by Nancy Epsly. SUSF continued to support the USYD Faculty of Exercise & Sport Science through Jordan Pickard commencing an internship;
- The Sydney Uni Boat Club (SUBC) welcomed Tom Sacre to the role of Development Coach. Rick van Hooydonk departed the club with Dustyn Butler announced as his replacement in late December.
- The Physical Preparation department underwent unprecedented change. Long serving members Tim Leahy and Tristan Sharp announced their departures. Tim to expand other business ventures and Tristan to Irish Professional Rugby. Tom Reddin also announced his resignation to lead an

expanding corporate health business within Australia. After completion of current and future club/athlete requirements a new structure was implemented. Sam Pervan was announced as the department manager to lead a renewed level of expertise and service to our clubs and athletes. David Dwyer and Nicolai Morris (F/T) & Shane Ball & Dane Gray (P/T) accepted roles to support the department starting in 2016.

## PHYSICAL PREPARATION DEPARTMENT

The Physical Preparation department provided quality support to underpin our club teams with specific strength and conditioning (S&C) programs to maximise the development of our athletes. The department employed best practice protocols to test athlete's improvements in key areas to develop and maintain the highest possible standards.

The department directed resources to those programs, which were equipped with the structures to support strength and conditioning services. The Australian National Football Club, Sydney Uni Flames, Women's Soccer, Athletics, Netball and Swimming certainly benefited from improved services, which formed part of their success.

The department continued to also support Elite Athletes from our non-premier clubs. Snow sports, Futsal, Boxing, Rugby League, Tennis, Women's Rugby, Badminton, Karate & Ultimate Frisbee athletes benefitted from the quality of service and experience contained in the team.

Departmental staff continued to find ways to improve athletes and the delivery of S&C services to our clubs. The staff implemented the use of GPS tracking technology across our AFL & Rugby teams, offering to analyse the performance of athletes and devise programs, which more closely correlates to competition requirements. Heart Rate Monitors were implemented in the Swimming and Flames programs to analyse athlete training intensity and further specify the training demands with competition requirements.

The department also engaged 3rd and 4th year Health Science students from Cumberland Campus on internships to assist with their course requirements and testing of athletes. This relationship was fruitful for both parties and will continue in 2016. Additionally, staff continued to develop the relationship with Bath University (UK), which would enable 2 students to complete a 12 month internship with SUSF. The inclusion of one intern in 2015/16 has resulted in greater delivery of programs to our athletes. SUSF will endeavour to ensure further interns from Bath University support the department.

Our three full-time staff, Tom Reddin, Tim Leahy and Tristan Sharp, must be congratulated for their dedication to assisting athletes meet their S&C goals. Their expertise and passion for S&C is certainly reflected in the presence our teams command when they take the field of play. SUSF is indebted to the impact and legacy they will leave our athletes and clubs. We commend Sam Pervan for his strength and stewardship during the end of 2015 as he rebuilds the department and creates his team.

Credit must also be awarded to Part-time staff member Miles Downie and our interns for their support roles in servicing the ever-growing number of athletes and sports that require the expertise of our experienced Physical Preparation team.

## AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY SPORT

### Eastern Uni Games (EUG)

The University of Sydney team of 175 students travelled to Wagga Wagga, NSW for the 2015 Eastern University Games for a week of silver finishes. Strong competition and a high standard of competition saw the students bring home 3 Silver Medals in Men's Volleyball, Mixed Ultimate Frisbee and Women's Futsal, with our Women's Basketball Team taking out the Gold.

### Snow Sports

The 2015 Australian Snow University Championships were held in Thredbo, with the snow sports team claiming the title of overall champions. It was a tightly contested week of competition, with the University of Melbourne and the University of New South Wales bringing their elite teams, however, with the new medal tally system, and consistent finals appearances, USYD came away victorious. In the Cross Country events, the team came 2nd, taking home three gold medals; while the Women took out the Sportscraft Cup and the Women's Pennant.

## Australian University Games (AUG)

520 students from the University of Sydney competed in the Australian University Games held on the Gold Coast in 2015. The team returned overall victors for the second year in a row, finishing the week with 15 Gold Medal Pennants, 8 Silver Medals and 6 Bronze Medals. The next closest University was Griffith collecting a total of 7 pennants.

The pennants were claimed in Women's Squash; Men's T20 Cricket; Women's Touch; Men's Golf; Women's Basketball; Women's Football (Soccer); Men's Football (Soccer); Women's Hockey; Women's Softball; Men's Ultimate Frisbee; Women's Table Tennis; Men's Athletics; Women's Athletics; Women's Kendo and Women's Cycling.

As part of the week, the Red Bull Campus Cricket National Final was also held, with the Sydney Uni boys taking out the title and progressing through to represent Australia at the 2016 Red Bull Campus Cricket World Final in Sri Lanka, 2016.

Overall to end the week, the University of Sydney had 64 athletes selected in the Green & Gold teams and the spirit of our students was unrivalled.

## World Summer Universiade (World University Summer Games)

The Australian Unirooms competed in the World Summer Universiade in Gwangju, Korea. 20 students represented the University of Sydney. Amongst them were Michelle Jenneke who took home a Bronze medal in the 100m hurdles in a time of 12.94, and Nicole Fagan who also took home Bronze in the 20km Team Walk – both of whom are now inductees to the Australian University Sport Honour Roll for their outstanding achievements.

## Clubs Department

Servicing the vast number of clubs within SUSF has been a highlight during 2015 with many exceptional outcomes achieved.

The Sydney Uni Athletics Club continued to dominate all athletic competitions in 2015. The club won the winter and summer NSW championships and continued to provide opportunities for athletes at National and International competitions. The athletics program is arguably the No.1 club in Australia and our athletes are at the forefront of national teams and international meets. A large contingent competed at the World University Summer Games and will be highly competitive in selection for the Rio Olympics.

The Sydney Uni Soccer Football Club (Women's Division) completed an historic season by winning the Premier League title for the first time in the club's history. The club has consistently placed a huge emphasis on women's football and through John Curran, Heather Garriock and an outstanding group of players they achieved a place in the club history books.

The Sydney Uni Water Polo clubs enjoyed their strongest season in many years with respective 2nd places in the National Water Polo League. The strength of the clubs is testament to strong and consistent leadership, improved human resources and fostering the talent within the clubs. The clubs also enjoyed strong results across their respective grades.

The Sydney Uni Hockey club completed another stupendous season with grand final success in the Women's Premier League. The team went through the competition undefeated, thoroughly deserving the title. The Men's Premier League team made the finals for the first time in a number of years and lost a close match to the eventual premiers.

The Sydney Uni Flames finished the season in 3rd place after losing a close preliminary final in Bendigo. The program continued the trend off the court with improved attendance, increased sponsorship, increased membership and the development of the Flames academy.

The Sydney Uni Australian National Football Club continued to elevate their status within the North Eastern AFL competition with an impressive 3rd placing in 2015. The result was even more impressive given the changes to the competition structure and the abundance of AFL reserve teams. The investment across the club continued with improved results across all grades.

The Sydney Uni Cricket Club completed another impressive season. The club achieved runners up in the club championship and all grades except 5th grade made the finals. First grade reached the final of the T20 competition but couldn't overcome St George while the U16 Green

Shield made the final of the competition, which the club has never won. The success story of the season was the 2nd grade team winning their competition for the 4th year in a row. The club has won this competition 6 out of the past 8 seasons.

The Sydney Uni Football Club were once again crowned club champions in grade and finished a close 2nd in the Colt's competition. The club has now won the past 12 Grade Club Championships. 2nd grade and 1st to 3rd Colts also enjoyed individual success with premierships in their competitions.

The Sydney Uni Boat and Women's Rowing Clubs continued to be leaders in Australian Rowing. Athletes and coaches gained selection in National teams to compete at World Championships and athletes received the opportunity to travel internationally to compete on behalf of their club. The clubs also continued to expand the Australian Boat Race into a premier event.

Some other highlights were:

- The Sydney Uni American Football club regaining the NSW Championships for the 13th season in a row;
- Matthew Abood competed at the World Championships in Kazan, Russia in the 50m Freestyle and 4 x 100m Freestyle relay. Scott Talbot (coach), Hayley Abood & Keiran Qaium (athletes) attended the World University Games in South Korea;
- The Sydney Uni Netball Club in partnership with City of Sydney Netball Association won the Division 1 Waratah Competition within the State League competition;
- The Sydney Uni Women's AFL Club finished runners up in the Sydney Women's AFL competition. The club were minor premiers but fell at the final hurdle;
- The Sydney Uni Women's Rugby Club led the Sydney competition from start to finish to lift the Jack Scott Cup as the premier team in their competition;

- Congratulations to the Sydney Uni Handball Club who again successfully qualified as Australian Representatives in the Super Globe handball tournament in Qatar. The team improved their standing from the previous year;
- Congratulations to the Universities Women's Cricket Club (partnership between UNSW & SUSF) who won the Club Championship in the 2015 Sydney Women's Grade Cricket competition. 1st Grade were minor premiers in the One Day and won the T20 competition. The U17 Brewer Shield team dominated the competition to run away with the One Day and T20 victories.
- Congratulations to the Sydney Uni Volleyball Club for improved State League campaigns and for reaching the final of the Australian Volleyball League (partnership between UTS & SUSF) in the women's division.
- Hosting an AUG team manager's workshop on risk management techniques before the 2015 games; and
- Funding presentations to all EUG, Snow Sports and AUG athletes called, "Dangers of a Night Out" to outline the consequences of anti-social behaviour before the 2015 games. These presentations and strong leadership at events has clearly made an impact on the students with minimal issues reported in 2015.

I will not be commenting on the success of all of our clubs in this section, as this will be addressed in each club report.

I must acknowledge all staff for their support in 2015. Without the dedication, passion and experience within the large High Performance team we would not be enjoying some of the best years in the history of our clubs. I would personally like to thank our Executive Director, Rob Smithies and President, Bruce Ross for their guidance and support during the year.

**Matthew Phelps**  
**HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER**



# ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM



## THE ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM CONTINUED TO PROUDLY SUPPORT A LARGE CONTINGENT OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETES IN THEIR PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN SPORT AND TERTIARY STUDY IN 2015.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

At the conclusion of 2015, there were 348 active members of the Elite Athlete Program. There were more male than female members of the Program, with males representing 60.6% (211 of 348) of the cohort. 35 sports were represented across the membership and the sports with the greatest representation respectively were Rugby (51), Athletics (48), Soccer (34), Australian Football (26) and Rowing (22). Slightly more members of the group had previously received a scholarship from SUSF, with 156 athletes (44.8%) indicating that they were new to the Program in 2015. Most members were enrolled at The University of Sydney with only 15.8% (55 of 348) enrolled at another institution.

Of the 312 members enrolled at The University of Sydney (USYD) in semester 1 2015, the majority were engaged in undergraduate-level studies (281). Science, Health Sciences, Engineering and Information Technology were the most popular areas of study, with 44.6% of members enrolled in courses administered by those faculties. 83.3% of members (260 of 312) performed to a satisfactory academic standard (passing all units of study and achieving a semester academic average of 60 and above). Of the 291 members enrolled at The University of Sydney in semester 2 2015, 258 were undergraduate students. 73.9% of members (215 of 291) performed to a satisfactory academic standard.

### USAGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES IN SEMESTER 1 2015

Scholarship holders accessed the wide range of academic and sport support services available to them, with approximate expenditures of \$50,900 on private tutoring, \$15,000 on sports dietetics, \$29,600 on sports performance psychology and great utilisation of the SUSF facilities and strength and conditioning services provided by the Physical Preparation team. As in previous years, Susie Burrell and Paul Penna were engaged as our Sports Dietician and Sports Performance Psychology service providers. For USYD students, we provided financial allotments to the approximate tune of \$547,000, with The University of Sydney Business School contributing about \$73,000 towards this amount. Around \$37,000 was provided to USYD student athletes in international travel grants. A

beneficiary of an SUSF scholarship, Tom Morrison became an integral part of the Elite Athlete Program staff, commencing a part-time role in February following Krystle Stylianou's unanticipated departure in January. Libby Clouston re-joined the Elite Athlete Program staff team in June after a 12-month period of parental leave.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

To recognise their dux status in 2014, the 2015 Vice Chancellor's Scholarships for academic and sporting excellence were awarded to basketball player and Sydney University WNBL Flame, Katie Ebzery (B. Education (Sec: HMHE)) and Australian representative table tennis player, Kane Townsend (B. Science (Adv)). The most outstanding school leavers to enter the Program in 2015, based on their ATAR scores, were Anja Cherry (Soccer; B. Commerce/B. Arts) and Will North (Athletics; B. Engineering/B. Science). The excellent sporting and academic achievements of Water polo Australian representative Hannah Buckling, were recognised by The University of Sydney alumni community as she was awarded the 2014 Nigel C Barker Graduate Medal.

### ANNUAL GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Significant gains were made by the Program in 2015 on long-term projects. With the dedicated assistance of Taylor Coia, an intern from Rollins College in the USA, we were able to establish a database of scholarship holders dating back to 1990; the year in which sports scholarships were first offered to student athletes by Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness. Excitingly also, we enlisted the assistance of Fusion Sport to utilise their data management tool, Smartabase. We look forward to delivering better support to our athletes and clubs in 2016 given the scope which Smartabase allows us to more efficiently organise and retrieve information.

With the rapid building and development of University and privately-owned student accommodation on and around main campus in 2015, we decided to conclude our long-time tenancy of "Steve Darlo," the affectionately named University-owned terrace house which numerous athletes called home over the years. In its place, we negotiated a 'priority group status' with the University's Accommodation Service. Departing from this tenancy provides us with the ability in 2016 to divert our resources towards core business.

We would like to express our immense gratitude to The University of Sydney, Sydney University sports clubs, The University of Sydney Business School, the various residential colleges, as well as our esteemed named scholarship donors, sponsors and partners. 2015 was a fabulous year for our elite student athletes and we look forward to 2016, the year of the Rio Olympics.

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ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM MANAGER

# MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP REPORT



## 2015 WAS A HUGE SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR SUSF'S MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS TEAM. THE DEPARTMENT EMBRACED TWO NEW MEMBERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COLLABORATED WITH THE EXISTING TEAM TO DEVELOP NEW AND IMPROVED MARKETING STRATEGIES.

Laura Hanlon absorbed the role of Communications & Social Media Coordinator after a long standing affiliation with Sydney Uni, while Patrick Emery came on board as an intern in as casual capacity. Kristen Barnes was elevated to the role of Senior Marketing. & Communications Officer, while Sarah Odgers remained highly purposeful in the role of Design & Multimedia Coordinator. Each team member found their own niche within the broad spectrum of projects that the marketing department manages, while also contributing across the board in times of influx. This team effort led to the production of some of our best promotional periods to date. 2015 resulted in record breaking sales for the Uni Pass campaign, Semester 2 Uni Pass campaign and the September Free Months Promotion, each of which are the cornerstones of the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) promotional calendar. These record breaking campaigns, along with fantastic pass sales throughout the year, resulted in SUSF accumulating more than \$6 million in revenue by year end, which is an historical first for the company.

No doubt another crucial factor leading to SUSF's incredible performance in 2015 were the relationships fostered with student accommodation services. Throughout the year, a number of large-scale on campus residences were opened, allowing students to live right at the doorstep of the University and SUSF facilities. Establishing strong affiliations with these residences, the marketing team was able to directly target this new customer segment through letterbox drops, orientation talks, health and wellness stalls and much more. These initiatives resulted in increased foot traffic throughout our centres as well as elevated pass sales. The marketing team were able to service this new group of customers by developing personalised boot camp classes to occur at residences and offer bulk purchase of our short courses, lunchtime social sport teams and first aid programs ensuring these groups had the opportunity to experience sport and recreation as readily and conveniently as possible. Initial talks also began on developing an inter-residence sporting competition, similar to intercollegiate sport which looks very promising for 2016.

Another impressive feat for the marketing team was its frugal spending in 2015. While not impairing the results of any campaign, the team were able to tighten expenditure to enable a 22.7% cost saving on the planned yearly budget. A main contributor to this result was the increased use of social media and improved digital strategy in our campaigns, both of which are very cost effective.

In 2015, SUSF also significantly improved the quality of its communications, the timeliness of information dispersion and the channels used to relay content. A number of factors contributed to the team being able to achieve this result. Firstly, with the injection of new staff members, we were able to redistribute workloads to ensure news and sporting results became a priority again, once hidden beneath the department's core function of acquisition. With more hands on deck to report on the news, we were able to place media releases and stories on the website more quickly than ever before.

In addition, the team adopted a new email marketing platform called MailChimp which enabled us to send mass emails more efficiently and professionally than ever before. With pre-set, custom templates and better formatting, the quality of our email communications sky rocketed, while also placing a focus on audio visual and digital aspects to each story. MailChimp also allows us to track the statistics about each email including the open rate and click through rate, which helped us to learn more about our target market and their interests.

Lastly, and notably, the team placed a larger emphasis on social media as a channel for news in 2015. Given its ability to provide live updates to followers and its usage rate among our target market, it seemed like a natural transition and has resulted in our stakeholders being much more informed. This increased focus on social media was not just utilised to improve awareness of our athlete and club news stories. This medium became extremely effective as an advertising mechanism for our campaigns and programs. Through investment in paid placements on Facebook we were able to substantially expand the reach our messaging achieved at a low cost. This resulted in additional memberships purchased and higher enrolment figures.

Marketing continued to support its clubs throughout the year in their endeavour to increase general awareness, acquire new members and garner support and sponsorship. In pursuit of these goals, the marketing team were able to design and print improved advertising collateral, strengthening the professionalism of each entity. In addition, the department was able to offer support and advice strengthening each club's communications plans, assisting them to achieve a larger market share of local media.

In 2015, our department continued to work closely with the Operations team to ensure the seamless production of our marketing campaigns and

events. The operations team continues to work tirelessly year round and we'd like to thank them for their ongoing commitment and assistance. Below is a summary of just a few of the year's collaborative successes:

### THE UNI PASS

A long-running campaign with a history of success at SUSF, the Uni Pass is a nine month membership catering for our ever-growing student market. In 2015, this campaign was again hugely successful, resulting in our best O Week and campaign sales result of all time. This can be attributed to the increase in student accommodation options nearby and our customers' long-standing affiliation and preference with this membership type. In addition, SUSF retains a high number of repeat clients year on year, especially for this nine month pass. Furthermore, social media as a paid advertising channel expanded in 2015 and was used heavily to promote this pass with much success.

Similar to the nine month pass, SUSF offers students an opportunity to purchase a Semester Two Uni Pass which expires at the end of November after the completion of student exams. This four month pass perfectly accommodates any student looking for health and fitness options which fit into their Uni timetable. Compared with 2014, an additional 79 passes were sold, resulting in a 25 per cent increase in sales revenue for the campaign.

### 2 FOR \$20

The 2 for \$20 promotion is a campaign that seeks to prompt new clients to trial SUSF facilities for two weeks with a conversion focus. Although in the year prior, nine more passes were sold, 2015 saw a significant increase in the number of new clients taking up the offer. In 2014, 53 per cent of campaign customers were new, without any other pass being previously held at SUSF, while this figure increased to 61 per cent just a year later. Given the purpose of this offer is to expose new people to our facilities, these results were extremely pleasing.

This result can be attributed to the diversified advertising channels which were engaged for this campaign compared with years prior. In order to expand our reach, the marketing team chose to promote the campaign in local shopping centres on Adshel billboards located near Coles and Hoyts to attract local community members.

### FREE MONTHS ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP

By far SUSF's largest community campaign, the Free Months promotion has been running for a number of years with great success. Offering potential clients the opportunity to add up to three free months on their membership, we hope to retain customers for a longer period of time with the desire they will become loyal members.

2015 resulted in this campaign's best sales figures to date with a 23% increase on 2014, which had already set a new benchmark on prior years. With a well executed use of budget on a number of new advertising channels, SUSF was able to spread its message more widely throughout the Inner West where the majority of our target market reside. This included bus stop advertising located around the University, bus back advertising, letterbox drops, external signage and newspaper advertising.

### 4 FOR \$60 SUMMER PROMOTION

A new campaign was introduced at the conclusion of 2015 offering customers the opportunity to use our facilities over the summer for just \$60. This pass also included four free hours of court hire to demonstrate the additional favourable facilities SUSF boasts, including tennis, squash and badminton courts. The summer pass was a more holistic offering than ever presented to our clientele and it was readily accepted in a typically quiet time of year. This pass was SUSF's most successful summer campaign ever launched and resulted in 80+ additional passes sold compared to years prior.

### EVENTS & FUNCTIONS

To complement and enhance our campaigns and student offerings, SUSF hosts a number of events throughout the year. O Week is one such event, operating as a major selling tool to promote the Uni Pass as well as our clubs, programs and facilities in general. This three day event was highly successful. Again we positioned ourselves on the law lawns of Eastern Avenue which provided a huge amount of exposure, building general awareness of our brand. With one day of poor weather conditions, crowds were somewhat deterred, however the rest of the week saw high numbers flooding through our tent sites.

Sitting alongside O Week, the International Student BBQ is another event which SUSF uses to build its profile among students - in particular those which have elected to study from overseas and might be unfamiliar with our facilities and offerings. While this event has historically been held on The Square, the marketing team elected to relocate the BBQ to the more appropriate site of the Sports & Aquatic Centre. This decision was made to allow patrons to see more of what SUSF has to offer and familiarise students with the Aquatic Centres' location on campus. As a result of this changed location in Semester Two and the initiation of student tours at this event, we saw a huge increase in sales revenue on this day. This demonstrates that being conveniently located at the point of sale makes it easier for prospective clients to purchase a membership.

2015 also saw SUSF host two formal events, the Sports Awards and the Blues Awards, held in April and November, respectively. These were both fantastic occasions offering perfect opportunities to showcase our programs, athletes and clubs to existing and future benefactors. These events also enabled SUSF to recognise the amazing efforts of our talented staff and students, while coming together with our sponsors and affiliates.

2015 was a tremendous year of growth and development for the marketing & communications team. Despite a number of staff changeovers we were able to achieve fantastic results, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of each team member. I would like to give particular thanks to Sarah Odgers who performed exceedingly well in her role. She redefined the level of professionalism and class that SUSF marketing campaigns exude due to her talented design skills. I would also like to thank Laura Hanlon and Graham Croker who together have extended the breadth and width of sports coverage we are able to achieve as a department

**Kristen Barnes**  
**SENIOR MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

# PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION REPORT



THE PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION TEAM (P&P) HAD A FANTASTIC YEAR IN 2015. A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES WERE IMPLEMENTED AND CONTRIBUTED TO A RECORD NET PROFIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

The P&P team continues to grow year on year due to its positive culture and strong communication. While each staff member manages their own program there is a strong notion of support within the department which aids overall operations. A combined team effort has led to our 2015 successes with all staff playing a part in the achievements of our major programs. Philippa Temperley joined the team early in the year as Education Program Manager and Taylor Aitken came on as our Customer Service & Administration Assistant, sharing the role with Stephanie La Spada. Andrew Thompson remained constant as our University Programs manager while other changes were seen in the Community Programs Manager role.

As always, integral to P&P performance, is the close working relationship with other SUSF departments. Marketing, operations, facilities and grounds teams as well as a number of clubs have collaborated with us to ensure growth within our programs and continually aid in the smooth implementation of our programs.

Subsequent to our internal relationships we continue to develop our intra-university affiliations which also significantly contributed to our successes in 2015. Faculty relationships with Education, Dentistry, Medicine, Law, Business and Agriculture as well as the university colleges and CIS departments remain strong. The latter part of 2015 also saw the start of a new affiliation with student services and the developmental stages of a sports program aimed at residential colleges on and surrounding the university main campus.

At the commencement of 2015, the department set a series of targets to be achieved by the end of the year. These targets vary from administrative efficiencies to participation rates and revenue generating tactics.

The 2015 P&P goals are listed below.

1. Continue to increase participation across all programs
2. Improve cost efficiencies of all programs

3. Maintain exemplary levels of safety, professionalism and engagement as determined by stakeholders.
4. Give back' goal – connect with a local community group to assist with sport and recreation programs
5. Reduce manual administration of all programs and ensure each staff member has full knowledge and awareness of all administrative duties required within the department

With these goals in mind over the course of the year, P&P were able to focus on our fundamental purpose in providing programs and participation opportunities for students and the wider community in sport.

The financial performance achieved in 2015 was extremely encouraging. Our major successes for 2015 were:

- Record participants for Lunchtime Social Sport;
- Record participants in winter, spring and overall in the School Holiday program;
- Increased participants for Autumn SHP from 2014;
- Highest recorded P&P net income, increase on 2014 by 93%.

## 2015 OVERALL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

ITEM	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2013 Actual	2012 Actual	2011 Actual
REVENUE	\$890, 925	\$905, 612.31	\$817,978	\$770,353	\$709,027
EXPENDITURE	\$755, 419	\$666,818.03	\$694,342	\$659,326	\$626,372
NET INCOME	\$135, 505	\$238,794.28	\$123,636	111,027	\$82,655

This huge increase in net income is both a pleasing and encouraging result for the department. With more opportunities already presenting themselves we are optimistic in continuing to grow our programs in the next year.



## INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT

### ROSEBOWL

COLLEGE	NETBALL	ROWING	SWIMMING	HOCKEY	SOCCER	BASKETBALL	TENNIS	ATHLETICS	OVERALL
ST. ANDREW'S	5	7	3	7	7	3	5	7	44
ST JOHN'S	7	3	0	5	3	7	3	0	28
WOMEN'S	3	1	5	0	5	0	7	5	26
WESLEY	1	5	1	3	0	5	0	3	18
SANCTA SOPHIA	0	0	7	1	1	1	1	1	12

### ROSEBOWL

COLLEGE	CRICKET	ROWING	SWIMMING	RUGBY	SOCCER	BASKETBALL	TENNIS	ATHLETICS	OVERALL
ST. ANDREW'S	0	5	5	5	5	3	3	5	31
ST PAUL'S	3	3	3	0.5	3	3	5	3	23.5
WESLEY	5	1	1	0.5	1	3	1	0	12.5
ST JOHN'S	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	5

2015 has been a successful year for Intercollegiate Sport both on and off the field. There were some excellent performances seen across many sports and certainly some up and coming athletes to look out for in the future. Given the number of challenges faced in 2014, it was great to see a series of changes made throughout the year assisted with the overall running of events and helped to minimise negative impacts.

Congratulations to St Andrew's College for continuing their winning streak in 2015, retaining both the Rosebowl and Rawson cups. While St Andrew's

continue to be dominant in many areas, the competition in all sports remains strong with many matches being closely fought out contests.

The college sporting year wrapped up with the Intercol Sports Dinner held at The Women's College. Jana Birkby and Emma Peek (Women's College) were named Convener's of the year for Soccer; Kate Fessy (St John's College) was named Sportswoman of the Year and Thomas Sutcliffe (St Andrew's College) was named Sportsman of the Year.

AFFILIATED CAMPUSES

SUSF again committed to providing funding to faculties in 2015. Similar to previous years, the Medicine and Dentistry faculties were most active, hosting a range of sports competitions including rugby, swimming and soccer. The faculty of nursing set themselves up with a range of new sporting equipment to prepare for future events while the Vet faculty (Camden) invested a portion of funding on new look sports uniforms for sports events. SUSF made facilities available for yoga and pilates classes, basketball, dodgeball as well as intra and inter-faculty competitions.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Education programs comprise of two Emergency Care Courses (First Aid HLTAID003 and CPR HLTAID001) and high school PDHPE sport and exercise science modules. In 2015 all courses were taught by a qualified full time SUSF staff member.

FIRST AID & CPR

2015 was largely successful for first aid and CPR. Emergency care courses received SAFF funding resulting in discounted enrolment cost for students of the University of Sydney. Despite a slow start to the year, there was an overall spike in participation rates for first aid courses. Whilst this may have been a result of discounted student prices, marketing also had a large part to play with a number of new channels being used to advertise the program, including Facebook posts.

In July, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness entered into a new partnership with Allens Training. This partnership saw reduced fixed costs for SUSF per student as well as an improved student experience including online learning and same day certificates. Further to this, Allens Training has also minimised administration requirements for all emergency care courses.

2015 EMERGENCY CARE  
COURSE PARTICIPATION RATES

	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2014 Actual	2013 Actual
First Aid	475	460	381	478
CPR	135	185	239	230
TOTAL	610	645	620	708

2015 EMERGENCY CARE  
COURSE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2014 Actual
Revenue	\$ 79,896.00	\$ 74,668.67	\$ 66,503.81
Expenditure	\$ 29,394.16	\$ 24,920.62	\$ 33,363.31
Net Income	\$ 50,501.84	\$ 49,748.05	\$ 33,140.50

EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE MODULES

Exercise and Sport Science Modules are courses for high school Personal Development, Health and Physical Education students. Reduced numbers of school bookings resulted in limited financial gain over the course of 2015. As these programs have been consistently underperforming, the decision has been made to phase out the program in 2016 whilst restructuring the education programs role.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

School Holiday Program

School Holiday Programs had a very successful 2015 with increases to overall participation and net income on 2014. Enrolment numbers to our summer camp increased by 25% on the year prior from 957 to 1195. This was then backed up by very strong growth in our autumn school holiday

period as well as new records over the winter period with enrolments hitting 927. The year ended on a high with the spring camp period also reaching the largest amount of enrolments ever with 940 in total over the two week period. Overall SHP camps had an extra 634 participants compared with 2014 which is an increase of almost 20% in total.

2015 EXERCISE AND SPORT  
SCIENCE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2014 Actual
Revenue	\$ 35,160.00	\$ 19,575.00	\$ 23,104.00
Expenditure	\$ 6,358.00	\$ 461.05	\$ 2,267.13
Net Income	\$ 28,802.00	\$ 19,113.95	\$ 20,837.87

2015 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM  
PARTICIPATION RATES

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Summer	938	967	897	957	1195
Autumn	836	672	627	566	754
Winter	927	692	744	862	927
Spring	724	586	784	797	940
TOTAL	3,425	3,011	3,052	3,182	3816

The 2015 School Holiday Program saw an increase in revenue by over 15% from 2014. Expenses were significantly lower than 2014 and this resulted in a greater than expected net income compared to our budget by over 25%. From 2013 SHP has seen a 76% increase in net income, a figure which we aiming to maintain in the coming year.

	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2014 Actual	2013 Actual
Revenue	\$558,856.00	\$625,426.04	\$530 129	\$480 729
Expenses	\$283,108.05	\$278,086.61	\$328 029	\$283 464
Net Income	\$275,747.95	\$347,339.43	\$202 100	\$197 265

In 2015, SHP continued to cross promote with other areas of SUSF to allow for mutually beneficial outcomes. The strong partnership between SHP and Swim School as well as a number of clubs have continued to grow, with camps incorporating expertise from club coaches and athletes.

SHP continued to work towards greater financial efficiency in 2015 adapting our operations to enhance income whilst continuing to meet the needs of our customers. While some of our expense savings were due to a permanent staffing vacancy, a number of changes were implemented department wide which ultimately benefited overall performance within SHP. The education programs manager became an integral part of operations during camp, saving casual staffing costs and increasing efficiency in administration. New signage was developed by our marketing department and has assisted in improving our camps image with many enrolments coming from passers-by.

As of this year the School Holiday Program is no longer governed by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). Whilst SHP maintains all previous policies associated with ACECQA and strives toward being a leading camp provider, we are no longer required to spend time on administrative issues not relevant to our setting. Kingsgrove Sports and Sydney Markets continue to be key sponsors of the School Holiday Program and a strong relationship with each organisation adds to the quality and image of our programs.

School Sport

In 2015 school sport involved Glenmore Road Public School, and Sydney Secondary College, Balmain. In terms two and three Glenmore Road PS participated in newcombe ball, soccer, basketball and oz tag while Sydney Secondary College remained a valuable customer, with two to three groups of students each term participating in rock climbing, fencing, quidditch and archery.

In addition to this we had a School Activities Day featuring Sydney Girls High School in April which led to increased revenue on 2014.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

University programs, managed by Andrew Thompson, again comprised of Lunchtime Social Sport, Interfaculty Sport and Short courses. The Lunchtime Social Sport program was the highlight for the year, with a record amount of teams entering competitions across both semesters. Record financial figures were also documented for the Lunchtime Social Sport program in 2015.

Participation records were also created in the Interfaculty sport program with over 250 participants turning out for the annual 5km run. The Law Faculty continued their dominance of Interfaculty sport, winning the Emily Small shield for the third year in a row.

On the back of a record year in terms of participants, 2016 is looking promising across all three University Programs, with additional new sports being offered across the board.

Short Courses

The Short Course program experienced a decrease in participation numbers with 543 entrants, down from record numbers in 2014 of 707. In must be noted that the 2015 results are on par with participation rates in previous years. The program has only ever experienced 600+ enrolled participants twice in its history, 605 in 2012 and 707 in 2014.

The highlight of the short course program in 2015 was the significant increase in participation numbers within the dance component of the program, with a total of 109 enrolments compared with 71 enrolments in 2014 across both semesters. This result can be attributed to the course offering, with many new courses such as Kpop, Ballet and Contemporary/ Lyrical added to the schedule over the past 12 months. Another positive note for the program is the continued success of the USYD Staff Yoga and Pilates courses. In 2015 we offered a combined total of 12 USYD Staff courses with 163 Staff in total registering.

Lunchtime Social Sport

2015 proved to be the most successful year in the history of the Lunchtime Social Sport program, with a record amount of teams participating

throughout both semesters. In semester one there were 76 teams and in semester 2 there were 68 teams registered, 144 teams in total. The previous record was in 2012 with 136 teams registered. The record amount of teams can be attributed to the introduction of mixed tennis and the continued rise of the Ultimate Frisbee competition. The Ultimate Frisbee competition continued on from its successful launch in 2014. There was a total of 18 teams to enter the competition across both semesters, with most teams coming from the Sydney Uni Ultimate Frisbee Club.

The Lunchtime Social Sport competition continued with Touch Football, Futsal, Mixed Futsal, Netball, AFL and Basketball. The highlight of the year was the increase of Wednesday Mixed Futsal teams from 8 teams in Semester 2, 2014 to 12 teams in Semester 1, 2015.

The program also recorded its biggest ever surplus of \$16,655. The previous record was \$13,056 in 2012. Not only is this a result of the record amount of teams registered across the year but is due to the lunchtime social sport program becoming more productive in the way it is run through efficient scheduling and the number of officials per game.

Interfaculty Sport

Participation numbers were relatively well maintained in 2015 with a total of 1468 students being involved across both semesters. This figure is a slight decrease on the previous record of 1511 set in 2014. This slight decrease can be attributed to the fact there was one less event in the 2015 schedule.

University of Sydney Postgraduate Student Arsalan Humayun held the position of Interfaculty Intern during 2015. Thank you to Arsalan for all his hard work over both semesters. Arsalan displayed a strong commitment and enthusiastic approach to the role, which in turn has helped Interfaculty Sport at Sydney Uni continually grow professionally as a program.

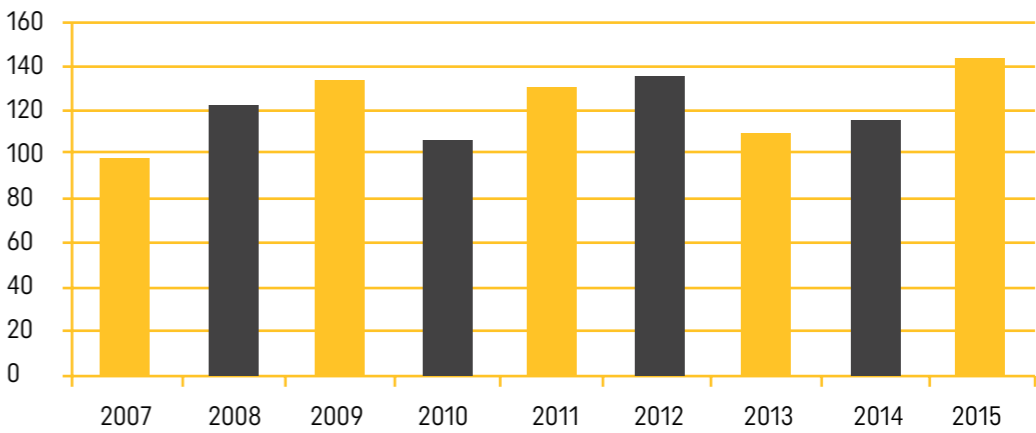
The highlight for Interfaculty sport in 2015 was the record amount of participants at the annual 5km Run on Oval No. 1, with 252 participants entering the run. As a result of record numbers in the annual 5km run, semester 1, 2016 will see the introduction and addition of a 3km run to the Interfaculty sport events schedule.

A big thank you to all faculty representatives for volunteering their time throughout the year. A special mention to the 'big 4' faculties who enjoyed another year of fierce and friendly rivalry - Education & Social Work, Law, Engineering & IT and Vet Science. Each faculty held top position on the points tally at some stage throughout the year and all were within a few points of each other leading into the last event of the year, with the Law faculty ending the year on top for the third consecutive year.

Melinda D'arcy

PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION MANAGER

TEAM REGISTRATIONS



# OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT



**2015 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR FOR SYDNEY UNI SPORT & FITNESS' (SUSF) OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION. OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS PROCEEDED AT PACE WHILE OUR NEW OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT TEAM OVERSAW A RECORD YEAR OF FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS.**

The construction of the Oval No. 2 Grandstand commenced in March this year. The University formally appointed Kane Constructions as the project builders following a lengthy independent tender process. In quarter 1, we finalised the detailed design of the building in consultation with our clubs and, as a result of an eleventh hour, \$1 million dollar donation from the TAG Family Foundation, we were able to include the mezzanine floor in the grandstand which had the effect of turning the new grandstand from being 'good and functional' to becoming 'great and market leading.'

In quarter 2, 2015, the project team had completed the earth works and services relocations and by December 2015 the three level building was up, the roof was on, the grandstand seats were in and we were able to commit to hosting the televised Round 1 of the Shute Shield scheduled for 19 March 2016.

Meanwhile, by working closely with the University's Campus Infrastructure Services team, our pipeline of infrastructure projects took shape nicely. By December 2015:

- The University had gone out to tender for the design and construct of the new Linley Point Boatshed, the development approval for which was granted in 2014;
- The University had approved our proposal for the University Cumberland Campus Hockey Pitch and had progressed the idea to concept development stage;
- The synthetic pitch on the Square had been fully designed and costed and then, unfortunately, put on hold by Campus Infrastructure Services pending the University's resolution of the Camperdown Campus overland flow masterplan; and
- The design and funding for the Oval No. 2 field lighting and scoreboard had been approved and was awaiting tendering to the market by Campus Infrastructure Services.

## OPERATIONS

Our Operations Division's responsibilities include (among other things) the management of the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC), the Arena, the Grounds, the Learn to Swim program, member services, utilities and services and SUSF's IT and tenancy portfolios. The operations team was able to achieve further significant improvements to our performance in 2015.

More specifically, and among many other things:

- We achieved record student entries and general entries for our Centres;
- We re-turfed the Square and line-planted St Johns Rugby and Soccer fields;
- We made improvements to the pool's air handling system and decreased the use of chlorine with the introduction of CO2 which has made our pool amenity even more enjoyable, resulting in an increased patronage by our members and guests;
- We purchased three new learn-to-swim platforms as well as three new starting blocks to complete the suite of 8 accredited starting blocks;
- We started our makeover of the Arena Sports Centre in preparation for the changing demographics of our Arena users which we forecast to take place in 2016 once the new High Performance Gym opens in the new Grandstand;
- We worked with Campus Infrastructure Services to improve the reporting and accountability for the use of utilities and services in our portfolio;
- We oversaw the sale and improvements of both the Mint Café business (now known as "Boardwalk") and the Poolside Cafe.

## STAFF

For the Operations team, 2015 was a very big year from a staffing and organisational structure perspective. It started with the departure of our long-serving Operations Manager, David Shaw, in January and the appointment of the new Operations and Infrastructure Manager, Ed Smith. Under a minor re-structure, the following staff were promoted to their respective management positions within the Operations team:

- Andrew Heil, Member Services and Systems (IT) Manager;
- Paul Reynolds, Facilities and Services Manager;
- Mark McLennan, SUSAC Centre Manager;
- Matt Rennick, Camperdown Centre Manager;
- Dylan McDonlad, Arena Centre Manager;
- Michael Culkoff, Venues and Clubs Liaison Manager;



- Doug Noble Brown, Swim School Co-ordinator assisting Josephine Brown, our existing Swim School and Programs Manager; and
- Daryl Davidson was appointed to the position of Head Groundsman following the mid-year departure of Ray Hunt after 25 years of service to SUSF.

Our thanks go out to both David Shaw and Ray Hunt for their many years of tireless service and we look forward to many years of growth and success under the new management team.

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Financially, it was a great year for the Operations Department. Revenue grew from \$6.995 million in 2014 to a record \$7.579 million in 2015, representing an 8.3% increase. While our revenue was ahead of budget by

\$213,000, our expenditure of \$5.694 million was only \$51,000 over budget. This resulted in a net operating surplus for the Operations Division of \$1.884 million, being 9.3% ahead of budget and 26.6% ahead of our previous record year surplus (\$1.488 million) in 2014.

## CONCLUSION

Under the leadership of our Executive Director and the new Operations management team, the Operations and Infrastructure Division had a great 2015 and is looking forward to welcoming the new Grandstand on Oval No. 2 into our portfolio for 2016.

**Ed Smith**  
OPERATIONS, PROPERTY & PROJECTS MANAGER

# BLUES ASSOCIATION REPORT



**2015 WAS AN EXCITING YEAR OF GROWTH FOR THE BLUES ASSOCIATION. THE COMMITTEE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN WORKING TOWARDS THEIR GOALS SET IN 2014 BEING; TO PAY-OFF THE REMAINDER OF OUR 3 PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIPS, DRIVE ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS, IMPROVE COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS AND ENSURE ALL MEMBERS ARE PROUD OF BEING A SYDNEY UNI BLUE OR GOLD.**

Last year we rolled out incentives to get more SUSF Blues & Golds to become financial members of the Blues Association offering Life Membership for \$150 + GST, and had 18 new life members sign up this year, and it remains to be a focus for the Committee. This puts the Association in a strong financial position to pay off our scholarships, and enables us to offer financial members free admission to the New Blues Welcome, Cocktail Function and a material discount to the Blues Dinner. We see this as a win-win, by strengthening our balance sheet, being able to host fantastic events that people want to come to, and allowing financial members to attend these events at a reduced cost. To appeal to our younger Blues, and ensure we're able to communicate with Blues in the future even when their contact details change, we added a lot of the Blues from the past 3 years as connections on Facebook. This way we have a continuous communication feed with them and can easily disseminate photos, news and invitations for events. If you're not connected please send a friend request to USyd Blues.

We were pleased to sponsor three scholarship recipients for the 2015 academic year, namely, Rebecca Humphris (Rowing), Nicola Maitland (Softball) and Sam Yang (Taekwondo) and I congratulate Rebecca, Nicola and Sam on their achievements during the year. On a sad note though I must mention the passing of nine of our Blues: Kep Enderby, a Golf Blue in 1949; Ron Saad age 90, a Basketball Blue in 1947 & 48; Jack Devery age 95, a Rugby Blue in 1942 & 46; Elliott Masters age 91, a Rugby Blue in 1946, 47, 48, 49 & 51; John Newman, a Cricket Blue in 1946 & 48; Bill Job, an Athletics Blue in 1950 & 51; Jake Howard, a Rugby Blue in 1969; John Dorter, a Boxing Blue in 1960; and Georgie Hession age 93, an Athletics Blue in 1943. Our condolences to their families and friends.

The first official Blues Association event for 2015 was the New Blues Welcome on Friday the 20th of March, where we welcomed all new Blue & Gold recipients from 2010 – 2014 to join us in the Sport & Aquatic Centre to watch our National League Water Polo teams play. It was a nice turn-out with about 25 people attending through-out the evening to watch some Water Polo, get to know each other and enjoy some drinks and canapes.

After a successful event in the city in 2014, we once again hosted the Cocktail Function and Pins Presentation in 2015, this time at the Bristol Arms on Wednesday the 16th of July, the Blues Association hosted over 80 Blues, Golds, family and friends to celebrate the evening together. Despite the lift not operating, all of the elder Blues made it up 5 flights of stairs to join us in a very entertaining evening. Blues Association Pins were again presented, this year to those who had received their Blue in 2005 or those who had missed receiving their pin previously. Official proceedings wrapped up with some lucky award winners in the raffle, before some of the younger ones kicked on later into the evening.

The year ended with the traditional Blues Dinner held in the Great Hall on Saturday the 19th of November. We were pleased to have our past Blues Association President, Ann Mitchell now residing in Melbourne, MC the evening, and Ann did a wonderful job engaging, entertaining and acknowledging all of the new Blues & Golds for 2015. We were honoured to have Fellow of Senate David Mortimer AO in attendance garbing the new Blues and Golds and presenting the Blue of the Year awards. 36 Blues and 10 Golds were announced by SUSF Senate Representative and Rowing Blue Anne Titterton on the night with the Blue of the Year Awards going to: Tom Young (AFL) and Michelle Jenneke (Athletics). It was also amazing to see 3 generations of Blues in attendance with Rachael Soutar receiving her Blue for soccer, accompanied by mother Jackie Soutar an athletics Blue from 1986, and grandfather Barry Webb an athletics Blue from 1960.

Highlight of the night's entertainment was the panel discussion conducted by Greg O'Mahoney who interviewed three of our most successful female sportswomen, Sarah Cook (Rowing & Sailing), Chloe Dalton (Basketball & Rugby 7s), and Leonie Lum (Boxing). Their insights into each of their very different sports, competing at the highest level across different codes and overcoming obstacles intrigued us all. This year, performing for the second time at the Blues Dinner, the St Andrew's College Choir with the accompaniment of organist Amy Johansen led the audience in singing the traditional songs "Gaudeamus" and "The Varsity". My thanks go to Helen Polus for her very professional coordination of the event as well as to Cheryl Collins and Mac Chambers of the Blues Association for their assistance with the presentation of blazers and certificates.



The Association Golf Day at St Michael's Course on Wednesday the 7th of October saw 80 golfers in action. My thanks go to Rod Tubbs and Dani Lewis, for their excellent coordination of the event. I really enjoyed sitting on the 12th tee to sell raffle tickets which helped us raise \$3,850 for our scholarships. Hearing that Rod Tubbs is in his final year organizing Blue & Gold Sporting events for SUSF friends, family and athletes fills me with sadness as I reflect on all the good times over the last 10 years I've been involved in the University. However, we congratulate Rodney on his terrific efforts throughout his time.

With an exciting 2016 calendar planned during this Olympic year, I recommend all of you get involved and come along to as many events as you can. I'm also looking forward to attending sporting matches at the new Grandstand at Oval No.2 in the coming months, the Blues Association is

proud to have contributed a seat through a donation of \$1,000.

Putting together this President's report for the Blues Association is one of the highlights of the year as I get to reflect on the Blues Association's contribution and achievements. I extend my thanks to all members of the Blues Association Committee throughout 2015, namely, Cheryl Collins (Secretary), Andrew Wennerborn (Treasurer), Sarah Phillips, Kyeema Doyle, Brendon Hyde, Maddie Rosser, Gillian Ting, Nick Davies, Tom Carter, Scott Nicholson and Mac Chambers (archivist). Without the superb enthusiasm, ideas and help of the 2015 Committee, we wouldn't have been able to engage with our Blues & Golds as well as we did, and I can only hope that the 2016 Committee can take things one step further.

**Clive Cooper**  
PRESIDENT

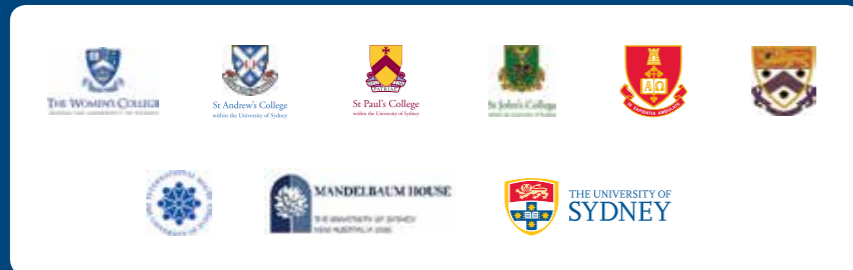


# SYDNEY UNI STAKEHOLDER

# SPORT & FITNESS CHART 2015

Association of Heads of Independent Girls Schools	International House Member's Association	University of Sydney, Safety Health & Wellbeing
Australian Badminton Academy	Kambala Girls High School	St. Mary's Cathedral College
Boston University	North Newtown Public School	Waverley College
Buildcorp	NSW Brazilian JiuJitsu Federation	The Ascham School
Christian Brothers Lewisham	St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School	Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College
Cricket New South Wales	St. Mary's Catholic School	Association of Independent Schools of NSW
Darlington Public School	Sydney Shuttle	St Andrew's Cathedral School
Fitness Passport Pty Ltd	Sydney Secondary College – Balmain	
Indoor 5's Futsal Incorporated		

## MAJOR CUSTOMERS



## COLLEGES & HOUSING

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	Law (Sydney Law School)
Architecture, Design and Planning	Medicine (Sydney Medical School)
Arts and Social Sciences	Nursing and Midwifery (Sydney Nursing School)
Business (Business School)	Pharmacy
Dentistry	Science
Education and Social Work	Sydney College of the Arts
Engineering and Information Technologies	Sydney Conservatorium of Music
Health Sciences	Veterinary Science

## THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

## SPONSORS



## UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SPORT FOUNDATION

General Sport Division	Rowing Division	Hockey Division
Capital Works Division	Soccer Football Division	Australian Rules Football Division
Sporting Scholarship Division	Athletics Division	Cricket Division

## STRATEGIC PARTNERS



## TENANTS

The Boathouse on Blackwattle Bay	Fisher Tennis	The Sports Clinic
City Houses Squash Racquets Association	Grandstand Bar & Restaurant	Unifirst/Campus IT
Commonwealth Bank Sydney Squash Club	Mint Cafe	University Copy Centre
Co-Op Bookshop	Ralph's Cafe	Westpac Bank (ATM)
Elegancy Catering, Grandstand	Poolside Cafe	

## MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP

SUSF Members  
SUSF Staff  
USYD Staff  
USYD Students  
Community Members  
SUSF Clubs  
SUSF Sponsors

## OPERATIONS

Boatsheds  
Robyn Webster Sports Centre  
Squash and Tennis Courts  
SUSF Swim School  
SUSF ICT  
SUSF Maintenance & Grounds  
Sydney Uni Sports and Aquatic Centre (SUSAC)  
Tennis Program  
The Arena Sports Centre  
The Grandstand  
The Ledge Climbing Centre

## SUSF INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS

## HIGH PERFORMANCE & CLUB DEVELOPMENT

## ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

## CLUBS

AFL (M)	Cricket (M)	Mountaineering/	Sydney Uni	Water Polo (W)
AFL (W)	Cricket (W)	Rockclimbing	Flames	Waterski &
American Football	Fencing	Netball	Table Tennis	Wakeboard
Archery	Golf	Rowing	Tae-kwon-do	Wheelchair
Athletics	Gymnastics/	Rugby League	Tennis	Flames
Badminton	Cheerleading	Rugby Union (M)	Touch	Wrestling
Baseball	Handball	Rugby Union (W)	Ultimate	
Basketball	Hockey	Sailing	Frisbee	
Boat	Judo	Soccer	Velo (Cycling)	
Boxing	Kempo Karate	Squash	Volleyball	
Canoe	Kendo	Swimming	Water Polo (M)	

## STRENGTH & CONDITIONING PROGRAM

## PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION

Education  
First Aid Programs  
Community Programs  
School Holiday Program  
Interfaculty Sport  
Lunch Time Social Sport  
School Sport  
Short Courses  
Intercollegiate Sport

## CORPORATE & ALUMNI

Blues Association  
'Blue & Gold' Club  
SUSF Sponsors

## FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

SUSF Employees  
SUSF Creditors, Suppliers & Contractors  
USYD DVC (Registrar)  
USYD Financial Services  
USYD Audit and Risk Management  
Australian Taxation Office  
Australian Bureau of Statistics  
Allianz (workers compensation insurance)  
Manser Tierney Johnston (external auditors)  
National Australia Bank



# C O N T E N T S

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36	ATHLETICS
37	BADMINTON
38	BASEBALL
39	BASKETBALL
40	BOAT
41	BOXING
42	CANOE
43	CRICKET - MEN
44	CRICKET - WOMEN
45	FENCING
46	FLAMES
47	GOLF
47	GYMNASTICS
48	CHEERLEADING
49	HANDBALL
50	HOCKEY
51	JUDO
52	KEMPO KARATE
53	KENDO
54	NETBALL
55	ROCKCLIMBING & MOUNTAINEERING
56	RUGBY LEAGUE
57	RUGBY - MEN
58	RUGBY - WOMEN
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62	SWIMMING
63	TABLE TENNIS
64	TAEKWONDO
65	TENNIS
66	TOUCH FOOTBALL
67	ULTIMATE FRISBEE
68	VELO
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70	WATER POLO - MEN
71	WATER POLO - WOMEN
72	WATERSKI & WAKEBOARDING
73	WHEELCHAIR FLAMES
74	WRESTLING



## AFL - MEN

**SYDNEY UNI AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL CLUB HAS JUST COMPLETED YET ANOTHER GROUND-BREAKING YEAR WITH SUCCESS BEING ACHIEVED ACROSS MANY AREAS OF THE CLUB. IT HASN'T BEEN A YEAR WITHOUT TRIAL AND CHALLENGES, HOWEVER WE ARE NOW STRONGER AND BETTER PREPARED BECAUSE OF THEM.**

The football department started the year slowly with our Premier Division (Anton Turco) and Colts (Paul Markou) coaches being appointed in March. Whilst the appointments were made late in the piece they are both tremendous people and will be coaching their respective sides again in 2015.

The club was very lucky to have had coaches, throughout all the grades, who truly understand and embody the playing spirit and philosophies of SUANFC.

Once again the club registered six teams with Sydney AFL and one in the NEAFL. This equalled a total player base of 251 players, making us the biggest senior club in Sydney. To highlight how inclusive this club is, there were 88 players that played at least one game for the Plats (div 5) this year. Success on the field was hard earned and well celebrated. Our lower grades sides which make up the Rainbows (Blues div 2, Reds div 3, Golds div 4 and Plats div 5) all played finals in 2014. This is a great achievement for a group of footballers who trained on a rugby and soccer field, battle through multiple exam periods and finally after a tremendous fundraising effort led by Sam Power were able to fund time on ADO, only for the cricket square to be roped off much of the time!

Plats had a first round finals exit. Golds and Reds both made it to the Preliminary final but fell at the last hurdle. The Blues, however, made it back to back premierships after finishing the season as minor premiers. A top effort by the full Rainbows group. The Colts landscape shifted slightly in 2014. The competition went from being u/18 to now being an u/19 competition. This was matched by the junior ages also increasing by a year meaning that the u/16s comp moved to being u/17s. Recruitment was made that little bit more challenging as a result.

**Chris Corby**  
**OPERATIONS COORDINATOR**



## AFL - WOMEN

DOMINATED AFL  
SYDNEY WOMEN'S  
DIVISION ONE

**COMING OFF BACK-TO-BACK PREMIERSHIPS AND AN UNDEFEATED SEASON, 2015 WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A CHALLENGING AND EXCITING YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUB (SUWAFLC).**

The team dominated AFL Sydney Women's Division One this year, completing the home and away season with only two losses and securing the Minor Premiership for the third year in a row. The success continued through to the finals with the team making it to the Grand Final for the sixth year in a row. The team faced the Newtown Breakaways in what was an incredibly tough and physical match; the team unfortunately did not come away with the silverware in 2016.

SUWAFLC collected a number of player accolades at AFL Sydney's Awards ceremony, Phelan Medal night. In her first season of senior football for SUWAFLC, Nicola Barr was announced the Division One Rising Star. In addition to Nicola, the club was recognised with four players named in the League's Team of the Year – Nicola Barr, Stephanie Walker, Rachel Stack and Jennifer Lew. Lew, the Captain of SUWAFLC, was also named Vice-Captain of the 2015 Team of the Year.

Three members of SUWAFLC represented AFL Sydney in matches against Canberra, Victoria & Queensland – Jennifer Lew, Nicola Barr and Stephanie Walker.

The great on-field success of 2015 was made possible by a dedicated committee and coaching staff. In his third year as Head Coach, Yucel Celenk led the team once again to a near perfect season. Celenk's knowledge, passion, and dedication are unmatched and vital to the club's success. Thank you to all those involved in the behind the scenes organisation of the club.

The club wants to say a massive thank you to our outgoing President Ashlee Morgan for the significant contribution she made during her five-year tenure as President. Under her leadership, the club has set a new standard in administration, including being named Sydney University Club of the Year in 2014. In her honour, the club has introduced the Ashlee Morgan Blue & Gold Award, recognising a player for significant contributions both on and off the pitch.

We look forward to returning to the pitch in 2016, and are already working hard in bringing the flag back.

### **AWARDS AT CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT:**

- Players' Player – Nicola Barr
- Best and Fairest – Sera Kaukiono
- Rookie of the Year – Orlaith Spooner
- Golden Boot – Meredith Grey
- Club Member of the Year – Ashlee Morgan
- Coach's Player – Libby Sadler and Belinda Michalk
- Most Improved Player – Megan Andresen
- Club Hall of Fame Inductees – Belinda Michalk and Alex Roberts

**Olivia Warren**  
**CLUB PRESIDENT**

# AMERICAN FOOTBALL

## 2015 WAS A VERY CHALLENGING YET ULTIMATELY VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AMERICAN FOOTBALL CLUB (SU AFC).

The year started off strongly with three Lions; Aaron Carbury, Conor Foley and James Gifford representing Australia at the 2015 World Championships in Canton, Ohio. Gifford was named captain, while Aaron was named in the first all-tournament team on the back of some great game performances.

After the 2014 season the Lions lost a number of veteran players, which meant that off-season recruitment would be a major focus for 2015. After creating a variety of new networks, Lions Head Coach Andrew Ogborne was able to secure the services of a number of international players from England, Europe and the US to help coach and play in key positions left vacated.

The inaugural flag competition ran early in 2015 and generated a lot of interest from new players and the wider community. Most encouragingly there were a number of women involved as the Lions continue to look at the feasibility of expanding into the Gridiron NSW Women's competition. The tournament was a great success and something the club will look to do again in 2016.

The 2015 season was the first time the junior and senior seasons were run concurrently. This meant a number of logistical and financial challenges for the club. The senior team (Lions) finished the regular season undefeated, taking out the Minor Championship. They also successfully defended their state championship, winning their 13th consecutive Waratah Bowl against the West Sydney Pirates. The Lions regained their number one ranking in the Nation Club Championship standings and a number of Lions players have been asked to attend the state football team trainings ahead of the 2016 Australian Gridiron League Championships.

There are many people that have contributed to the clubs successes this year but a stand out is our Senior Head Coach Andrew Ogborne. A very successful professional, Andrew manages to balance his demanding work and club responsibilities both on and off the field in too many ways to mention.

The junior team (Cubs) were led in 2015 by new Head Coach Justin Lauderdale. With the challenges of running both our programs concurrently for the first time, a lot of responsibility was taken by Justin to make sure a competitive, well trained and drilled side took the field each week this season. There were a lot of positives to be taken from an injury plagued 2015 junior season, including finishing runner-up to the Minor Premiership at the end of the regular season. Justin must be commended for building a team of young men that embody the club values and for his flexibility in adapting to the challenges and commitment of the Cubs program in 2015.

The SU AFC executive also had a number of changes in 2015. A number of big challenges faced the executive with logistics of providing gear and resources to run both the junior and senior teams at the same time. There has been significant investment but the executive feel we have invested in the future of the club.

A further thank you to all the coaches that assisted Justin and Andrew, the players that combined to create the championship winning 2015 team, the support staff and volunteers that help get the teams on the field each week and finally the parents, significant others and greater SU AFC family for your support.

SU AFC continues to mourn the loss of our brother Chris Noble who died in the Rozelle explosion in 2014. Players wore Chris' number 52 on their helmets again this season and paid tribute to him at the pre-season dinner. The club will continue to look into ways to honour Chris' memory including having his name placed on the Clubs seat as part of the new Oval No.2 grandstand development.

There are many challenges that await the club in 2016 but we believe that 2015 was a building year and the investments we have made put us in a strong position to meet these challenges head on.

**James Gifford**  
PRESIDENT

## ARCHERY

### THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ARCHERY CLUB WAS LEFT IN A PROMISING POSITION AFTER THE HARD WORK OF MATT PAGE AND THE 2014 COMMITTEE. THE CLUB CAPITALISED ON THIS MOMENTUM, RESULTING IN A SUCCESSFUL 2015.

For another year, the club maintained a strong membership base of 200+ people, showing that there is a great amount of interest in the sport of archery. While the growth made it challenging at times to accommodate for its members during training sessions with larger turnouts, the committee were able to power through. Despite archery being an individual sport, the success of the club is owed in part to the strong team mentality of its members, willing to assist in the arduous task of setting and packing up during each training session. And so, the club wishes to thank its members.

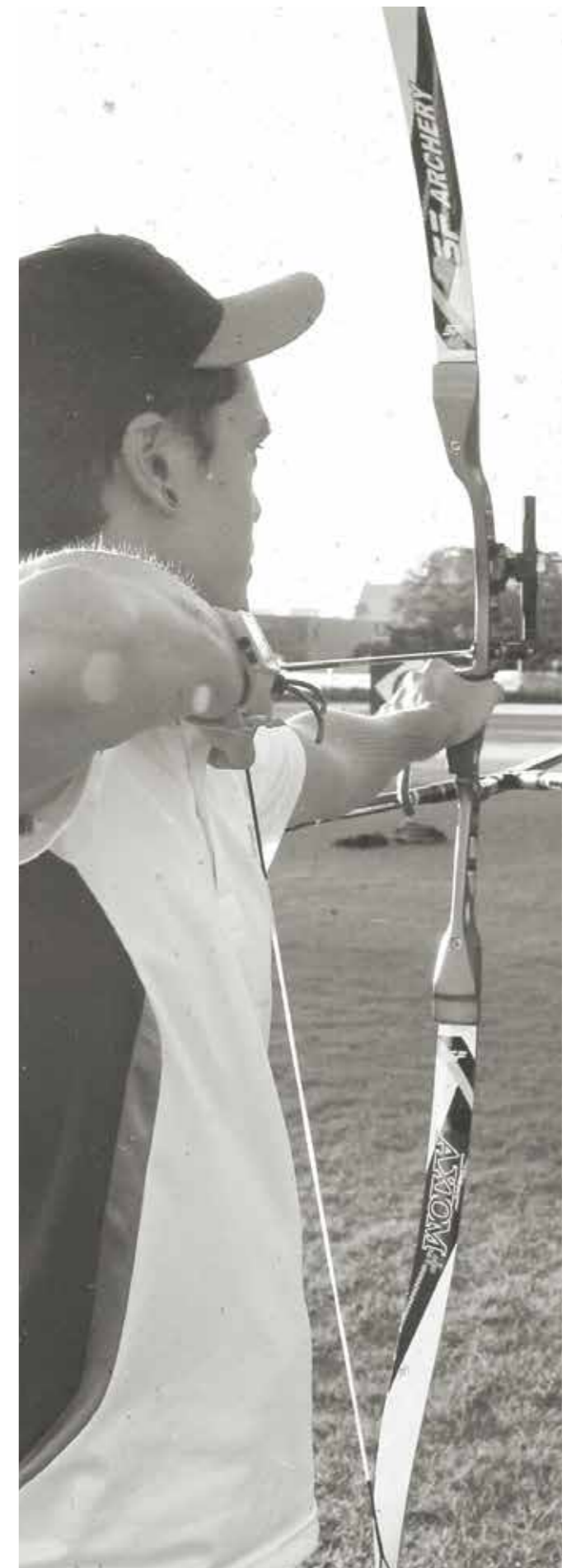
As usual, members are encouraged to compete in external competitions held by other Archery NSW clubs, against archers from around the country, and so the Sydney University Archery Club returned to the Penrith City Archers Golden Jubilee tournament—a two-day event held over the Queen's Birthday holiday. A team of four archers were present and results are as follows:

- Teresa Nguyen competed in the female open bare bow recurve division, and placed 3rd in the target event, clout event, and field event. She also placed 3rd overall in that division.
- Michael Holmes competed in the male open bare bow recurve division, and placed 1st in the target and clout events, and 2nd in the field event.

Once again in 2015, the club was more than happy to give back to the wider community and promote our sport. Working with Mel D'Arcy and her team from the SUSF Programs & Participation department, Sydney University Archery Club instructors ran a number of community programs. There were the usual junior and adult short courses, and school holiday camps, but also a group of 25 high school students from Sydney Secondary College who chose archery as their weekly sport for two terms.

2015 was not without its difficulties, however. The club had been aware that it would be relocating in 2016—an issue that was resolved by the previous club committee. However, unfortunate circumstances forced the club to close a month earlier than anticipated. It will be challenging for the Sydney University Archery Club to maintain momentum with the field relocation going into the New Year, but the collective will and efforts of a strong club leaves the Sydney University Archery Club confident that it is still in a position to have another successful year in 2016.

**Eduardo Delos Reyes**  
PRESIDENT





# ATHLETICS

**IN 2015 THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS CLUB (SUAC) WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SENIOR ATHLETIC CLUB IN AUSTRALIA. THE CLUB WON EVERY SENIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION IT CONTESTED IN AUSTRALIA, PRODUCED A RECORD NUMBER OF CLUB MEMBERS ON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AND CONTINUES TO LEAD THE WAY IN HIGH PERFORMANCE TRACK AND FIELD IN THIS COUNTRY BY PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT PATHWAYS FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF AUSTRALIA'S ASPIRING ATHLETIC TALENT.**

At international level the club enjoyed arguably it's most successful year. Angie Ballard won two world championships, the T53 200/400 and broke the world record in the T53 400m. Furthermore, at the Track and Field World Championships SUAC sent its largest contingent of athletes to this meet, with a staggering seven athletes making the team in Beijing. They included Michelle Jenneke, Nick Hough, Ella Nelson, Em Brichacek, Josh Ralph, Annie Rubie and James Nipperess.

At the World Universiade SUAC was also well represented by athletes who included Angus Armstrong, Nicole Fagan, Nick Hough, Michelle Jenneke, Nicole McDermott and Nick Van Gelder. Two SUAC athletes were able to take home medals with Michelle Jenneke (bronze 100 hurdles) and Nicole Fagan (bronze team walks).

In domestic competition SUAC were especially dominant winning the Australian Uni games for the fourth consecutive year in both the men's and women's competitions. The club won both the NSW summer and winter premierships for both men and women. SUAC also won the medal tally at the NSW Championships and the Australian Track and Field Championships. At the National Championships SUAC had an incredible 49 competitors competing, which equates to 49 NSW representatives in other sports and made up more than 10% of the total entries. At this event the club was able to walk away with 10 medals including 4 gold, 3 silvers and 3 bronze.

From a social perspective the club celebrated its 137th anniversary with a ball held at the Establishment Ballroom on George Street where Nick Hough and Michelle Jenneke were crowned Male and Female Athletes of the year. Also quite pleasingly the club sent a large group of supporters to the World Championships in Beijing. At the Sydney Uni Blues Dinner Ben Cross was awarded a Gold, with Michelle Jenneke, Gen Cowie, Katrina Blackett and Nicole Fagan receiving Blues. Michelle Jenneke was also named Blue of the Year.

Another outstanding year for the club, thanks to our hardworking committee for another tireless effort.

**Dean Gleeson**  
**HEAD COACH**



# BADMINTON

**2015 WAS ANOTHER STEADY AND REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY BADMINTON CLUB. WITH A CONTINUING SURPLUS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS WE HAVE REMAINED FINANCIALLY STRONG. IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE SO MANY NEW FACES JOINING THE CLUB AS WELL AS CONTINUATION OF FAMILIAR FACES. THERE WAS ALSO GREAT INTEREST FROM MANY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INCREASING DIVERSITY OF THE CLUB.**

Financially, 2015 saw a need for a change in session fees, with the rising cost of shuttles. A decision was made to increase the fee from \$3/pp per session to \$4 to offset the extra cost. Despite this we saw a continuing strong sponsorship with VICTOR, who provided the Australian University Games (AUGs) shirts and shorts as well as our yearly club uniform, quality shuttlecocks and prizes at our annual dinner.

With the cancellation of the 2014 annual tournament due to the lack of entries and resources, the club was determined to ensure a successful one for 2015. With hard work from both the clubs committee and AUGs team, we

held a successful 2015 annual tournament with a large volume of entries and more sophisticated software to ensure fairness and transparency for all competitors. The strong communication between organisers and entrants prior to the tournament was probably the reason for such a successful and reputable tournament on the NSW badminton calendar.

The 2015 Australian University Games (AUGs), held on the Gold Coast, was an extremely competitive year with many universities fielding strong players at the calibre of the national team. With a relatively younger team in both the men's and women's categories, it was a strong performance but one in which we aim to improve on for 2016.

Results were as follows:

- Women's badminton team received bronze.
- Men's badminton team finished in fifth place.

In addition to the team results, Green and Gold awards were handed to players based on sportsmanship and individual performance. Brendan Tieu and Sirina Fan received this award from tournament directors in recognition of their positive behaviour on-court.

Despite some setbacks and challenges, as a whole the club still had an eventful 2015 which concluded with our annual dinner, a fun-filled night with much games and laughter. It was held at Mad Pizza e Bar in Newtown for the club's members as a way to celebrate the end of the year after the final exams and to thank everyone for all of their invaluable support and enthusiasm. The club looks forward to an even greater year of success in 2016.

**Brendan Tieu**  
**GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

# BASEBALL

**THE 2015 SEASON FOR THE CYNICS DID NOT LIVE UP TO THE POTENTIAL SEEN EARLY IN THE YEAR. THE CLUB EXPANDED, ENTERING A 5TH TEAM INTO COMPETITION AND SAW A SOLID INCREASE IN MEMBERS. THE STUDENTS FINISHED 3RD IN THE SYDNEY WINTER BASEBALL LEAGUE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, FINISHING 2ND IN THIRD GRADE, 4TH IN SECOND GRADE AND 5TH IN FIRST GRADE. OUR TWO PACIFIC COAST BASEBALL LEAGUE (PCBL) TEAMS FINISHED 5TH AND 6TH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE GRADES. THE SEASON ALSO MARKED THE FINAL FOR PRESIDENT AND FIRST GRADE VETERAN HUW MCKAY, WHOSE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLUB HAS BEEN SECOND TO NONE.**

Third Grade again proved the most successful of the grades finishing the regular season in 1st place. A 9 inning pitching gem from Wade Shipard in the semi-final saw the Cynics defeat Petersham 9-5 in a thrilling game. They were unfortunately unable to back up the performance losing 6-3 against Petersham in the Grand Final. Stuart Wright, Matt Curry, Pat Glover and Matt Thebridge won season awards. Second Grade finished the regular season in 3rd, losing to Quakers Hill in the semi-final to end the year. With multiple new young players coming through the ranks, Second Grade is set to be a force next season. Ben Warnock, Sunny Butterworth and Alexander Cobb won season awards.

First Grade, despite boasting some impressive talent had a disappointing season. With changes in the team every week, no standout starting pitcher and new players, it was a challenge from

the beginning. A phenomenal season from Steve Smith, starting shortstop, saw him take out multiple awards including Club and First Grade MVP. Adam Barbaro, a new Cynic in 2015, won other awards for both First Grade and the club.

The clubs two PCBL teams had tough seasons, the Division 2 team only managing one win. The two teams have however shown great promise with many new young players, some as young as 14, joining the club. With continued development there could be homegrown talent playing First Grade in years to come. Anthony Carroll, Alex Mather, Scott Hunter, Stefano Vecchiarelli and Sam Rips won season awards for the PCBL teams.

"It would be unfair to call the 2015 Australian University Games an easy tournament for the Cynics. Some might call us unprepared. Others might call us arrogant. But I prefer to see it as a group of fourteen scrappy ballers playing out of their skin in the attempt to live up to an impossible precedent set the year before.

The week started off fast with us well and truly staking our position in the field and demolishing all competition in our path. This success slowed down by Wednesday where, coming off an exciting, to say the least, Tuesday evening, we were shut down by an overpowering Griffith team. We were able to recover quickly, and spent Thursday walking over gold medal hopefuls Queensland University of Technology to stake our spot in the championship game.

After an inspiring Thursday evening we arose fresh Friday morning to face Griffith. We got off to a quick start and managed to get an early lead thanks to a lead-off triple from the bat of import Max "Stoosh" Klein. Our starting pitcher, Alex "Millsy" Mills, was producing a gem until a string of errors in the field led to our undoing. We were unable to hold our lead and unfortunately could not bring the pennant home to Sydney.

I am in no way disappointed in how we played that week. Even in the gold medal game we played a brand of baseball that no one could have thought that us 14 players could produce, so as a manager and 4-year veteran I just want to thank my boys for stepping up and leaving everything out on the field. They gave me more than I could have asked for." – Will Koehn (AUGs President 2015) on this year's University Games team.

**Alex Cobb**  
**SECRETARY**

# BASKETBALL

**THIS YEAR HAS SEEN HUGE GROWTH IN THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB, WITH INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERY STUDENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBER.**

2015 saw the launch of the club's very own 'Sydney University Basketball League', a multi division on-campus basketball league catering for both male and female players of all levels. This has been a huge success, providing club members with the opportunity to play each Sunday throughout the year in an organised and well run competition. This could not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Ben Ireland, our new Competitions Director. This competition has grown from 3 to 5 divisions in 2015 and we will be looking to expand our league in 2016 to provide new divisions and competitions for our members.

The consolidation of our newly formed representative program has been extremely positive, with a highly successful year both on and off the court showing the fruits of the executive committees' hard work. Our Youth League squad had a rebuilding year after losing a large number of their top age players to our men's squad; however, they put in a fantastic effort on the court pulling out a few huge upset wins against two of the leading teams in the competition. Our Men's Division 1 squad had a fantastic year, finishing the regular season on top of the table with a 14-3 record. After a nail-biting home win against Queanbeyan in the quarter-finals, our boys were heartbreakingly defeated in overtime of the semi-finals against Wagga Wagga. Our boys had a near clean sweep of the Waratah League awards, with Kulvir Grewal earning 'All-Star 5' honours, Yann Fassbender winning 'Defensive Player of the Year', 1st year student and 18-year old sensation Sam White winning 'Rookie of The Year', and finally Daniel Kovacic winning his 2nd consecutive 'Coach of the Year' award.

Thanks must be given to the staff and board members of the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Basketball Association, who have been extremely generous in their support of the club allowing us to enter Waratah League teams in partnership with their association.

The club also enjoyed great success at the University Games in 2015 with our women's squad taking out the gold at both the Eastern and Australian University Games (AUGs) in dominant fashion. The men's squad secured a hard earned 4th at EUGs, whilst unfortunately losing to eventual champion Macquarie in the quarter-finals of AUGs. The club would like to especially congratulate Eleni Valos, Rob Dewar, and Kate Cranney on their personal achievements in the AUGs tournament, being voted to the Green and Gold Squad. The club would also like to recognise and congratulate our Basketball Club 'Blue's Award' recipients; Tristan Black, David Hazzard, Patrick Emery, Joshua Collier, and Timothy Hewett.

Off the strong growth of 2015, the club hopes to propel itself into 2016 for yet another big year whilst aiming to improve the results of our elite level teams, increase inclusion for students on campus, and further develop the basketball community at Sydney University.

**Josh Collier**  
**PRESIDENT**





# BOAT

AS USUAL THE CLUB BEGAN 2015 WITH OUR ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP AT TAREE FROM 3-17TH JANUARY. THIS CAMP PREPARES OUR ATHLETES FOR THE NEW SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FEBRUARY AND THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN APRIL.

Despite losing the NSW Champion Men's eight for the first time in ten years, the club managed to once again win the Honours trophy for the club scoring the most points at the NSW Championships – this was our tenth win in eleven years. At the 2015 Australian Championships a point score system was run for the first time and the Sydney Uni Boat Club (SUBC) was placed fifth nationally on the table.

Following the nationals there were team trials and the following athletes were selected to represent Australia from Sydney University.

- Senior Team: Sasha Belonogoff, Cam Girdlestone, Nick Wheatley, Jack Hargreaves, Sally Kehoe, Nick Purnell, Matt Ryan, Fergus Pragnell and Kit Cunningham-Reid
- U23 Team: Alex Purnell
- U21 Team: Jake Bicknell

From the above athletes Cam Girdlestone won silver in the men's quad at the senior worlds with Jack Hargreaves and Nick Wheatley winning silver in the U23 pair and Alex Purnell winning bronze in the U23 men's quad.

The club undertook some development tours in winter. We arranged a women's eight, men's eight and schoolboy eight to attend the Brisbane River Challenge in early July. Our university eights also competed against New Zealand universities crews while in Brisbane in an annual Trans-Tasman Challenge. Our men's crew dominated in the three races and our crews performed well in the River Challenge winning their respective categories.

Following this event our men's crew flew to Shanghai having been invited to the International Universities Rowing Regatta. At this event we gained a third place amongst the 12 international university crews.

Intervarsity Rowing was held at the end of September in Adelaide. SUBC retained the prestigious Oxford and Cambridge Cup for men's eights for the third year running while we also won the mixed eights and fours. Overall we won the men's point score for the Bill Webb Trophy but fell just short in the team points finishing second.

The Australian Boat race (Sydney vs Melbourne University over 4.5 kms) was held on the Yarra River in Melbourne on 25th October with our men's crew winning again and Melbourne defeating our women's crew.

Off the water 2015 was a significant year with the Sydney University Boat Club and the Sydney University Women's Rowing Club amalgamating to form a new club – Sydney University Boat Club. The club's would like to thank presidents Steve Newnham and Bronwen Watson who brought the merger to completion. Steve Newnham was elected as initial President of the new amalgamated club and Bronwen Watson Vice President.

Bronwen Watson retired from her role as a Director of Rowing New South Wales as did Chris Noel. Sarah Cook was elected as a Director at the Rowing NSW AGM. Chris Noel and Bronwen Watson along with Sarah Cook also serve on the Rowing NSW Competition Commission.

The club operated throughout the year from the University of NSW Boatshed at Tarban Creek, Gladesville and from the Glebe Boatshed and wishes to thank the UNSW Boat Club for its assistance in making space for us to train.

The DA for the new boatshed on the Lane Cove site of the one destroyed by fire in 2006 is now approved and the club has begun raising funds for its contribution to this project. It is anticipated that fundraising should be completed by March 2016 so construction can begin on the new shed.

Our coaches for 2015 were Senior Men's Coach Mark Prater, Assistant Coach Tom Sacre, supported by Tom Minifie and Will Raven. Debbie Fox was our Senior Women's Coach with Esther Verburg as her Assistant Coach. We were again fortunate to have assistance and advice from former national coach and Olympian Harald Jahrling throughout the year.

Thanks to the many people who supported the club in 2015, especially the support team at Sydney University Sport and Fitness, our alumni and our parent group.

**Chris Noel**  
**PRESIDENT**

# BOXING

THE BELL SOUNDED FOR AN EARLY START BACK TO TRAINING FOR COACHES AND BOXERS IN JANUARY. BY THE TIME OF O'WEEK AT THE END OF FEBRUARY THE SYDNEY UNI BOXING CLUB (SUBXC) HAD AN ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP LED BY DENNIS MOFFATT AS CIRCUS BARKER WELCOMING THE EAGER FIRST YEARS TO CAMPUS. OVER 130 SIGNED UP AT THE O'WEEK STALL, WITH SOME 80 COMING DOWN TO TRIAL WITH THE CLUB DURING MARCH.

In 2015 we bade farewell to two coaches, Joel Davis and Greg Stanton. Joel is progressing his career with a competition boxing team and has been identified by BANSW as a coach of significant potential in their talent identification programme, while Greg Stanton received an offer of head coach at UNSW. We wish both coaches all the best with their future boxing and thank them for their immense contribution.

Coming on to assist we had Lenny Porea and George Panagopoulos to coach alongside George Pilellis in the 7.30pm class. Stepping up in the role for the 6pm structure class were Chris Burns and Glenn Richards, ably supported by veteran Dennis Moffatt.

In May the club hosted a SUBXC Fundraiser. A sellout crowd of 60 club members enjoyed the afternoon at Erskineville watching the

Mayweather vs. Pacquiao bout. It was a great event getting club members together, with spectacular organisation, decorations and table preparation by Leonie and Jemma.

The club had a strong contingent competing at the Boxing Australia NSW State Novice Titles in August, including Jemma Griffin, Kelvin Madjid, Christian Balzer, Michael Holani and James Robinson. The club had three strong wins. Jemma Griffin won the Novice State Titles win, along with James Robinson taking out a silver medal at the Novice Title, with "Magic" Kelvin Madjid rounding out with a win in his division and Christian Balzer winning in the heavyweight division.

The Boxing Australia NSW Elite Titles held in September saw more success for the club. George Pilellis took Anton one decision short of an elite title. An extraordinary effort given Anton had achieved this after only 15 months of training. From arriving as an international student with no boxing experience he has, after dedicated training, reached the State Titles.

Sydney Uni and Elite Athlete Program alumnus and Sydney Uni Blue Tom Fernon, made a triumphant comeback to the ring winning the 2015 AABLI 71kg National Championship after defeating Daniel Evans. At the same event Sydney Uni alumnus Michael Holani won the silver medal in the 91kg+ division.

Overall, 2015 was a great year of participation and competition with classes running at near full capacity throughout the year. Many thanks to all of the coaches who gave so willingly of their time, the club could not thrive the way it does without their volunteering efforts and dedication. Also great work by the new Club committee members with renewed impetus given by the contribution of Leonie Lum as Secretary, ably assisted by Jemma Griffin and Chen Khong.

**Patrick Cunningham**  
**PRESIDENT SUBXC**



# CANOE

2015 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CANOE CLUB. A STRONG SIGN UP DURING ORIENTATION WEEK AND CONTINUOUS SIGN UPS THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE YEAR SIGNIFICANTLY HELPED THE CLUB.

Both flatwater and whitewater kayaking had a great run, with multiple trips throughout the year. This year also saw a peak in the number of members attending canoe polo. The Canoe Club has grown stronger with a gradual increase in the number of members who are committed to making this club one which is both welcoming to beginners and challenging for our more advanced paddlers.

In 2015 the club invested in gear. We bought 2 new single sea kayaks. These boats are important in providing an enjoyable time on the water for beginners and also allow for longer day and weekend trips by more experienced members. We plan to purchase another four in the coming years as part of our five year strategic plan.

This year we've had more focus on providing opportunities for members to learn about how to kayak safely in various conditions. We have run specific training sessions at the boatshed focused on paddle technique and rescues. The members that attend these sessions are a mixture of new and regular paddlers. Both groups benefit from specific training on the water. We also managed to ensure that at least one trip ran every week from the boatshed, even through winter and heavy down pours.

We had half a dozen beginner-intermediate trips, many of which were organised by a new generation of trip leaders. It's great to see the enthusiasm and autonomy with which this group has taken charge. They were also the powerhouses that organised healthy numbers to attend canoe polo at Ashfield and Eskimo rolling sessions at the UNSW pool.

The year also saw a number of bigger 'expeditions'. In January a group of five paddlers from Sydney Uni Canoe Club and UNSW Outdoors Club joined forces to paddle the Franklin River in the pristine remote wilderness of south-west Tasmania. This trip has to be Australia's most iconic wilderness adventure. In the last week of the year four paddlers flew to the south island of New Zealand. There they sharpened their skills and spent a couple of weeks enjoying the spectacular white water of the West Coast. This destination is truly world class and is something to aspire to.

Andrew Pratley, Wendy Xiao & Bjorn Sturmberg  
OUTGOING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



# CRICKET - MEN REWARDED WITH A THIRD STRAIGHT SPIRIT OF CRICKET AWARD

HAVING TO SCRAP AND FIGHT FOR EVERY LAST POINT, IT CAME DOWN TO THE FINAL ROUND FOR SYDNEY UNI CRICKET CLUB'S (SUCC) FIRST GRADE SIDE TO CONFIRM THEIR PLACE IN THE 2014/15 FINAL SERIES, SNEAKING OVER LAST ROUND COMBATANTS PENRITH IN ORDER TO FINISH 6TH AND TAKE ON MINOR PREMIERS (AND EVENTUAL CHAMPIONS) MANLY IN THE PRELIMINARY FINAL.

Our Second Grade was dominant all season, finishing undefeated and with a big home grand final win to take out their fourth consecutive premiership. The team was also announced as Inside Sport Magazine's Team of the Year in late 2015.

The Third and Fourth Grade sides performed strongly all season with a number of talented young players all pushing for places in higher grades, both making the finals series but faltering at the final hurdles.

Our Fifth Grade side missed out on a finals berth but developed strongly throughout the season, with many new faces to the grade scene. This was evident in our Metro Cup (Sixth Grade) side finishing runners-up for the season with many players having an opportunity to play Fifth Grade throughout the season.

The Poidevin-Gray (U21) side limped through a rain affected season to miss a finals berth, whilst history was made for our Green Shield (U16) side when they went through to the Grand Final for the first time ever, only to go down to a very strong Bankstown side.

The overall success was a sensational achievement, but more importantly, SUCC takes pride in the way in which it plays the game, and this was rewarded with a third straight Spirit of Cricket Award.

## 2015/16 SEASON (Sept – Dec 2015):

With the season only part way over for 2015/16, SUCC is again in strong positions throughout the competition. All grade sides were in the finals race at Christmas, whilst the Poidevin-Gray and Green Shield sides were severely hampered by rain to be well adrift at the halfway mark. Results aside, SUCC is again leading the race to claim a fourth straight Spirit of Cricket Award.

## INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS:

SUCC was well represented in state cricket with Ed Cowan, Ryan Carters, Nick Larkin and Will Somerville holding CNSW contracts, whilst Jonte Pattison was part of the NSW setup with a rookie contract. Cowan, Carters, Larkin and Somerville were further part of the Sydney Sixers Big Bash League campaign for 2015/16. Carters was also a part of a record partnership against New Zealand at Blacktown International Sports Park.

Larkin, Tim Ley and Nigel Cowell also represented NSW in the Futures League with all performing strongly and pushing their cases for further NSW honours.

Jonte Pattison was selected to captain the NSW Country/ACT under 19 team at the Australian Championships, whilst Nick Arnold was seconded to play for the Northern Territory in the under 17 Australian Championships, his highlight being a century against his home state NSW.

Dale Bryant  
OPERATIONS MANAGER

# CRICKET - WOMEN

**2015 WAS A FANTASTIC YEAR FOR UNIVERSITIES WOMEN'S CRICKET CLUB (UWCC). ONE OF THE MANY HIGHLIGHTS WAS FINALLY WINNING THE ELUSIVE SYDNEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S COMPETITION CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, A SYMBOL OF EVERYONE'S HARD WORK AND SUCCESS BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD.**

With nearly 100 registered players, we were able to enter teams in all four grades of the Sydney Women's Grade Competition, including two third grade teams. The Club was represented in every final series across all grades. Our First Grade team, undefeated in the Twenty20 competition, went on to win another Twenty20 premiership at Coogee Oval. Although undefeated in the Limited Overs competition, our First Grade team were outplayed by Bankstown in the Grand Final at North Sydney Oval. Under the care of Nicholas Stapleton, our Brewer Shield (Under-17s) team remained undefeated throughout 2015, winning their fifth consecutive premiership in December. In addition, we would like to thank club coach Caitlin Rawstron. Both Caitlin's and Nick's efforts to prepare our players each week have been phenomenal and we appreciate their continued support and expertise.

We had a number of UWCC players achieve representative honours; Alex Blackwell, Rachael Haynes, Leah Poulton, Kara Sutherland and Georgia Redmayne all played for the NSW Breakers. Lynsey Askew,

Sara Hungerford and Kate Owen all played for the ACT Meteors. Maisy Gibson was part of the Cricket NSW Female Development Tour Squad of Sri Lanka. In the underage ranks, we had Serena Liu and Carly Leeson playing for NSW in the Under-18s National Championships, while Sarah Turner and Maddy Darke played in the Under-15s National Championships. For the third time in her career, Alex Blackwell again received the Belinda Clark Medal as the best player for NSW.

The introduction of the Women's Big Bash League saw numerous UWCC players participate in the inaugural competition. Alex Blackwell, Rachael Haynes and Maisy Gibson played for the Sydney Thunder while Sara Hungerford, Kara Sutherland and Laura Marsh played for the Sydney Sixers. This is a great step forward in exposing women's cricket to the community.

On behalf of the club, I thank Sydney University Sport & Fitness and UNSW Sports & Recreation Department (UNSW ARC) for their ongoing support. I would also like to thank the SCA Women's Committee for its organisation of the fixtures this year.

Thank you to all our members and their families for your involvement this year, especially those who assisted with team management. Thanks also to the committee members who helped with the various administrative and policy matters, and especially to David Mifsud who has provided great guidance and continued support for the club since joining. I would also like to thank Ann Mitchell's continued support of the club and we wish her well as she moves to Melbourne. Her passion for the game and for women in sport has been outstanding. With Ann's move to Melbourne, we will see less of Ann at our matches but we know her support still remains.

**Kate Owen**  
**PRESIDENT**

# FENCING

**FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY FENCING CLUB, 2015 WAS AN IMPORTANT YEAR, AS IT MARKED THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLUB'S FOUNDATION.**

To celebrate the occasion the club held a dinner at the University of Sydney's Refectory that brought together the club's present and past members. While speeches from fencers who fenced for Sydney University throughout the 50s, 60s and 70s highlighted the dramatic changes the sport has undergone in Australia over the past decades, they also reaffirmed the spirit of continuity within the club's ethos and the positive impact fencing at Sydney University has had on countless fencers throughout the decades.

Since its foundation, the club has always been committed to supporting all fencers, no matter their chosen discipline or level of experience. It is with this mission statement in mind that the club committee made the decision to create a third weekly training session to provide additional training opportunities for current members and to encourage new members to hone their skills through the beginners class run during the new session.

Throughout the year, the club's fencers have competed in state, university and national competitions, as well as having been selected to represent Australia internationally. Katherine Kwa and Charles Gwynn took out bronze medals at the foil and sabre state championships respectively. The younger generation is also leaving its mark, with Caitlyn Trussell winning the under-15 Foil State Championships and Sydney University's mixed team winning the under-15 State Team Championships in sabre.

At the Australian University Games the club team was unfortunately not at full strength due to clashes with other national and international events, but it was a very successful week for the club's foil fencers nevertheless. Katherine Kwa and Margarita Sokolovskaja took the gold and the silver medals at the Women's Foil event and the Sydney University teams won both the men's and women's team foil events.

The Elite Athlete Program fencers have also seen considerable success at the national level. Among many excellent results, Samuel Mooney-Grand finished sixth at the under-23 National Championships and Patrick Daley took the bronze at the Open National Championships. A special note must also be made of Sholto Douglas, who has had strong results throughout the year in the international junior circuit and finished eighth at the 2015 Senior Asian Championships, a result never previously achieved by an Australian male foilist.

The fencing club thus starts 2016 in a strong position, hungry for another year of competition and eager to improve the training opportunity it can offer its members. We have been a part of Sydney University sport for seventy years and aim to be so for seventy years more.

**Margarita Sokolovskaja**  
**PRESIDENT**



# FLAMES

**2015 WAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE BRYDENS SYDNEY UNI FLAMES BOTH ON AND OFF THE COURT. THE PROGRAM WAS INCLUSIVE OF THE WATTLE VALLEY WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE (WNBL) COMPETITION AS WELL AS AN EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAM.**

Under the direction of new Head Coach Shannon Seeböhm the Flames progressed to the play offs for the first time in two seasons. The recruitment of Opals guard Leilani Mitchell as well as two quality imports Mikaela Ruef and Paris Johnson in addition to local talents Katie Rae Ebzery, Rohanee Cox and Tahlia Tupaea resulted in a very exciting and entertaining brand of basketball for fans. The team won the minor semi final before falling narrowly to the Bendigo Spirit in the preliminary final to finish the season in third position.

There were many off court highlights too. The season saw a substantial increase in memberships and crowd attendance as well as an increase in sponsorship. We would like to thank Brydens Lawyers for their continued support as the naming rights sponsor, as well as our key partner Southern Design and principal partner Sydney City Toyota. We are also grateful to all our corporate partners and sponsors for their ongoing support of the program.

The Sydney Uni Flames continued to have a strong involvement in community basketball, through a series of camps, clinics and development activities. The Flames players and coaching staff conducted camps in areas such as Hornsby, Liverpool, Newcastle, Illawarra and Hills as well as

development activities based at various venues around The University of Sydney campus. We welcomed an association with the Sydney City Council who provided us with valuable support of our Indigenous Program. This allowed us to run a series of clinics as well as partnering us in our Indigenous Round during the WNBL season. Local indigenous children were provided with a basketball camp, barbecue as well as having the opportunity to watch an entertaining WNBL game between the Flames and Townsville.

2015 provided many highlights individually for Flames. Flames guard Katie-Rae Ebzery capped a successful season by being named in the Australian Opals squad and played in China and Europe as well as being part of the gold medal winning team that competed at the Olympic qualifiers in August. Rising star Tahlia Tupaea continues to impress on the international stage winning a bronze medal at the World U/19 Championships in Russia in her third consecutive year representing at junior level. Furthermore, Head Coach Shannon Seeböhm was named WNBL Coach of the Year as well as being appointed as the National U/17 Women's Coach in what was a fantastic achievement in his inaugural season.

The Flames Academy continued to expand in 2015 in their second year of the program. In partnership with Basketball NSW many young talented metropolitan and country females were provided with on court coaching as well as strength and conditioning sessions. The primary focus of the program is to identify and assist the development of future Flames players in their transition from junior representative basketball to the WNBL.

The Sydney Uni Flames would like to acknowledge the generous support of SUSF, as well as their sponsors, members, volunteers and the SUSF staff that assist the program.

**Karen Dalton**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



# GOLF

**THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2015! THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR WAS THE MEN'S GOLF TEAM CAPTURING A GOLD MEDAL AT THE AUSTRALIAN UNI GAMES (AUGS), WITH STANDOUT PERFORMANCES FROM ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM.**

This year club members, Tim Felan and Benjamin Murray, also represented the University of Sydney at the Boyd Quaich Invitational in St. Andrews, Scotland. The club hope to see continued representation in this prestigious world ranking event from the likes of Hunter Hordern and Kristian, who both had strong performances at AUGs.

Further, this year saw the completion of the 1st annual alumni Matchplay challenge played at St. Michael's Golf Club, an event the club is planning to continue in the upcoming year. Additionally, the club sent a team to the Eastern University Games and held a large number of driving range nights at Moore Park that saw strong levels of participation.

The Golf Club is looking to build on its 2015 success to host more events and continue to see strong performances from its top players!

**Benjamin Murray**  
**PRESIDENT**

# GYMNASTICS

**SYDNEY UNI GYMNASTICS (SUG) HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR MANAGING CHANGES TO OPERATION OF THE GYM, LEAVING LONG-TERM MEMBERS AND RETURNING TO A SURPLUS.**

SUG is a small community of recreational gymnasts, running weekly classes during semester in the Old Teacher's College gymnasium. This year our two long time coaches Greta and Simon, moved on; congratulations to Greta who is now a hand-balancer and acrobat with the international circus 'Cavalier', touring China. Our new coach Amber comes with experience in competitive acrobatics and trapeze, setting attendance records throughout each semester. We had a successful run of classes this year, focusing on tumbling, acrobatic skills and gymnastic strength. Amber will return as coach in 2016.

As well as our classes, we had a regular core group of users growing in strength and skill. As members we have acrobats, circus performers, stunt people and members interested in gymnastics or calisthenics - we encourage people from all these disciplines to come and train with us. Due to changes in operation of the gymnasium in 2015, we had success with members using our Facebook group to organise training sessions and buddies, even in the quietest periods we had a strong turn out to open training sessions.

This year we had a new president who oversaw needed maintenance projects in the gymnasium. This included projects like the repair and cleaning of the tumbling floor, and organising seminars from visiting coaches, for example international hand-balancing instructor and Vegas acrobat Yuri Marmerstein, and strength athlete Simonster.

2016 will start in surplus after incurring a large debt from 2014. We look forward to purchasing new equipment and increasing our membership in 2016. It is difficult to find a gymnastics centre that caters to adults while also being close and affordable for students. SUG exists to allow adults, from beginners to advanced, to train gymnastic skills and meet other like-minded people with low membership costs. We look forward to continuing the SUG community in 2016.

**Jesse Rowles**  
**PRESIDENT**



# CHEERLEADING

**2015 WAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CHEERLEADING (USYD CHEER). IN A SPORT THAT MAY TAKE A PERSON YEAR'S TO MASTER A SKILL AND EXECUTE IT WITH THEIR TEAMMATES WITH SYNCHRONICITY, TEAMS FROM ALL OVER AUSTRALIA COMPETE TO BE THE BEST.**

USYD Cheer has proven that they are the best in NSW when they became NSW State Champions and placed 4th at Nationals in our Level 3 Open Co-Ed division competing in Australia's biggest competition, Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation (AASCF).

Under the leadership of coaches Danielle Jack and Carlos Condack, who both hail from elite cheer teams and have competed for the world titles previously, USYD Cheer has been transformed. It's a huge achievement to have converted a squad, where most athletes had never done the sport before, into state title champions in such a short amount of time.

We started the 2015 season with a new team comprised of 50% returning members and 50% new members who have not done cheer before. Right

from day one, the mission was to train up the new members with stunting and tumbling skills. We had tryouts at the beginning of March and with 5 months of training till NSW State Championship we knew that we had a lot of hard work in those following months. With 50% of the squad having no prior cheer experience, the coaches devised a strategy that meant we would perform easy skills for L3 and work on synchronicity as the score of a routine is comprised of stunts, tumbling and overall performance. This proved to be a success with our win in the ASSCF NSW State, even though our technical difficulty scores were low, we had lower deductions compared to our competitors who went for a more difficult routine but had higher deductions from falls.

With the state win, the coaches shifted strategy again from just training people to do a cheer routine, to transform the team to have a competitive cheer routine. We competed in 2 more competitions; one in Newcastle called ACE Comp (where we were the only team in our division) and one in the Northern Beaches called Battle at the Beaches where we placed second.

Our 4th Place at Nationals demonstrated the team determination and excellent leadership from both coaches. 2015 saw vast improvements with a win in State compared to 5th in 2014, and 4th place at 2015 Nationals compared to 7th place in 2014.

**Jesse Rowles**  
**PRESIDENT**



**THE SYDNEY UNI HANDBALL CLUB CONTINUES TO BE THE LEADING HANDBALL CLUB IN AUSTRALIA AND ONE OF THE LEADING AMATEUR HANDBALL CLUBS IN THE WORLD. FOR THE SECOND TIME IN SUCCESSION, BOTH THE MEN'S (DEFEATING SYDNEY UNI BLUE) AND WOMEN'S TEAMS WON THE NSW HANDBALL LEAGUE. FOR THE WOMEN, THIS IS THEIR 8TH PREMIERSHIP IN THE PAST 10 YEARS AND THE 5TH FOR THE MEN.**

It was mostly at international level however the Sydney Uni Handball Club men's team celebrated the most successful year in its history, and broke new ground for Australian Handball:

- Crowned Australian Club Champions in March
- Represented Australia and won the Oceania Club Championships in Sydney in June
- Sydney Uni qualified for the International Handball Federation (IHF) Super Globe, the official Club World Cup in September in Doha (Qatar)
- As the only non-professional team, and representing the smallest handball continent, Sydney Uni punched well above its weight, finishing 4th amongst all the teams playing, and the highest placed non-European team.
- Ben Fogerty, Daniel Fogerty, Tim Anderson and Tomasz Szlarski represented Australia in the IHF Trophy in Kosovo and the Asian qualifications for the Rio Olympics.
- Several Sydney Uni players also represented NSW at the national championships in Perth, winning the bronze medal.
- Sydney Uni toured Europe for the first time in December – following an invitation to play in Holland's highest profile international tournament, as well as playing several exhibition games in France and Germany.
- The team came back with 5 wins from 8 games, and a raft of new connections, potential players and hundreds more Facebook fans.

#### ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE OF THE CLUB:

- Five players (Emma van Bussel, Allira Hudson-Gofers, Aline Viana, Alice Keighley and Daniella Cook – half the national team) represented Sydney Uni at the Oceania Beach Handball Championships in Perth, winning the event.
- All NSW based players in the NSW women's team at national championships were Sydney Uni players.
- Two players represented NSW in the under 16 National Championships, winning gold.
- 5 players represented NSW in the National Junior Championships, winning gold.
- 6 of the top 10 leading goal scorers were from Sydney Uni.

In addition, Sydney University Handball Club supplies numerous officials and administrators for the NSW Handball Association, including the President, the Competition Coordinator, the Junior Development Officer, and several state and national coaches and managers. The Board of Sydney University Handball Club wishes to thank Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness for its support during the past year and hopes that this will continue into the future.

**Jessica Fearnside**  
**PRESIDENT**

# HANDBALL

THE MOST  
SUCCESSFUL  
YEAR IN ITS  
HISTORY



# HOCKEY

## SYDNEY UNI HOCKEY CLUB (SUHC) HAD AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL PREMIER SQUAD PERFORMANCE IN 2015. ALL FOUR TEAMS MADE THE FINALS.

Our 1st grade men pushed the minor premiers to extra time in the semi-final to eventually lose to a penalty stroke. 2nd grade women finished third after losing to Ryde in the preliminary final. 2nd grade men ended a long premiership drought to bring home the title. Our 1st grade women's team capped off a remarkable season of consistency to defeat Briars in the grand final. The structure around our Premier Squad is working, but we will be refining, improving and developing it during the off-season to create an even better environment in 2016.

Our 4th grade men's team pushed their elimination semi-final to extra time, but ultimately didn't get the result we were after. Men's 7th grade again made the finals and after qualifying for the second round narrowly lost out. Association level movements of teams between consolidated grades during 2015 will hopefully be looked at during the off season as there were clearly some misplaced teams. Our teams should be extremely proud of their commitment and efforts. We are in the top 6 divisions of the association, something only one other club in Sydney can match. Importantly, all teams were competitive, finishing no lower than 7th. Well done men.

SUHC is the only club in the top 5 women Metro divisions. Outside of the premier squads, although not making the finals, our 3 remaining teams importantly had strong seasons and all finished mid table. Our involvement in the Sydney North competition in 2015, if measured by on field successes, wasn't a memorable one. The teams however admirably continued to represent the club each week and are in the running for the prestigious Camel Cup.

Three teams took the field for SUHC in the Masters' competition and it was great to see the Masters attending most of the social functions as well as playing in the men's Saturday teams.

It is no secret that one of the keys to a successful club is a strong junior's base. Thanks to Kate Price and Emma Scriven for driving the junior club forward in 2015. The senior side of the club benefited from numerous players transitioning into the teams this year. This is something that we will continue to focus on in 2016.

### CLUB SPIRIT

The sea of blue and gold throughout the finals series epitomises the strong inter-team ties that exist amongst the club. It was also reflected in our annual social events that again ticked all the boxes. Just when we thought that the pub crawl could not get any bigger, the pubs of the inner west were again blown away by such a large and well behaved SUHC contingent.

A key part of the interaction between teams over the past two seasons has been the Marcus Tjong led fantasy hockey league. The buzz around the club members discussing the leading goal scorers and who is getting the most cards is fantastic and a real driver for club spirit.

The relationship with the Toxteth Hotel was again fantastic. They have continued to work with the club to extend and expand our relationship. We hope to continue the links into 2016.

### LOOKING FORWARD

At the end of the 2015 season, I reflect on my goals for the club I set at the end of 2014. I'll leave it with the reader to review the specific items, but by increasing our juniors playing into seniors for the season, increasing our numbers at training, mainly through the acquisition and retention of great coaches and claiming two senior premierships, obtaining an additional Metro League women's team and keeping up our record social event participations, we are well placed.

**Ant McInnes**  
CLUB CAPTAIN



# JUDO

## IN 2015 THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY JUDO CLUB (SUJC) HAD A STRONG PRESENCE ACROSS ALL KYU GRADES TOURNAMENTS. THE YEAR WAS MARKED BY A GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP, THE BEGINNING OF KID'S CLASSES AND THE CONTINUANCE OF BOTH THE WOMEN'S AND SQUAD CLASSES.

Judo Federation Australia (JFA) launched the Star Club program this year to recognise strong clubs and support grass roots Judo in Australia. SUJC received a three star club plaque, meaning we have between 75 and 100 JFA registered members.

Our club has experienced the largest membership spike in four years, and membership numbers are currently surpassing last year's figures. This is reflected in the surge of competition entries and attendees at both squad and women's sessions.

Kids Judo started off this year in February with ten week terms, following the public school schedule. Classes are reliant on coach, Catriona Macivor and volunteers Martin Doyle and Gaby Marosz, who go above and beyond their requirements to ensure the continuance of these sessions.

Women's classes have seen a great revival and sustainment for the entire year, which is an immense achievement as previously women's classes have reverted back to mixed sessions after a couple of weeks, due to the lack of numbers. SUJC's squad sessions average approximately ten students per class, and we have seen their confidence soar under the guidance of Andrew Roberts, who is dedicated to ensuring SUJC reaches its competition potential. His results are reflected in the surge of Sydney International Open entries at 8, which is a major achievement as in previous years only one or two competed.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

Competitions wise, 2015 was a particularly strong year for the beginners who joined and competed, combined with the newly graded green, blue and brown belts who brought home a fantastic medal haul with an overall total

of 16 gold, 15 silver and 5 bronze, more than 2014's medal tally.

The Australian University Games was another competitive highlight of the year, securing 2 individual bronze medals and 2 individual silvers; with the women's team placing 2nd.

In February 2015, the club was invited by Professor Jeon Ki Young (3-time world champion and Atlanta 1996 Olympic champion) to train for 3 weeks at Yong-In University (South Korea), one of the best judo training institutions in the world. Yong-In University has consistently produced Olympic and world champions over many decades and the quality and intensity of the training showed. Our 4 representatives endured a grueling training regimen that included four sessions a day, six days a week.

SUJC's achievements this year could not have been done without the continuous support and dedication of the coaches Randall Jones, Kristof Frankowski, Catriona Macivor and Andrew Roberts, as well as administrators and fellow teammates.

### KEY FOCUS FOR 2016

For 2016 the club hopes to see a further increase in the number of serious competitors from our club at all the Kyu Grades and University Games. This will be achieved through supporting the squad training sessions, which focus on competition style randori and intense training.

Membership increase and retainment is another focus for 2016. This will mainly be implemented through our start of year intake by appealing to university student's desire for fitness and socialising. Social media advertising will be heightened through regular photos, reports and videos to show our audience that we are a friendly and approachable club. Furthermore we will emphasise that SUJC is a suitable platform for the knowledge and skill development of serious athletes. They will be retained through frequent social events and a buddy system. SUJC will also place an emphasis on female recruitment so that our women's sessions will flourish even more.

For Kid's Judo, ideally we aim to have a class for older kids and one for the younger. Furthermore, through retainment these children will develop loyalty to the club and train with SUJC when they reach university.

**Lora Ye**  
PRESIDENT





# KEMPO KARATE

**2015 MARKED THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR CLUB. WHEN SET UP IN 1965, THE STATED PRIMARY GOAL OF THE CLUB WAS TO PROVIDE FREE TUITION IN KEMPO-KARATE (SHAOLIN) TO ANY UNDERGRADUATE OF EITHER GENDER WHO CHOSE TO ATTEND REGULAR TRAINING.**

Its stated secondary goal was to attract participants from members of the general public. We continue to pursue these goals to the satisfaction of our members.

In 2015, throughout the academic year and vacations (with the sole exception of scheduled public holidays) undergraduate, post-graduate and non-university members attended regular classes and participated in basic and advanced training.

Although the order and mix of activities varies from time to time, the essence remains the same:

- 1) Basic training consisting of:
- a) Calisthenics and Yogic exercises,
  - and b) Unarmed self-defence.

- 2) Advanced training consisting of Shaolin stick fighting.

During 2015, Sydney University Kempo-Karate (Shaolin) Club pursued its primary and secondary goals to the satisfaction of participating members and we are confident in our direction moving forward.

**Serge Martich-Osterman**  
**PRESIDENT**

# KENDO

**THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY KENDO CLUB (SUKC) ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT 2015, WITH A SERIES OF COMPETITIVE ACCOLADES AND A CONTINUING PASSION TO INCREASE THE CLUB'S VISIBILITY AND ATTRACTIVENESS IN THE PUBLIC EYE.**

SUKC had an immense intake last year of 87 new members, on top of the 63 that stayed on from 2014. Regular training attendance is over 50 people per lesson, making it difficult for the club's two coaches to keep up!

In terms of competition results at the state level, SUKC landed arguably their most successful year ever. The competition season began in September, first being the Hanrimwon Competition, where we won every possible division there was to win. Our new students took gold at the Kyu (non-black belt) division, our girls taking gold in both team and individual, and our seniors winning the Dan (black belt) division – totalling 7 gold medals and one best sportsmanship award.

These results followed through at a national level, excelling at the Australian Uni games; with the Opens team achieving 2nd and the Kyu team achieving 3rd. The greatest result was our Mory Zhao (1st Dan women's) and Minty Ma (1st Kyu women's) becoming the Australian Kendo Champions. Mory's win landed a pennant for the University of Sydney which contributed to the overall victory.

The competitive year was rounded out in exceptional fashion at the State Championships and Founder's Cup competitions in December, with SUKC teams claiming gold in the Kyu teams, Women's teams and Dan teams divisions. It is worth pointing out that the Kendo community is usually dominated by senior international players who trained from a young age; however we are proud that we have taken the championships last year with students who only commenced Kendo during their university studies. Beyond these competitions we had much success, but there are too many results so we have only highlighted our best!

A final hat's off to two of our members: Bonnie Lai and Julie Feng who participated on the international stage at the World Kendo Championships in Japan. Said to be the Olympics of Kendo, we were extremely proud to have two of our members represent Australia on the Women's team for the first time in our club's history.

In terms of encouraging the practice of Kendo, the SUKC also held the first seminar for its members in August of 2015, where club coaches Katsuhiko Takayama and Daichi Fujisawa instructed the club on the many facets of Kendo, such as history, art and etiquette.

Under the guidance of our coaches, the SUKC aims to further improve the high standard of kendo that we practice, while also bringing this standard to our new members. Our goals for 2016 are to nurture the next generation of instructors and leaders of the club to help aid our exponential growth in club members, all the while keeping our gold medal track record from last year.

**Yang Chen**  
**PRESIDENT**





# ROCK CLIMBING & MOUNTAINEERING

## 2015 WAS A HUGE YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ROCK CLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (SURMC).

The club was incredibly active this year, with outdoor trips running nearly every weekend. Highlights were the annual Easter trip to Mount Arapiles in Victoria, which saw club members embark on a 13-hour pilgrimage to the best traditional climbing Australia has to offer; sport climbing weekends at Thompsons Point, Nowra, which catered to everyone from complete beginners to club veterans; beginner trips to Barrenjoey (accompanied by a swim and BBQ at Pittwater) and Lindfield Rocks, where club oldies set up the ropes for beginners' first outdoor climbs; countless windy days in the Blue Mountains; and a backcountry ski trip to Kosciuszko National Park. Club night at the Ledge was as always packed out with club members pairing up to tackle Phil's latest sadistic treat.

The main focus of the year was to run as many trips as possible in a variety of climbing disciplines - traditional climbing, sport climbing and bouldering - while offering opportunities for canyoning, abseiling and backcountry skiing. In particular, 2015 built on the renewed interest in traditional climbing the club saw in 2014. Socially, the club was reinvigorated this year, with the reinstatement of the annual 'End of year dinner', movie nights, weekly socials at the Flodge after Wednesday night climbing and overnight camping trips featuring campfires and guitars. Interclub fraternising was a big theme of

2015, with the interclub climbing trip and interclub social events with UNSWOC and UTSOAC. As for training, the club ran technique courses for beginner and intermediate climbers (thanks to our coach Laelia), as well as workshops introducing members to abseiling, navigation, and lead climbing. The club also underwent a huge overhaul of the gear locker, and invested in a large amount of gear for future generations. This included everything from static ropes to carabiners, and getting the old club cams re-slung.

SURMC won back its title to the Manky Cam, the annual social climbing competition held at the Ledge with our friendly rivals from UNSWOC and UTSOAC (the prize being a never-ending bucket of chalk for club members). SURMC members placed in every category of the competition: Open Men's, Open Women's, Novice Men, and Novice Women. As usual, the Ledge put on a great show for everyone, with a variety of quirky problems for everyone to try their hand (and feet) at.

Congratulations to all club members who beat the rock by achieving their personal best this year. A humungous thank you is owed to the 2015 Committee, and all club members who helped out at our trips this year; without you guys there, sacrificing your free time to supervise beginners and pass on your knowledge, this club wouldn't exist. Overall, 2015 was a fantastic year and provided lots of momentum for future generations of SURMC climbers. We aren't a competitive club, yet our members are always on the rock - whether indoors or outdoors - and the sense of adventure that drives our club is a great relief from the predictability and routine of work and uni.

**Georgina Meikle**  
**PRESIDENT**

# NETBALL

## SYDNEY UNI NETBALL CLUB IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY OF SYDNEY NETBALL ASSOCIATION ADMINISTERS ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE ELITE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THE STATE. WE ARE PART OF THE SYDNEY UNI SPORT AND FITNESS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Competing in the NSW Dooley's State League has assisted in offering a week in and out competition for the state's most talented and elite netballers, coaches, umpires and administrators.

This season saw us include players in our squad from the U19 Australian Diamonds, ANL players and many NSW State athletes to our already strong squad of elite netballers. Competing in four Divisions of State League we ended the rounds with first, second, third and fifth which lead into a convincing final series for the Club and a victory for our Waratah Cup team.

### CSNA/SYDNEY UNI CROWNED CHAMPIONS IN NSW WARATAH CUP COMPETITION

We were crowned the 2015 DOOLEYS State League Waratah Cup Champions after defeating Eastwood Ryde, 53-40, in a thrilling title decider at Netball Central.

The win sees us claim the double after taking out the Minor Premiership at the end of the regular season by one competition point.

Victorious Head Coach Jenny O'Keeffe was full of praise for our team, describing the match as the ultimate finals spectacle. "It was an amazing contest out there on court; worthy of a Grand Final! To win our first

competition was magnificent and it saw us claim a maiden title after graduating to the top division in 2014.

Good vision saw us find the post at the beginning of the final quarter and this gave us impudence to slog out and convert our possession finishing with a 13 goal victory. Congratulations to the 2015 Netball NSW President's Medal MVP: Nikki Deegenars.

### JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

We have transformed our grass roots Junior Development Netball Program by engaging more athletes and opening further opportunities to young inspirational athletes. This season saw us have four teams participating in the NSW State Age Championships. Our U17 NSW State Championships team saw some outstanding performances from our long-standing athletes as we entered into a new phase for our program.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In partnership with City of Sydney Netball Association we continue to support all our athletes and officials by identifying potential participants. We are committed to education of our members and make sure we take every opportunity to be the change, so they can go onto achieve and inspire excellence holistically in all areas of their lives.

Acknowledgement of player Shelby Koh who was selected to play for Singapore and Bench Official Sam Dawes who was a Timer during the Sydney 2015 Netball World Cup. Sam said, "it was an exciting and uplifting experience to be apart of the netball world fraternity".

Sydney Uni Netball Club would like to acknowledge the support of all the Officials & Staff from CSNA, SUSF, SUNC Executive and Supporters. Everybody works tirelessly and the growth and depth of our program this season has been the most outstanding with "our best season ever".

**Sam Dawes**  
**OPERATIONS MANAGER**



# RUGBY LEAGUE

## IN 2015 SYDNEY UNIVERSITY RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB (SURLFC) CONTINUED TO BUILD ON THE PLATFORM LAID IN 2013 WHEN THE CLUB WAS RESTRUCTURED

Our The Club has continued to implement significant changes to its operations as it continues to work towards entry into second-tier Rugby League competitions. Much of its success in 2015 was off the field, as the Club continued to implement programs aimed at improving its visibility in the community.

### ELITE ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The SUSF Elite Athlete Program provides support to elite student athletes to achieve balance between study and their participation in sport. In 2015 seven SURLFC players were awarded scholarships under this scheme. The players were enrolled in a broad range of degrees including medicine, commerce and sports science.

### PARTNERSHIP WITH NSW PHYSICAL DISABILITY RUGBY LEAGUE

The NSW Physical Disability Rugby League (NSWPDRLA) supports players with a physical disability participating in the sport of Rugby League. In 2015 SURLFC was able to support the NSWPDRLA by holding joint training sessions with its players and also providing SURLFC players that participated in a number of NSWPDRLA matches. SURLFC was proud to be involved with the NSWPDRLA in 2015 and looks forward to closer participation with the NSWPDRLA in the future.

### PARTNERSHIP WITH NEWTOWN JETS

SURLFC's affiliation with the foundation Rugby League Club the

Newtown Jets continued in 2015. This affiliation has allowed SURLFC to play the majority of its home matches as curtain raisers to the matches played by Newtown Jets in the NSW Cup. In addition to providing for a great playing atmosphere, the visibility of SURLFC is significantly enhanced through the matches played at Henson Park.

### EXPANDED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The club's leadership committee is spearheaded by Brian Smith, former NRL and UK Super League head coach. In 2015 SURLFC was able to continue to aid to its Management Committee with the inclusion of past players Judge Stephen Norrish QC and David Hill together with former Manly director Rory Muscat and Ecovis Clark Jacobs accountant Adrian Burns.

### 2015 SEASON RESULTS

After finishing the 2014 season with both teams making Grand Finals, it was a case of the second year syndrome for SURLFC, with each team reaching the semi-finals but neither team being able to progress through to a Grand Final.

### THE FUTURE OF SURLFC

In 2015 SURLFC celebrated 95 years. Like many other great sporting clubs, its history has been full of great achievements but also a great number of disappointments. SURLFC has, however, remained committed to the ideals of fairness, opportunity, inclusiveness and sporting excellence which the founding students of the club recognised as being fundamental to any sporting organisation. Those ideals drive the culture at SURLFC as it seeks to participate in higher level NSWRL competitions and as it works towards expanding its participation base with plans for the establishment of a women's team as well as participation in the NSWPDRL.

**Chris Kintis**  
**PRESIDENT**



# RUGBY - MEN

## THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB (SUFC) CAN LOOK BACK ON 2015 AS YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON ON AND OFF THE GROUND. ALTHOUGH WE SLIPPED OUT OF THE RUNNING IN THE SHUTE SHIELD RACE IN THE SEMI-FINALS, WE STILL WON FOUR OF THE SEVEN TITLES ON OFFER IN THE SYDNEY PREMIER GRADE COMPETITION AS WELL AS THE OVERALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 12TH CONSECUTIVE SEASON.

As Tim Davidson, our most successful captain in the history of the club, said in a recent ROAR Magazine article, winning the Shute Shield tops off winning the Club Championship. To quote Tim, who was assistant First Grade coach this season, "Winning the Club Championship is as important as winning First Grade. A First Grade title is the icing on the cake for a club. Looking at the bigger picture, winning four titles is outstanding. I think 2015 has been an exceptional year. We should be proud and happy."

The club certainly was after securing the Club Championship, and also when all of our teams made it through to the qualifying finals for the ninth consecutive year.

Our first premierships title came from Second Grade who came from behind in a gripping Colin Caird Shield decider to defeat Randwick 35-34 at Concord Oval, setting the scene for the three Colts grand finals, all against Randwick, played at Forshaw Rugby Park the following day. Third Colts opened proceedings with a 10-nil result in the Bill Simpson Shield, Seconds collected the Shell Trophy with a 30-24 win, and Firsts collected the W. McMahon

Memorial Shield with a 35-26 result. It was the fifth time Sydney University Colts have won three premierships on the one day, and Second Colts made it 10 premierships in a row, starting in 2006.

SUFC provided almost a quarter of the 31-man Australian squad for the 2015 World Cup where we bowed out to New Zealand in the final. Congratulations to Dean Mumm, Will Skelton, Ben McCalman, Nick Phipps, Bernard Foley and Israel Folau, who were selected in the initial squad, and to Sam Carter who was added to the squad after Will sustained an injury. With the exception of Israel, all came through the SUFC Colts and Grade system.

Congratulations is also extended to Folau Fainga'a and Matt Sandell, who were key members of the Australian squad at the World Under 20 Rugby Union Championships played in Italy, and to Pat McCutcheon, Ed Jenkins, Greg Jeloudev and Tom Kingston, who are members of the Australian Sevens squad to contest the 2015-16 World Rugby Sevens Series.

SUFC has also provided a host of players to the Super Rugby ranks, including Peter Betham, Dave Dennis, Israel Folau, Bernard Foley, Tolu Latu, Pat McCutcheon, Dean Mumm, Nick Phipps, Paddy Ryan, Will Skelton, and Jeremy Tilse with the NSW Waratahs; Tom English, Mitch Inman, Sam Jeffries, Nik Stirzaker and Laurie Weeks with the Melbourne Rebels; Sam Carter and James Dargaville with the ACT Brumbies; Sam Talakai with the Queensland Reds, and Nathan Charles and Ben McCalman with the Western Force.

We must mention the retirement of our great Club President, David Mortimer AO at the end of the 2015 season. After 16 years of service, we would like to thank David for his incredible contribution to the club, as the club would simply not be in its position without him. The club cannot wait to continue your legacy for 2016, we will do you proud! A more detailed version of the club's Annual Report is available on our website.

**Sarah Dill-Macky**  
**RUGBY OPERATIONS MANAGER**





# RUGBY - WOMEN

**2015 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CANOE CLUB. A STRONG SIGN UP DURING ORIENTATION WEEK AND CONTINUOUS SIGN UPS THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE YEAR SIGNIFICANTLY HELPED THE CLUB.**

Winning the final against a tough Parramatta Two Blues could not have been achieved without the hard work put in by all the girls throughout the season or without the skilful guidance and commitment of our coach, Phil Brown (often driving from Canberra to make it to trainings!). Higher representative honours were achieved by nine SUWRC players (Ashleigh Hewson, Barbara Waddell, Brittany Le'aunae, Emily Chancellor, Fi Jones, Grace Hamilton, Kim Davey, Michelle Bailey and Penelope Leiataua) who were selected to represent Sydney at the 2015 National XVs Championships. The Sydney team defeated ACT in the final to be named 2015 National XVs Champions. From these championships, five SUWRC players were invited to the Wallaroos (Australian Women's XVs) training camp held in August 2015 (Ashleigh Hewson, Emily Chancellor, Grace Hamilton, Michelle Bailey and Penelope Leiataua).

With women's rugby 7s being one of the fastest growing sports, the club has continued to enter in numerous 7s tournaments throughout the year including Darwin (plate winners), Crescent Head (3rd place), Bowral (runners up), Byron Bay (3rd place) and Campbelltown 7s (3rd and 4th place, two teams entered). The growth of our 7s participation and skills is thanks to the dedication and quality of our coach Stephen Bennie, who also coached the NSW White team at the National 7s Championships.

The National 7s Championships were held in Sydney in March 2015, and saw a great representation from SUWRC with eight players selected to represent NSW across two teams (Barbara Waddell, Deven Owsiany, Emily Chancellor, Iliseva Batibasaga, Josephine Bavatu, Kate Porter, Kim Davey, and Sarah Halvorsen). NSW Blue came away champions over QLD Red in the final. SUWRC's Iliseva Batibasaga, captain of the NSW Blue team, was named player of the tournament. From this tournament, SUWRC players Batibasaga and Halvorsen were included in the Australian 7s extended squad attending several training camps throughout the year. Halvorsen later in the year represented Australia at the 2015 Pacific Games collecting a silver medal in the final against Fiji. SUWRC also had representation in the 2015 Youth National 7s Championships through player Jade Fonua who played for NSW Blue, defeating QLD Red in the Final. Fonua progressed into the Australian Youth 7s Squad from her performances.

SUWRC would like to thank everyone who was involved in the club in 2015; our sponsors Buildcorp and the Nags Head Hotel, who have continuously supported us; our volunteers, who give up countless hours to ensure everything runs smoothly; SUSF for allowing us to remain a successful club and our supporters for being loyal. We are proud of our successes in 2015 and look forward to growing again in 2016.

**Barbara Waddell**  
PRESIDENT

**Emily Chancellor**  
SECRETARY



**2015 HAS BEEN AN EVENTFUL AND EXCITING YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNI SAILING CLUB (SUSC).**

Throughout the year, we saw a transition in the executive committee. This has always been a positive factor in the club, allowing our more established members to continue to enjoy the club and a fresh executive to contribute to the University sailing community. SUSC boasts two strong domains: social and competitive. These domains allow a broad spectrum of members to engage with the club and strongly complement each other.

Socially, the club has always had a legacy with its famous weekend trips. This year maintained that legacy, with multiple trips to Hawks Nest and Jervis Bay. Members had the opportunity to sail, swim, stand up paddleboard and windsurf whilst ending the day around a bonfire on the beach. This has always been a highlight of the club, with bigger and better trips planned for 2016.

Our primary goal for the year is to increase accessibility to all university students, as well as promoting the sport of sailing. This involved encouraging more beginner events and enabling members to experience yachting on the Harbour. Additionally, social events for members held in Rose Bay throughout the year helped promote and engage the community. 2015 saw the start of some events held in conjunction with other university sailing clubs, allowing more members to engage with our services and further promote university sailing at a state level.

In our competitive domain, we have also had great success with our elite sailors at the Australian University Games on the Gold Coast in 2015. Our team of eight placed 2nd overall. The team made it all the way to the Grand Final, only just missing out on gold. An excellent effort and great achievement by these sailors, given the difficult wind and tide conditions they battled and overcame. Their result is a testimony to their sportsmanship, dedication and perseverance both on and off the water. Other members have participated and represented the club in university match racing and teams racing events around Australia.

2016 is developing into a promising year for the Sailing Club. We are aiming to continually improve the service, delivery and amount of events and activities for members and promote university sailing at a state and national level. Sydney Uni Sailing Club is a leading club in university sailing and one of the most prestigious university sailing clubs in Australia. This year will see us continue that heritage and demonstrate to Australia just how great this club is.

**Hannah Richards**  
COMMODORE

## SAILING

GREAT SUCCESS  
WITH OUR ELITE  
SAILORS

# SOCCER

**2015 WAS A YEAR OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRASTS FOR SYDNEY UNI SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB (SUSFC). OUR INAUGURAL WOMEN'S NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE (NPL) 1 FIRST GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP WAS OFFSET BY A DISAPPOINTING YEAR FOR OUR MEN'S NPL 2 PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH OUR IMPROVED ACROSS-THE-BOARD ALL AGE PERFORMANCES AND IMPROVED OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE CERTAINLY TIPPED THE SCALES TO MAKE IT A POSITIVE YEAR FOR THE CLUB, SPENT RE-BUILDING AND RE-FOCUSING.**

There are many different reasons why our members choose to play football. From the social experience to aspirations of elite success, one of the great differentiators of our Club is the melting pot of football ambitions and experiences.

#### **A FEW VERY WORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS TO RECOGNISE FROM 2015:**

- Women's First Grade NPL 1 Champions – our first ever first grade title in SUSFC history, expertly coached by Matildas' legend Heather Garriock, Luke Kelly and Michael Mantikos.
- Boy's Under 12s NPL 2 Champions – our first ever crop of boys Skills Acquisition Program (SAP) players showing the value of sustained skill development and expert guidance of an astute coaching staff and detailed football curriculum.
- Men's All Age 8s and Women's All Age 8s winning their respective grand finals.

On the other side of the ledger, our senior Men's NPL 2 program had a very difficult year. Despite none of the 18s, 20s or First Grade themselves taking the wooden spoon, as a Club we finished the year in last place on the Club Championship and have been relegated to the new NPL 3 for 2016.

A Club like ours doesn't function without the commitment and sacrifice of a large number of volunteers. Thank you sincerely to anyone who has donated their time to coach, manage, or assist a player, team or the Club. We are better for your involvement.

Thank you to our staff Grace, John and Cam. A year of firsts for each of you and one that I hope you reflect on fondly. We had our fair share of tough times to endure and glad that we could finish the year celebrating successes that you have each played a huge hand in creating.

To our sponsors Ralph's Café, Prime Protection and The Royal Hotel, we thank you for your continued and invaluable financial and moral support. Thank you to Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness. The redevelopment of No.2 Oval, our new home on campus, will end our existence as the gypsies of football in NSW and will lay the foundation for the Club to thrive on and off the field for decades to come. Thanks for your foresight and fortitude to invest in a new kennel for us.

Thank you to Brendan Casey and the USSF Soccer Football Foundation for your efforts and energies in rallying donations and securing the financial future of the Club. Thanks to all those who have made donations to the No.2 Oval project. Your selfless contributions are most appreciated and we look forward to honouring all donors (with SUSF) in the finished Grandstand. Thanks also to Rodney Tubbs and David Collins for their coordination, corralling and constant barraging of emails to keep the fundraising momentum going!

Finally and personally, to the 2015 Executive Committee, thank you for all those hours spent discussing, debating and creating policies, process and programs throughout the year. None of us expect that running a Club like ours would be easy. Thank you for your leadership and support.

**Matthew Rolfe**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



# SQUASH

**DURING 2015, THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SQUASH CLUB PARTICIPATED IN THE NSW SQUASH AUTUMN AND SPRING PENNANTS. WE HAD 8 TEAMS IN THE AUTUMN COMPETITION AND 6 TEAMS IN THE SPRING COMPETITION IN DIVISIONS 1 THROUGH 12. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN THE 2 COMPETITIONS WAS 94 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

4 out of our 8 teams played in the NSW Autumn Pennant and reached the finals, with 2 of the teams winning the grand final. In the NSW Spring Pennant, 4 out of the 6 teams who competed reached the finals, with 3 of these teams making it to the grand final and 2 teams winning the grand

final. Congratulations to the winning teams and to all the teams who made it to the finals.

The 2015 Alkhub Cup Championship had 30 participants. The final saw Terry Murphy play against Jim Clark in a very strong and an intense match with Terry Murphy winning on the day. Congratulations Terry.

The Squash Club offers many benefits to its members; practise times between 5- 7pm on weekdays and on Saturday, exclusive use of the Manning Squash Courts, entry into our Club Championships and a great social atmosphere during practise sessions and after pennant matches. Students at the higher level are also encouraged and eligible to compete at the Australian University Games.

Thanks to the committee members for volunteering their time and effort to keep the club running and attracting new members.

The club looks forward to welcoming all newcomers and gaining strength through membership during 2016.

**Mohammed Alkhub**  
**PRESIDENT**



# SWIMMING

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR ROLLS TO A CLOSE FOR SYDNEY UNI SWIMMING CLUB (SUSC). IT'S A GROUP EFFORT TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE: SWIMMERS, COACHES, SUSF, PARENTS AND CARERS. LIKE THE SAYING, "IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD," ALL OF THESE GROUPS NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER TO MAKE THE CLUB A SUCCESS.**

SUSC swimmers represented the club at Club, Inter-Club, Area, Metro, State Age and Open, National Age and Open levels. A number of SUSC's High Performance swimmers also represented Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland at International Events. In addition, our junior swimmers represented their schools at various levels with two swimmers selected to represent NSW at the Pacific School Games in November 2015.

The High Performance Program partners with NSWIS as a Centre of Excellence and is led by Grant Stoelwinder and Scott Talbot. During 2015, Scott was appointed the head coach for the Australian team sent to the World University Games. At National level, Sydney Uni finished sixth overall at the National Open's in April and was the top point scoring club in NSW. At State Open, Sydney Uni was the first placed NSW club finishing sixth overall. Te Haumi Maxwell and Benjamin Lindsay were awarded Sydney Uni Blues.

The Age program led by Leanne Thompson has been operating at capacity for the year. The Age program has increased its representation at Metropolitan, State and National levels and achieved numerous top 10 and medal winning performances. Madeleine Fairlie was again selected into the NSW Junior Sharks Performance Squad. Congratulations to Leanne Thompson who was awarded her ASCTA Silver Licence.

SUSC had 171 members in 2014-2015. Of these, 102 were swimmers with the remaining 69 being non-swimmers.

As at December 31, 2014, SUSC had over \$17,000 in funds. This was ahead of the budget, buoyed by a financially successful Development Meet.

The club has a number of qualified Technical Officials and offered training throughout the year to ensure that it is able to offer club meets to members that are run under the rules of NSW Swimming. As a result our club was able to field a full team of Technical Officials to ensure our second, very successful Development Meet ran smoothly.

SUSF continues to support us by providing coaches, facilities to train in, a venue for our club nights and development meet, governance over the running of the club and finally, but certainly not least, our swim families.

At the SUSF Sports Awards in April 2015, Julie Andrews was awarded Female Administrator of the Year. Members of the club were also finalists in Coach of the Year (Grant Stoelwinder and Scott Talbot); Sportsman of the Year (Matt Abood); Male Administrator of the Year (Paul Newham) while the club was a finalist in Premier Club of the year.

Thank you to all Committee members (2014-2015 and current 2015-2016) for your ongoing support.

**Samantha Gardner-Wade**  
**PRESIDENT**



# TABLE TENNIS

**THE USYD TABLE TENNIS CLUB (USYDTT) MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN 2015 WHICH SAW AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP SIGN UPS FOR THE CLUB.**

Our monthly competitions continue to be a popular event in our club. A few improvements in the format has helped make these events more organised for our players. These competitions encourage more players to be involved and offer a great chance for them to not only build their competitive skills but meet new friends.

Both our men's and women's teams achieved amazing results at the Australian University Games (AUGs), scoring medals in all categories and making it one of our most successful games yet. Our women's team were defending champions, winning gold against Monash University in the final while our Men's team fought hard against Monash University to score bronze.

Our top player and men's team captain Kane Townsend played quality table tennis and was able to defend his Gold medal position in the men's singles. He also teamed up with Gavin Lee to win Silver in the men's doubles. Additionally, Angela Feng showed her strong table tennis skills by winning

bronze in the women's singles as well as receiving silver with her partner Jingyu Zhang in the women's doubles. Overall, we are proud of being able to support our team players who made the most of their unforgettable AUGs experience at the Gold Coast.

Another highlight was the comeback of the USYD Table Tennis Open, as this annual tournament was cancelled last year. Through careful organisation and active promotion, the tournament was able to attract many players of all levels and ages from the community. All the players were able to have fun in playing a high level of table tennis and the competition provided some thrilling and entertaining matches to watch. The event helped increase our club's presence within the table tennis community and we wish to improve and continue running this annual tournament for many years to come.

In the future, our club aims to continue expanding and to engage more with our members through organising more events and supporting the development of our players, especially novice players. We will also strive to support a strong team of players to participate at the AUGs in Perth next year.

Looking forward to greater success in 2016!

**Fiona Luu**  
**PRESIDENT**



# TAEKWONDO

WITH THE EXCEPTIONAL ORGANISATION AND DEVOTION OF PAST COMMITTEES, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY TAEKWONDO CLUB (SUTC) CONTINUES TO STRIVE IN COMPETITIONS AND FOSTER ALL MEMBERS REGARDLESS OF THEIR LEVEL. WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY AND CONSISTENTLY INSTILLED THE INTEGRAL PRINCIPLES OF RESPECT, DISCIPLINE AND SPORTSMANSHIP WHILST OFFERING EXTRAORDINARY TRAINING SESSIONS FOR TECHNIQUE AND FITNESS TO ALL MEMBERS.

Our experienced and qualified instructors allowed our members to truly appreciate the art of Taekwondo, with balanced focus on both Sparring and Poomsae (technical pattern performance) which many clubs struggle to achieve.

It has certainly been a great year in competing and training for all members.

Our athletes brought home outstanding results from major competitions such as the National Taekwondo Championships and the Australian

University Games (AUGs). Universiade is the Olympic equivalent only open for University students and four athletes of the Australian Universiade Taekwondo team represented our club and competed against the world's best in Korea.

SUTC's demonstrations at O-week continue to be the club's most successful opportunity for recruitment, particularly with the wooden board breaking segments. Our members' committed and continued effort in running weekly fundraising events on campus supported our team greatly in sending 26 participants to the 2015 AUGs on the Gold Coast. As anticipated the AUGs was the most enriching experience for our club, with both competition and social experience being priceless. Our team travelled as a team, competed as a team and toured as a team and as a result team spirit was high. Our club looks forward to another great AUGs experience this year in Perth.

In 2016 we are aiming to attend all competitions throughout the year and create one for ourselves. We are excited to run our very first Sydney University Taekwondo Club Championship which all universities will be invited to join. The competition will be held in our home ground, Brydens Stadium at Sydney Uni Sport and Aquatic Centre. We have also planned to run joint training sessions with other university Taekwondo clubs.

In summary, SUTC hopes to expand its member base even further, encourage great participation in competitions at all levels and improve its results to finally bring home 1st place from AUGs. With our newly established committee, instructors and facilities, I have no doubt our club will once again achieve greatness throughout the year.

**Sam Yang**  
**PRESIDENT**



## 2015 WAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE CLUB BOTH ON AND OFF OF THE COURT.

The year commenced with our men and women competing jointly in the inaugural Sydney Tennis League. In what is emerging as the premier interclub competition in Sydney, our team finished 3rd, narrowly missing out on a birth in the final.

Later in the year, our women's and men's teams competed in the Australian University Games (AUGs). Our women's team had a strong campaign, defeating the University of Newcastle in the playoff for bronze. Unfortunately our men were unable to defend the gold medal they achieved in 2014, finishing fourth.

There were some fantastic achievements in the Autumn Badge competition across all levels of play.

In the men's competition SU4 led the way, taking out the premiership in grade 2.2. For the second straight year, our Premier League men's side reached the semi-finals, falling to Hills District. In the women's competition, both SU2 (grade 1.2) and SU3 (grade 1.3) made semi-finals. Our Premier League women's side narrowly missed out on a birth in the finals finishing fifth after a promising season. Congratulations must go to Htay Aung (Men's SU2) and Jennifer Kay (Women's SU3) who were the club's most valuable players for 2015.

The Club Championships were again contested in September, with Natalie Klug taking out the Open Women's Championship. In the Open Men's Championship, Kemper Shaw and Anthony Lark advanced to the final, only for the match to be abandoned due to inclement weather.

In recognition of their outstanding performances for the club over the preceding year, Martina Hudaly and James Palmer were each awarded a Blue by Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness. Both players richly deserved this recognition and on behalf of the club I would like to congratulate them.

Off the court, the club continues to make strong developments administratively. This was reflected by a return to surplus in 2015, as well as the extremely successful running of the Sydney University Open Silver AMT which was undoubtedly the highlight of the year. A variety of social events were also held throughout the year including the Spring Soiree at the Grandstand, a club raffle and the multiple BBQs.

I would like to extend the club's thanks to the Groundsmen for their excellent work on the courts throughout the year. And, in particular, to extend our gratitude to former Head Groundsman Ray Hunt, who did an outstanding job maintaining the Manning courts over many years. Without his efforts and patience the club would not be where it is today.

It was a privilege to work with our Management Committee again in 2015. The successes for the year are a reflection of their hard work and dedication. The Committee was composed of: Hayley Ericksen (Senior Vice-President), David Power (Junior Vice-President), Anthony Lark (Secretary), Warwick Lynch (Treasurer), Martina Hudaly (Club Captain), Mark Curzon (Badge Delegate: Men) and Rouna Daley (Badge Delegate: Women), Olivia Pitt (Registrar) and student representatives Jack Kliner, Isabella Bain and James Palmer. Our Honorary solicitor was Hien Duong.

**Michael Walton**  
**PRESIDENT**

# TENNIS

## FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE AUTUMN BADGE COMPETITION



# TOUCH FOOTBALL

**THIS YEAR HAS BEEN INTERESTING AND PROGRESSIVE, AS WELL AS BEING FUN AND SUCCESSFUL, AND WITH A RELATIVELY NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM I BELIEVE WE HAVE GUIDED THE CLUB IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION.**

## STUDENT LEAGUE

After agreements made with Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) in 2014, this was our first year in which every student league player was an SUSF member. Semester 1 was strong both socially and competitively, filling up spots early in O-Week and having enthusiastic teams and coaches. As expected, semester 2 struggled to get off the ground, however unlike previous seasons, participation continued to fall throughout the semester. Looking forward it is important that we focus on increasing coach enthusiasm and general field atmosphere. We also hope to streamline the registration process as it currently requires competitors to go back and forth trying to satisfy both SUSF and NSW Touch requirements. Additionally, we had a day of beach touch at Maroubra which was a great round and something we would like to enter more teams in going forward.

## SUSF

One of the greatest achievements of the club this year was repairing the relationship with SUSF. Starting with retrieving the money from Paul Hickey, which Anna will discuss in the Financial Report, we worked towards a stronger relationship which ultimately helped us in not being sent home at EUGs following an incident among other

benefits. The club has also started to contribute significantly to the SUSF construction projects in the hope that in the near future Student League will be played on a synthesised Square that cannot be rained out.

## UNIVERSITY GAMES

This year Eastern University Games (EUGs) was hosted in Wagga Wagga and both Main and Cumberland Campuses sent Men's, Women's and Mixed teams. Australian Uni Games (AUGs) was held in the Gold Coast and again we took three teams. Notably, the Main Women's team brought home Bronze from EUGs and Gold from AUGs. We also emerged with Green and Gold Medals for Gabrielle Chiu, Teigan Miller, Paddy Coelho and Will Thorpe. Both Unigames' brought in lots of enthusiastic and skilled new members to the club.

## VARSITY

Last year we separated the Monday night comp and the Varsity side from the main University club, which has been successful. Following discussions with SUSF, our long term future plans lead towards bringing Varsity back to the University and having a strong Sydney Uni Representative side. This would hopefully lead to bringing our strongest players to the Sydney Uni team and offering more scholarships.

Overall, the Touch Club has had a terrific year competitively, socially and administratively. I would like to thank Soupy, Lachy, Anna and Paddy for being an amazing, hardworking and cohesive team that discussed and solved problems efficiently with zero drama throughout the year. Over the next year we are positive that the club will continue to move in a positive direction.

**Lachlan Wylie**  
**PRESIDENT**



# ULTIMATE FRISBEE

**2015 HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR THE CLUB, WITH OVER 200 ACTIVE MEMBERS – SOME RETURNING AND MANY NEW. THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR 20TH YEAR WAS A GOLD MEDAL FOR THE MEN'S TEAM AND SILVER FOR THE WOMEN'S AT THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES (AUGS) ON THE GOLD COAST. BOTH TEAMS BEAT OUT 22 OTHER UNIVERSITIES TO PLACE FIRST AND SECOND IN THE NATION. THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF A SPLIT GENDER AUGS, AND BOTH OUR TEAMS ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE.**

In July the club sent a mixed team to Eastern University Games (EUGs) in Wagga Wagga, ultimately placing second to Newcastle Uni. Sydney Uni also represented at North Shore League, a Monday night league run throughout the year with both a Summer and Winter season. USYD won the Summer league and placed second in Winter.

As it was the 20th year of the club forming, Sydney Uni Ultimate Frisbee hosted a showcase game and barbecue. There were players and members from the last 20 years of all levels – up to Worlds players. It was a great way to celebrate the club and catch up with old friends.

Sydney Uni also sent 7 players to represent Australia at the World Under

23 Ultimate Championships in London. Rob Andrews, Lucas Nicholls, Alex Ladomatos, Sarah Perkins, Rachel Parsons, Eunice Cheung and Hayley Lambert represented Australia for the Men's (Goannas), Women's (Stingrays) and Mixed (Bluebottles) divisions. The Bluebottles came 2nd, beating Canada in the semi-final to win silver medals.

The first four days of the 2015 AUGs saw Sydney Uni totally undefeated. The women's team came up against Melbourne University in the grand final and eventually lost by 2 points to win silver. The men's team remained undefeated, taking down UNSW to win the grand final and take home the gold medal.

Sydney Uni also hosted its annual tournament "Gnarly 9s" in which each team can only have 9 players, to great success. Sydney Uni sent multiple teams and one team placed second.

Later in the year, the Dingoes (Men's), Firetails (Women's) and Barramundis (Mixed) teams held tryouts to select teams to represent Australia at the World Ultimate Championships in London, 2016. Sydney Uni had 2 students selected for the Dingoes, Rob Andrews and Alex Ladomatos, as well as alumni Benjamin Sutas. Kimberley Spragg was selected for the Firetails, and the final Barramundis team has yet to be selected at the time of this report, but Andy Wood and alumni Laura Manescu were selected in the second squad in December. This is a great achievement for the club.

Overall, 2015 has been an amazing year for the club and we have achieved some incredible results. Goals for next year include sending 2 teams to EUGs to improve women's development for AUGs. We look forward to what we can achieve in 2016!

**Helen Epstein**  
**PRESIDENT**



# VELO

NOW IN OUR SIXTH YEAR, SYDNEY UNI VELO (SUVELO) CLUB CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED A NEWCOMER TO THE SYDNEY CYCLING SCENE, AS IT IS NOW WELL ESTABLISHED AFTER A FEW YEARS OF RAPID GROWTH AND CHANGE. AS AN ESTABLISHED AND WELL RECOGNISED ROAD CYCLING CLUB, SUVELO ENJOYS A SOLID REPUTATION AS A SAFE, COMPETITIVE AND WELCOMING CLUB; CATERING FOR THE INTERESTS OF ROAD CYCLISTS OF ALL ABILITIES.

Membership numbers remain at a steady level of 358 and we continue to see healthy enquiries and new memberships. Among our membership, SUVelo enjoys a greater than average number of women riders with approximately 15% of SUVelo members being women which supports the club's inclusive culture.

SUVelo has had another very successful year in competition and we continue to see very active participation in racing at all levels. A testament to SUVelo's level of competitive success was winning the inaugural 'Cycling NSW Club's Road Premiership' for 2015 – a new competition between all NSW cycling clubs where points are allocated on the basis of places in a range of races.

SUVelo continued to build on the momentum of 2014 by fielding a strong SUVelo Racing Team in the Women's National Road Series (NRS) – the pinnacle of road cycling in Australia. Our Men's team was in a rebuilding phase and while not a full entry in the NRS was provided, with a few 'wild-card' entries the team performed admirably. Among a number of noteworthy performances, the stand-out for 2015 was Lauren Fitzgerald's win on the Stage Two of the National Capital Tour; held in Canberra in October 2015; another first for the club.

2015 also saw the joint awarding of both the Men's and Women's Club Champions and the Male and Female 'Rider's Rider' being awarded to the same two people. Lauren Fitzgerald was our Female Club Champion and Female Rider's rider and Mark Keefe took out both categories for the men.

SUVelo members also constituted a majority of the 2015 Sydney Uni Australian University Games (AUGs) cycling team, which again was a great success overall for Sydney Uni. This event remains one of the club's key focal points and an important date on our competition calendar.

SUVelo had the good fortune to maintain strong sponsor support in 2015 and the generosity of these sponsors underpins SUVelo's ongoing development and success. Our sponsors Slater and Gordon Lawyers, The Malaya, Sports Focus Physiotherapy, Staminade, A'qto, Turbo Studios and Pave the Way have all made valuable contributions in 2015. The ongoing support of SUSF is also important and valuable – thankyou.

2016 will see the club maintain its momentum as a destination for cyclists looking for competition, personal development and a great team atmosphere in a safe and welcoming environment for cyclists at all levels.

In summary, 2015 was another successful year of growth for SUVelo, building upon its solid performance-based ethos of which SUVelo is proud and from which we can work to further enhance the reputation and rewards for our club.

**Craig Gibbons**  
PRESIDENT

# VOLLEYBALL

2015 BROUGHT SOME PROMISING RESULTS FOR THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB, TRIGGERED BY A STRONG SHOWING IN THE PRESEASON, PARTICULARLY AT THE ILLAWARRA STATE CUP WITH THE WOMEN'S HONOURS COMING AWAY WITH A BRONZE AND THE MEN'S DIVISION 1 EARNING GOLD. MEN'S HONOURS AIMED TO DEFEND THEIR MANLY CUP TITLE, INSTEAD TAKING SILVER.

The club continued to demonstrate strong growth, entering 6 teams into the Sydney Volleyball League (4 Men's, 2 Women's). The club had a strong showing with the Men's Honours team finishing 4th in a tough division, with Men's Division 1 snatching the Bronze as well as taking the longest winning streak in the club and the Men's Division 2 taking out the silver medal. The Women's Honours team took out half of the SVL All Star awards, with Kristina Knezovic awarded Best Universal, Sharmaine Fernando Best Libero and Danae Stasinoulia Best Server. These strong results demonstrate the continued growth of the club and hopefully such success continues into 2016.

Once again the season came to close with the Good Neighbour Tournament in Canberra. Taking Silver in Men's Div 2 and Men's Honours, with notable mention going to the Men's Honours team going down in a very entertaining and tightly fought match against Canberra Heat (the eventual champions of the Australian Volleyball League).

## AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The 2015 AVL season saw the joint venture between UTS and Sydney Uni put forward a very competitive squad in both the Men's and Women's competitions. Once again the Women's program came away the bridesmaid, taking the silver in an epic 5 set match in front of a crowd of thousands in Melbourne. On the back of their continued strong results, members of the squad have been invited to the Australian Women's Volleyroos selection camps. The Men's program experienced a significant shift with a new head coach and transformed playing system, however unfortunately they finished 3rd in their pool containing the eventual winner's (Canberra Heat) and second place getters (Queensland Pirates).

## AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

On the back of a strong showing at the Eastern University Games, the Men's volleyball team were aiming for gold at the Gold Coast, falling ever so short and claiming a Bronze medal, after losing an epic 2.5 hour match against eventual winners in the semi final. The Women's team almost completed one of the biggest turnarounds having finished last the previous year to claim the silver medal for 2015. Congratulations to Liam Elkington, Dustin Lam and Sharmaine Fernando on being selected to the AUG's Green and Gold Merit Team.

Notable mentions also go to Liam Elkington and Sharmaine Fernando on being awarded Blues to recognise their significant achievements.

Special thanks to Chris Barton for his service to the club, as Head Coach of the Men's program many of the club's success would not have been possible without Chris' dedication, passion and knowledge of the game.

**Georgina Meikle**  
PRESIDENT

# WATER POLO - MEN

## A SECOND PLACING IN THE NATIONAL WATER POLO LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTED ANOTHER FINE YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY MEN'S WATER POLO CLUB.

Under new Head Coach Dusan Krstic, the Lions performed consistently to finish the National Water Polo League (NWPL) regular season in first place with an excellent 19-3 record, thereby taking out the prestigious Southern Cross Trophy for minor premiers.

This allowed them an automatic semi-final place, reaching the final with a hard-fought 6-3 triumph over Drummoyne. In the Grand Final, UNSW/Wests prevailed 9-6 with the Lions a little off in all aspects of their game. However, the silver medal made it a great double for Lions Water Polo – silver medals in both the men's and women's NWPL – easily the best club performance of the year.

The Lions silver medal NWPL team was: A Hrysanthos, N Cargill, S Nicholson, G Tomasevic, C. Dyson, J Davie, C Whittaker, K. Wicken, T Kearns, L Northcott, T Franklin, S Avellone, M. Rosenthal, T. McJannett, C. Ingram, L. Hollis, W Cotterill, A. Cameron. Coach: D. Krstic, Assistant: I. Trent, Manager: N. Halliday, Physio: T. Donaldson.

Trent Franklin reached the 450 NWPL game milestone during the season, while Scott Nicholson played his 200th NWPL match.

Team captain Johnno Cotterill had another outstanding season for the Lions. Along with Goran Tomasevic, he was named in the NWPL All Star Team. Tomasevic top-scored for the Lions with 60 goals, second overall, while Cotterill was fifth overall with 57 strikes. Cotterill was also a member of the Australian Sharks team for its entire international program, culminating in the World Championships.

Goalkeeper Anthony Hrysanthos also represented Australia at the Junior World Championships as team captain as well as at the World University Games. Chaz Poot was named in the Australian Born '98 team.

Lions NSW representatives included Hrysanthos, Wil Cotterill, Keegan Wicken and Tom McJannett (U20 Blue), Andrew Cameron (U20 Waratahs), Gianluca Zarfati, James Kolenda, Remy Krassel and Stephan Despotovic (U16 Waratahs '99), Freddie Brown, Harry Nixon and Aiden Schmitt (U16 Waratahs '00), Mark Elwaw (U14 Blues), Tom Harris and Antonio Matruglio (U14 Waratahs).

While the Lions finished 3rd in the Sydney summer M1 competition, it was Sydney Uni Blue v Sydney Uni Gold in the M2 grand final, with the youthful Blue team winning 7-4. The M6 Lions also won, with M14A were runners-up, and the M18, M14B and M7 teams came in third.

Sydney University Lions could not repeat the gold medal of the previous year, taking the bronze medal at the Australian University Games (AUGs) on the Gold Coast. Michael Rosenthal, Andrew Cameron and Lewis Taie were all named in the prestigious AUGs Green & Gold team.

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Elite Athlete Program Scholarship holders were Anthony Hrysanthos, Michael Rosenthal, James Butcher, Keegan Wicken, Andrew Cameron and Lewis Taie. Thanks go to Leonie Lum and Anika Lalic for their support of the boys via the program. Hrysanthos was also honored with a 'Blue' at the annual SUSF Blue & Gold Awards Dinner.

The Sydney Uni Junior program continues to grow, with the U14s fourth placing at the National Championships the standout performance along with the U18s (5th) and the U16 Gold (7th).

The club is indebted to its sizeable group of talented coaches, its hard working age group coordinators, executive committee led by President Antony Green and the pool staff at Sydney Uni for their great support of Lions Men's Water Polo.

We also acknowledge SUSF President Bruce Ross, Director Robert Smithies, High Performance Manager Matt Phelps, Clubs Development Manager Matt Rolfe as well as Kristen Barnes for their continued support of Sydney University Men's WPC. Special thanks too go to Rodney Tubbs, our superb MC and coordinator of the annual Blue & Gold Water Polo Luncheon.

**Ian Trent**  
**OPERATIONS MANAGER**



# WATER POLO - WOMEN

## AFTER A CLUB BEST-EVER BRONZE MEDAL FINISH IN THE NATIONAL WATER POLO LEAGUE (NWPL) IN 2014, BIG THINGS WERE EXPECTED OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS IN 2015.

After coming out of retirement the previous season to assist with an injury crisis, London Olympic goalkeeper Alicia Smith took over as coach with the Lions going one better to take the runners-up silver medal.

The team finished with an excellent 19-3 regular season record, just one point off top spot. Keesja Gofers reached the 400 NWPL game and 200-goal milestone in top scoring with 58 goals, 4th outright. Alicia Brightwell scored 50 goals, 8th outright.

During an eventful Finals Series, the Lions scored an 11-9 semi-final win over Cronulla before drawing 7-7 in regulation with Brisbane Barracudas in the final. The Lions missed a penalty in the 3rd period that would have seen them with a title winning 3-goal advantage, but not to be. Barras drew level late before taking out a nail-biting 10-8 shootout.

The Sydney Uni Lions NWPL silver medalists: L. Yanitsas, E Scott, G Wikman, E. Lewis, H. Buckling, K. Mendoza, K. Gofers, I. Bishop, T. Bogg, K. Donkin, B. Halligan, M. Rosenthal, L. Murray, J. Rohl, O. Mandalinic, H. Leitch, E. Swinburn. Coach: A. Smith, Assistant Coach: I. Trent, Managers: A. Scott & S. Trent, Physio: A. Nicholson.

Gofers and goalkeeper Lea Yanitsas were named in the Finals All Star Team.

Gofers, Yanitsas, Isobel Bishop, Bronte Halligan and Hannah Buckling flew the Sydney Uni flag internationally for the Australian Senior team, culminating with the Stingers' silver medals at the World League Finals and World Championships.

Lions NSW representatives included Tahlia Bogg (U20 Blue), Kim Keane (U16 Waratahs '99) and Natasha Majstorovic (U16 Waratahs '00).

In the Sydney Ladies L1 competition, having so many representative players has often proved to be a poison chalice, with Stingers' commitments and injuries leaving the team depleted in the finals. However, in 2015, the full complement of Stingers was available and the Lions comfortably took out the club's record 24th Sydney L1 Premiership.

Many thanks go to managers Anne Scott and Sue Trent as well as club director Ian Trent for their hard work in assisting to run the NL and L1 programs.

The Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Elite Athlete Program is one of the cornerstones of the club's success. This year's Scholarship holders were Emma Lewis, Tahlia Bogg, Isobel Bishop, Hannah Phillips and Bronte Halligan. Special thanks go to Leone Lum and Anika Lalic for their support.

Sydney Uni fielded a new-look team at the Australian University Games (AUGs) on the Gold Coast, finishing in 4th place with Elise Gaskell and Ashley Colaco gaining AUGs Green & Gold status.

After a stellar 2014 Hannah Buckling, reigning Sydney Uni Female Sportswoman of the Year, was honored with the prestigious alumni Nigel C. Barker medal for outstanding sporting achievement, leadership, cultural activities and community service.

Long serving coach and administrator Ian Trent was also honored at the annual Blue & Gold Awards evening with a Gold Award for service to the club.

The club thanks its group of talented coaches, led by junior coordinator Daniel Trent as well as our hard-working committee and Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Pool staff for their great support of Lions Women's Water Polo.

We also acknowledge and thank SUSF President Bruce Ross, Director Robert Smithies, High Performance Manager Matt Phelps, Clubs Development Manager Matt Rolfe as well as Rodney Tubbs and Kristen Barnes for their continued support.

**Simon Lewis**  
**PRESIDENT**





# WATERSKI & WAKEBOARDING

**THE WAKEBOARD AND WATERSKI CLUB IS ARGUABLY THE BEST CLUB AT SYDNEY UNI. BASED ON SYDNEY'S HAWKESBURY RIVER, OUR CLUB OFFERS ACCESS TO AN AMAZING SPORT TO STUDENTS, THE COMMUNITY AND RIDERS OF ALL ABILITIES.**

2015 was a good year for the Wakeboard and Waterski Club. Led by our President Alex Wilson and Club Captain Giles Richardson, our major achievement in 2015 was fulfilling our long-term goal of purchasing a new wakeboard boat. This purchase secures the future of our club by upgrading our major asset. We now have a brand new World Class Wakeboard boat that provides University of Sydney students and the wider community with an amazing opportunity to access our epic sport. Our club would like to thank Alex, Giles, Rob Smithies and the team at SUSF for their hard work and support in making this deal a reality.

Primarily a recreational club, in 2015 members enjoyed 27 weekend trips and ride days on Sydney's picturesque Hawkesbury River throughout the season. It was pleasing to see that there was still demand for riding well into the cooler months. Members also enjoyed a number of major events including a harbour ride day, a joint camp with UNSW and our annual houseboat trip.

This year the club filled two houseboats for a weekend of wakeboarding goodness, flat water and a pirate-themed party on the Saturday night. There were giant inflatables, standup paddle boards and of course our

wakeboard boat to keep us entertained during the day; and DJ decks and lasers to transform the boat into a floating night club as the sun went down. The houseboat trip was another great success and we are planning to continue this tradition for years to come.

In terms of membership the club is in a good place with high demand for ride days and sell out trips. A positive note is that two-thirds of people who come out with us for the first time remain active members and keep coming back for more. To meet this demand, the committee is working hard to train new and upcoming boat drivers. As such we have run a number of highly successful boat driver training weekends and have trained people with zero previous experience into boat captains who are now more than capable skippers of our vessel. Our major goal going forward is to grow the size of our committee and our boat driver pool in order to secure the long term future of the club. We are also looking at the possibility of holding further inter-university events with Victorian clubs reaching out and expressing their interest.

In May at our AGM there was a changing of the guard, with Tim Wakeling taking over the Club Presidency as Alex Wilson stepped down from the role after several years of service. We thank Alex for his enthusiasm and passion for wakeboarding during his time as President. Tim Wakeling, now steps up to the main role having been a committee member for several years and holding various offices including Secretary and Publicity and Promotions Officer.

We wish Tim and the committee all the best for the coming year and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Sydney University community who supports our club.

**Tim Wakeling**  
**PRESIDENT**

# WHEELCHAIR FLAMES

**2015 WAS AN EVENTFUL AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY FLAMES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAM.**

As a team we competed in State tournaments, the AWBL (Autumn Wheelchair Basketball League) at the beginning of the year and the SWBL (Spring Wheelchair Basketball) at the end of the year. We also entered a team in the annual National Club tournaments, the SLAM Down Under in NSW and Spinners Sunnycost tournament in Queensland. In all tournaments we were in the top four, winning our division in SWBL & AWBL. The team also ran the Women's Festival of Wheelchair Basketball (WFWB) with Wheelchair Sports NSW at the Narrabeen Academy of Sport. All Flames athletes participated in the event, with the senior Flames players captaining & mentoring the teams.

Our main focus is the WNWBL (Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League) season. The Flames did well to play as well as we did despite our relative youth, inexperience, injuries, and sadly deaths in the immediate family of our two senior players this season. Despite not having our senior players for the end of the season, we were only one game off making the finals this year - an awesome achievement given the circumstances. The Flames did well under experienced Head Coach Alan Cox to get three athletes into the NSW juniors and six into the Australian squad.

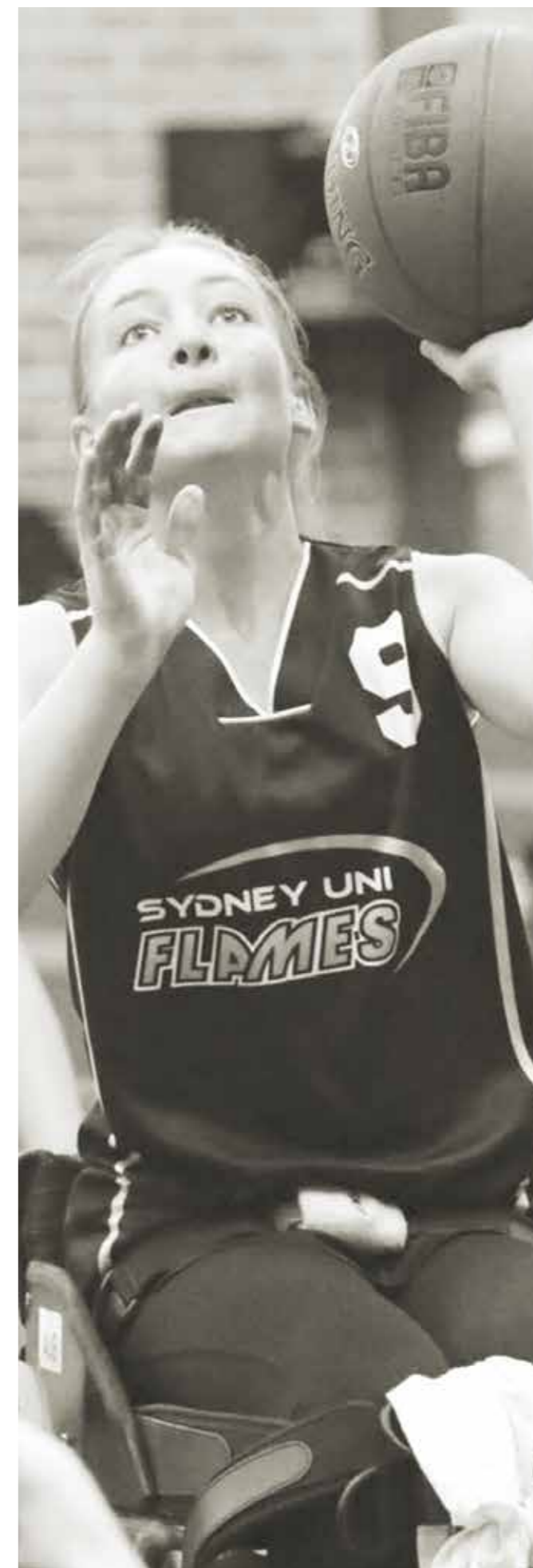
We hosted the first round weekend of the National Championships on the upstairs courts at Sydney Uni Sport & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC). As a team, we would like to mention how great all the SUSAC staff & centre staff were in getting the stadium set up for us and making sure everything would run smoothly.

We have regular training sessions, weekly for the local team members and monthly at the Sydney University courts, for all team members so regional athletes can join in and train. We also encourage junior and developing athletes to attend these sessions to help build our future.

We now have six athletes in the Australian squad long list for 2016, three athletes in the Australian Under 25 squad, and five athletes also competing in the NWBL (National Wheelchair Basketball League - a mixed, but mostly men's, league), with a number of our athletes also invited to train on that team for future development. 3-time Paralympian, and our Captain and Manager, Sarah Stewart, & our developing players Hannnah Dodd and Jessica Cronje, have started the year well gaining selection in the Australian Gliders team for the Sunnycost tournament and the prestigious international event, the Osaka Cup in Japan.

We are looking forward to another exciting year in 2016, with our rookie players developing well and being noticed for representative teams already, and our experienced players training hard for 2016 & beyond. The WNWBL has been officially taken over by Basketball Australia, so it is great to be competing fully under their banner again in 2016. With the WNWBL season starting in June

**Sarah Stewart**  
**PRESIDENT**



# WRESTLING

2015 WAS A REBUILDING YEAR FOR SYDNEY UNI WRESTLING CLUB. AFTER AN ADMINISTRATION BREAKDOWN SOMEWHERE BETWEEN MOVING FROM HK WARD TO THE SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE, THE CLUB HAD BEEN LEFT UNATTENDED AND NUMBERS WERE DISMAL. A NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY 2015 AND THINGS BEGAN TO TURNAROUND.

At the last minute we were able to make 0 Week and had more than 25 people attend the session after that - numbers not seen in over 2 years.

The competition schedule came on hard and fast with State Championships in February. Sydney Uni was represented by Martin Doyle, Nick Roche, Robyn Soper and Ali El Kheir earning a gold, 2 silvers and a bronze.

National Championships were held at the Australian Institute of Sport in April and this event was the debut of our new team uniforms. Robyn Soper won gold in the womens 63kg.

In August we added a Greco Roman class to the Tuesday slot that had previously been taken up with an open mat. The new coach, Yassine Djakrir, is an ex Sydney Olympian and his classes have been packed since the start.

Wednesday night's Leonid Zaslavsky, our long standing USYD coach, continues his domination of freestyle wrestling in Sydney. We are extremely lucky to have him as one of the only level 3 accredited coaches and referees in Australia.

Our Olympic hopeful Jayden Lawrence took most of the year off to recover from shoulder surgery; however he still has his sights set on Rio 2016. The Olympic qualifier competition, the Canberra Cup, was held in October with athletes Robyn Soper and Nick Roche making the Olympic shadow team after their performances.

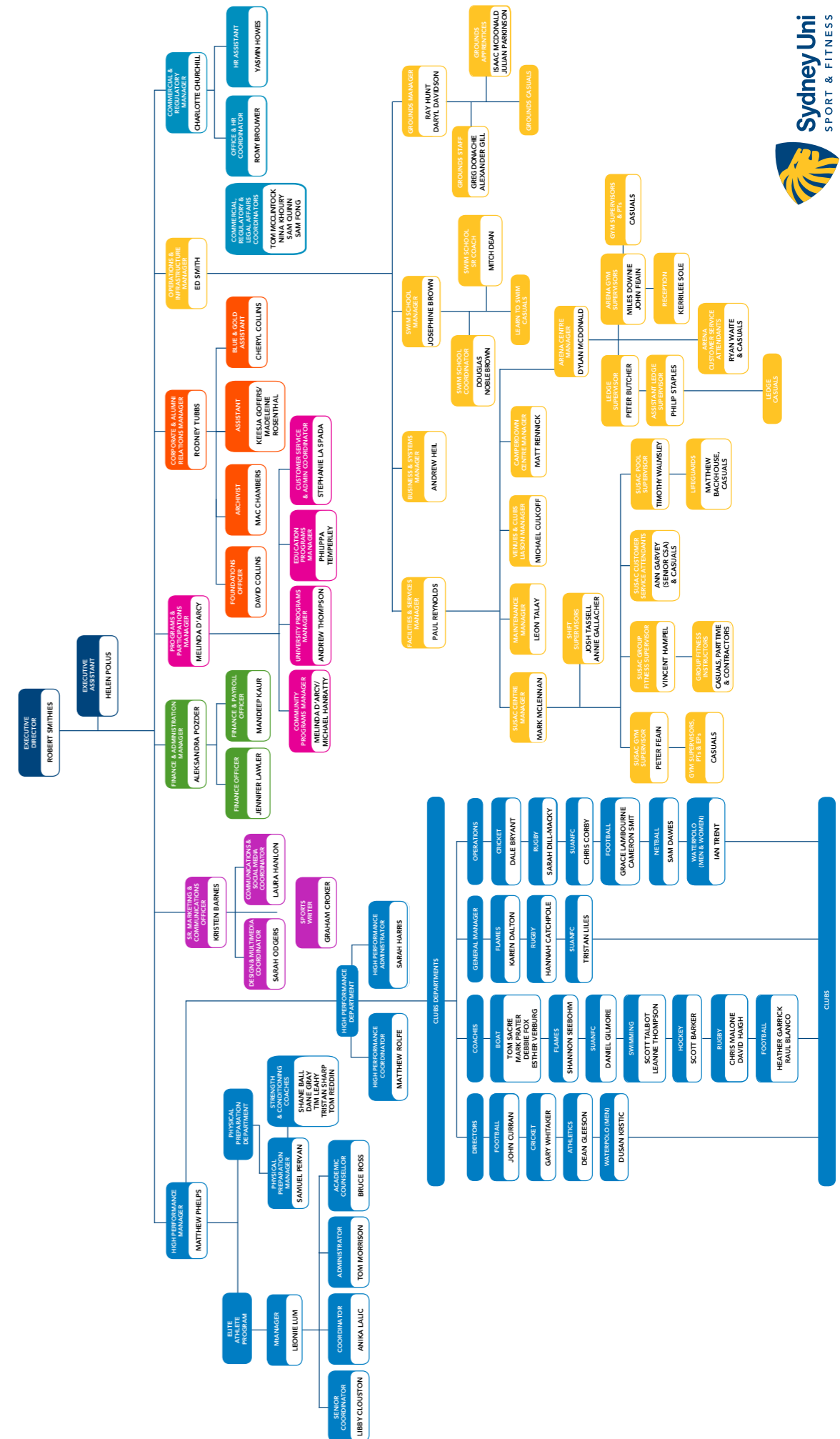
Keen to grow the club, we held many events such as refereed open mats, social days, beginners and high performance bootcamps. We also hosted our first club competition, the Sydney University Open, which had a massive turnout and we successfully ran womens, junior & veterans divisions. It was also the trials for the Veterans world cup which were held in Greece during November.

In November we held a coaching course with 12 people finishing their level 1 Wrestling accreditation. This is a great step forward for the sport which has been held up by the same coaches for decades.

It was decided at the NSW wrestling end of year get together that we would concentrate on getting more kids into the sport of wrestling to help develop the sport in Australia. As of February 2016 we will have started this on Friday nights and hope to progress to two kids classes per week.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness for all of its support over what has been a tough period for wrestling the world over. The tide has turned and the club is now getting full classes every week. Thank you for your patience!

**Robyn Soper**  
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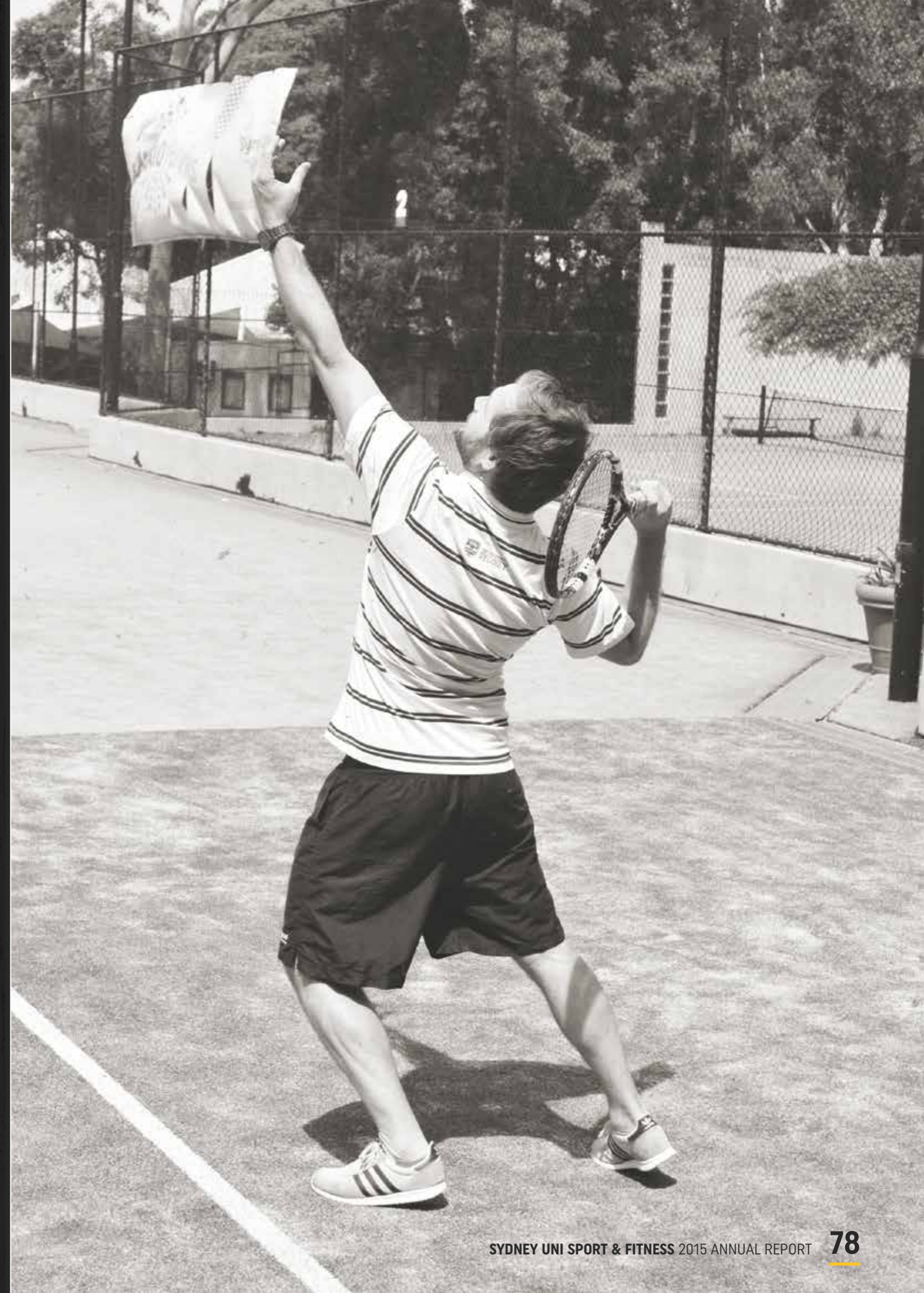
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Michelle Jenneke (Athletics)
Ann Mitchell AUG Award
Soccer Football – Men's
Rosenblum - Male Club Admin of the Year
Rowan Johnston (Hockey)
Pat Sharp - Female Club Admin of the Year
Anne Simmons (Hockey)
Professional Administrator of The Year
Karen Dalton (Flames)
Female Blue of the Year
Michelle Jenneke (Athletics)
Male Blue of the Year
Tom Young (AFL)
Gold Recipients
The University Gold is awarded in recognition of outstanding services by an individual to a constituent club or to Sydney University Sport over a minimum of 7 years. Gold's for 2015 were presented to:
Leslie Carrington (Cricket)
Charles Carter (Rugby Union)
Ben Cross (Athletics)
Karen Dalton (SUSF)
Philip Logan (Cricket)
Luke Mitchell (SUSF)
Michael O'Sullivan (Cricket, posthumous)
Ralp Panebianco (SUSF, posthumous)
Katherine Rae (Rugby Union)
Ian Trent (Water Polo)
Blue Recipients
The Blue is the highest sporting honour awarded at the University of Sydney. It is awarded annually for outstanding performance in a sport. Blues for 2015 were awarded to:
Tom Ayton
Jacob Bicknell
Tristan Black
Katrina Blackett

Marina Carrier	
Josh Collier	
Jack Cook	
Paul Counsell	
Genevieve Cowie	
Liana Danaskos	
Liam Elkington	
Patrick Emery	
Nicole Fagan	
Sharmaine Fernando	
Edward Fernon	
Elizabeth Grey	
Greta Hayes	
David Hazzard	
Joshua Hertz	
Timothy Hewett	
Anthony Hrysanthos	
Martina Hudaly	
Emma Jeffcoat	
Michelle Jenneke	
Jesse King	
Daniel Mifsud	
James Palmer	
Adrian Porcu	
Tomas Robertson	
Emily Ryan	
Rachael Soutar	
Lewis Stevenson	
Jim Stewart	
Campbell Watts	
Thomas Whitehead	
Tom Young	
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<b>Sydney University Sport / Sydney Uni Sport &amp; Fitness</b>	
2003 – B. W. Ross	
<b>Men's Sports Union</b>	
1991 – 02	B.W. Ross
1989 – 91	M. P. Cunningham
1988 – 89	K. Tuffley
1978 – 88	J. P. Kean
1977 – 78	Dr D. D. Ridley
1972 – 76	R. G. Rosenblum
1969 – 72	Dr A. J. Tahmindjis
1966 – 69	V. J. Chalwin
1963 – 66	Prof. A. J. Dunston
1961 – 63	H.G. McCreddie
1957 – 61	Prof A. J. Dunston
1953 – 57	D. K. Donald
1950 – 53	Dr G. Phillips
1949 – 50	Prof. F. S. Cotton
1945 – 49	Prof. F. A. Eastaugh

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS	
Vice Chancellor's Scholarships for Academic & Sporting Excellence	
Katie Rae Ebzery	Basketball
Kane Townsend	Table Tennis
Senate Scholarships for Outstanding Academic Achievement	
Samuel Colless	Athletics
Christina Grun	Athletics
Nicholas Hough	Athletics
Miranda Middleton	Athletics
Kathryn Rendell	Basketball
Nina Khoury	Hockey
Mary Somers	Netball
Jack Blair	Rugby
Grace Henry	Soccer
Benjamin Lindsay	Swimming
Senate Scholarships for Outstanding School Leavers	
Anja Cherry	Soccer
William North	Athletics
The University Of Sydney Business School Undergraduate	
Joshua Clarke	Athletics
Jack Campbell	Aussie Rules
Guy Porter	Rugby
James Palmer	Tennis
The University of Sydney Business School Postgraduate	
William Sierakowski	Aussie Rules
Lewis Stevenson	Aussie Rules
Mitchell Thompson	Aussie Rules
Thomas Young	Aussie Rules
Tobias Wehr-Candler	Rowing
Edward Fernon	Modern Pentathlon
Lavinia Chrystal	Snow Sports
DONOR	
Adam Spencer	
Elizabeth Grey	Soccer
Aleksandra Pozder	
Jenny Blundell	Athletics
Allan Kendall	
Christina Grun	Athletics

Blue & Gold Club	
Emily Chancellor	Rugby/Netball
Thomas Young	Aussie Rules
Blues Association	
Rebecca Humphris	Rowing
Nicola Maitland	Softball
Hyun Woong Yang	Taekwondo
Buildcorp	
Hamish Dunbar	Rugby
Bupa/Mbf Health	
Nicholas Hough	Athletics
Alix Kennedy	Athletics
Ella Nelson	Athletics
Collins/Peasley	
Joshua Ralph	Athletics
Jack Pross Oam	
Nicola McDermott	Athletics
Kaye Dening	
Martina Hudaly	Tennis
Mollie Dive	
Kyah Gray	Hockey
Philip Rundle	
Anneliese Rubie	Athletics
Ralph's Cafe/Panebianco	
Kathryn Rendell	Basketball
Ray Hyslop	
Rachael Soutar	Soccer
Ron Rushbrooke	
Alexander Cobb	Baseball
Ross Brown	
Jasmine Rafiq	Karate
Warrick Segal	
Nicolas Echesortu	Soccer
Tomas Echesortu	Soccer
COLLEGE	
Sancta Sophia College	
Natalie Archer	Athletics
Emily Ryan	Athletics
Laura Triggs	Rowing
St Andrew's College	
Jack Cook	Rowing

Campbell Watts	Rowing
Yasmin Howes	Rowing
Rebecca Humphris	Rowing
Andrew Judge	Rowing
Calum Buckling	Rugby
Matthew Narracott	Rugby
Samuel Renton	Rugby
Jim Stewart	Rugby
Thomas Wilson	Rugby
Isobel Cootes	Soccer
St John's College	
Nicholas Duffy	Rugby
Connor O'shea	Rugby
Jack Redden	Rugby
Matthew Sandell	Rugby
Harrison Williams	Rugby
St Paul's College	
Dugald Holloway	Cricket
Jack Holloway	Cricket
Jacob Bicknell	Rowing
Jack Blair	Rugby
Guy Porter	Rugby
Hugh Summerhayes	Rugby
James Palmer	Tennis
Wesley College	
Georgia Wassall	Athletics
Kate Hewett	Basketball
Max Hope	Cricket
Joseph Kershaw	Cricket
Ben Trevor-Jones	Cricket
William Ridley	Rugby
Bruce Wilson	Soccer
Keelan Bridge	Swimming
Andrew Cameron	Water Polo
The Women's College	
Kathryn Rendell	Basketball
Jasmine Rafiq	Karate
Carina Simpson	Rowing

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SYD UNI SPORT & FITNESS SCHOLARSHIPS	
Natalie Apikotoa	Athletics
Angus Armstrong	Athletics
Jordan Barnes	Athletics
Maddy Bergfield	Athletics
Lachlan Bird	Athletics
Katrina Blackett	Athletics
Joe Burgess	Athletics
Jamie Carr	Athletics
Amelia Clark	Athletics
Rebecca Clark	Athletics
Elizabeth Clay	Athletics
Miles Cole-Clark	Athletics
Genevieve Cowie	Athletics
Tayler Currie	Athletics
Tyson Davis	Athletics
Harrison Day	Athletics
Vincent Donnadieu	Athletics
Matthew Dowsett	Athletics
Emily Duve	Athletics
Nicole Fagan	Athletics
Jacqui Fry	Athletics
Andrew Giltrap	Athletics
James Grimm	Athletics
Sam Howard	Athletics
James Jeffery	Athletics
Michelle Jenneke	Athletics
Jin Su Jung	Athletics
Nicholas Kelland	Athletics
Christian Lozada	Athletics
Matthew Mountfort	Athletics
Josie Nichol	Athletics
Amy Pejkovic	Athletics
Courtney Schultz	Athletics
Tavleen Singh	Athletics

Jess Stafford	Athletics
Nicholas van Gelder	Athletics
Rosie Weber	Athletics
Tom Ayton	Aussie Rules
Tim Barrett	Aussie Rules
Tim Barton	Aussie Rules
Allister Clarke	Aussie Rules
Ben Coffey	Aussie Rules
Jacob Derickx	Aussie Rules
Thomas Elkington	Aussie Rules
Samuel Fong	Aussie Rules
Luke Freemantle	Aussie Rules
Zachary Fyffe	Aussie Rules
Jordan Law	Aussie Rules
Mitchell Mahady	Aussie Rules
Jackson Monk	Aussie Rules
Tom Morrison	Aussie Rules
Gabriel Orr	Aussie Rules
Oscar Osborne	Aussie Rules
Matthew Powys	Aussie Rules
Matthew Rawlinson	Aussie Rules
Erol Sertbas	Aussie Rules
Sam Sleigh	Aussie Rules
William Stratford	Aussie Rules
Oliver Wetzlar	Aussie Rules
Nicola Barr	Aussie Rules
Pit Seng Low	Badminton
Melinda Sun	Badminton
Brendan Tieu	Badminton
Toby Wong	Badminton
Marcel Bray	Basketball
Joshua Collier	Basketball
Patrick Emery	Basketball

David Hazzard	Basketball
Nicholas Peters	Basketball
Joshua Russell	Basketball
James Spence	Basketball
James Kwa Seng Seng Robinson	Boxing
Noemie Fox	Canoe
Georgia Rankin	Canoe
Edward Arnott	Cricket
Henry Clark	Cricket
William Clayton	Cricket
Johnathon Craig-Dobson	Cricket
Brodie Frost	Cricket
Hayden Kerr	Cricket
Ryan Kurtz	Cricket
James Madden	Cricket
Jack Maddocks	Cricket
Nicholas Powys	Cricket
Brendan Pryke	Cricket
Liam Robertson	Cricket
Joshua Stewart	Cricket
Kieran Tate	Cricket
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Jason Hotten	Cycling
Ella Scanlan-Bloor	Cycling
Jacob Waller	Cycling
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Patrick Daley	Fencing
Matthew Donald	Fencing
Sholto Douglas	Fencing
Katherine Kwa	Fencing
Samuel Mooney Grand	Fencing
Margarita Sokolovskaja	Fencing
Maddison Penn	Flames

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Darenka Rowe	Flames
Casey Samuels	FLAMES
Nathan Clissold	Futsal
Elise Kerle	Go
Marival D'jamirze	Gymnastics
Chelsea Harris	Gymnastics
Amber Kaldor	Gymnastics
Amy Lewis	Gymnastics
Jordan Papandrea	Gymnastics
Nicola Pithers	Gymnastics
Enid Sung	Gymnastics
Daniel Fogerty	Hand
Alice Keighley	Hand
Emily Catterson	Hockey
Ellie Chesterman	Hockey
Madalyn Cooper	Hockey
Paul Counsell	Hockey
Brendan Harlech-Jones	Hockey
Saskia Hartog	Hockey
Greta Hayes	Hockey
Alice Hewitt	Hockey
Michael Jones	Hockey
Jacinta Mallon	Hockey
Rachel Miller	Hockey
Edward Moore	Hockey
Caitlin Rosser	Hockey
Cameron Rowland	Hockey
Fiona Tout	Hockey
Bella Worner Butcher	Hockey
Michael Basckin	Karate
Simon McTavish	Kayak
Marina Carrier	Modern Pentathlon
Michelle Calderara	Netball
Tahlia Goodwin	Netball
Shelby Koh	Netball
Dominique Madden	Netball

Nadia Moore	Netball
Zoe Yanz	Netball
Belinda Zilic	Netball
Olivia Ashby	Rowing
David Bartholot	Rowing
Georgia Campbell	Rowing
Christopher Cunningham-Reid	Rowing
Fiona Ewing	Rowing
Jayson Gilchrist	Rowing
Jack Hanley	Rowing
Nicholas Hudson	Rowing
Loren Parsons	Rowing
Madelyn Picone	Rowing
Alexander Purnell	Rowing
Nicholas Purnell	Rowing
William Raven	Rowing
Benjamin Watt	Rowing
Candice Williams	Rowing
Ellie Winstanley	Rowing
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Alex Batho	Rugby
Henry Clunies-Ross	Rugby
Nicholas Coaldrake	Rugby
George Corias	Rugby
Chloe Dalton	Rugby
Kimberley Davey	Rugby
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Matthew Hood	Rugby
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Thomas Koerstz	Rugby
Alexander Masima	Rugby
Patrick McCutcheon	Rugby
William McDonnell	Rugby
James McMahon	Rugby
Benn Melrose	Rugby
Jock Merriman	Rugby
Declan Moore	Rugby
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Nicholas Phipps	Rugby
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Tomas Robertson	Rugby
Christopher Talakai	Rugby
Jonathan Vaux	Rugby
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Ryan Barton	Rugby League
Scott Bunch	Rugby League
Dominic Dagher	Rugby League
Adam Harber	Rugby League
Thommas McCarthy	Rugby League
Jay Parker	Rugby League
Jake Vrahnos	Rugby League
Milly Bennett	Sailing
Jordan Girdis	Sailing
Cameron Gundy	Sailing
Jaime Ryan	Sailing
Sasha Ryan	Sailing
Will Ryan	Sailing
Alice Tarnawski	Sailing
Jillian Colebourn	Snowsports

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Madii Himbury	Snowsports
James Matheson	Snowsports
Andrew Richardson	Snowsports
Annabel Tudhope	Snowsports
Natalie Ambrose	Soccer
Stephanie Ambrose	Soccer
Peta Banbas	Soccer
Jacob Blundell	Soccer
Phillip Boceski	Soccer
Claudia Bouris	Soccer
Jeremy Butnaru	Soccer
Melissa Caceres	Soccer
Dominique Carruthers	Soccer
Nicolas Colantonio	Soccer
Liana Danaskos	Soccer
Stephanie Davis	Soccer
Ariane Demetriou	Soccer
Glen Downey	Soccer
Nicolas Echesortu	Soccer
Tomas Echesortu	Soccer
Patrick Ferrara	Soccer
Yasemin Genc	Soccer
Amy Harrison	Soccer
Georgia Keen	Soccer
Taren King	Soccer
Alistair MacKenzie	Soccer
Conor MacKenzie	Soccer
Daniel Mifsud	Soccer
Cassandra Nader	Soccer

Marcus Naoum	Soccer
Adrian Porcu	Soccer
Nathan Preston	Soccer
Santiago Rodriguez	Soccer
Rajarshi Roy	Soccer
Nathan Sansom	Soccer
Alexander Sopina	Soccer
Lauren Stein	Soccer
Georgia Stewart	Soccer
Daniella Costaganna	Softball
Emma Iuliano	Softball
Lauren Tapp	Softball
Andrew Abood	Swimming
Matthew Abood	Swimming
Hayley Abood (nee White)	Swimming
Kazimir Boskovic	Swimming
Joshua Hertz	Swimming
Jesse King	Swimming
Te Haumi Maxwell	Swimming
Tom Meggitt	Swimming
Keiran Qaium	Swimming
Meagan Ramsay	Swimming
Nicholas Rispoli	Swimming
Erik van Dooren	Swimming
Dana Stewart	Taekwondo
Steven Goh	Tennis
Christopher Kafataris	Tennis

Jack Kliner	Tennis
Richard Palmer	Tennis
Alexander Silcock	Tennis
Paddy Coelho	Touch Football
Madison Regan	Touch Football
Samuel Douglas	Triathlon
Emma Jeffcoat	Triathlon
Emily Kempson	Triathlon
Robert Andrews	Ultimate Frisbee
Eunice Cheung	Ultimate Frisbee
Alexander Lodomatos	Ultimate Frisbee
Hayley Lambert	Ultimate Frisbee
Lucas Nicholls	Ultimate Frisbee
Rachel Parsons	Ultimate Frisbee
Sarah Perkins	Ultimate Frisbee
Kimberly Spragg	Ultimate Frisbee
Andrew Wood	Ultimate Frisbee
Isobel Bishop	Water Polo
Tahlia Bogg	Water Polo
James Butcher	Water Polo
Bronte Halligan	Water Polo
Anthony Hrysanthos	Water Polo
Emma Lewis	Water Polo
Hannah Phillips	Water Polo
Emily Scott	Water Polo
Lewis Taie	Water Polo
Keegan Wicken	Water Polo
Richmond Saliba	Wrestling

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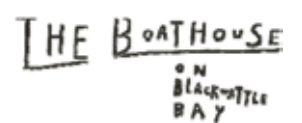
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