

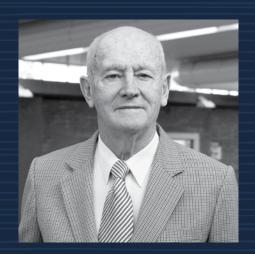
## ANNUAL REPORT



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



### THIS IS THE LAST OCCASION I PROVIDE A MESSAGE AS PRESIDENT OF THIS GREAT ORGANISATION.

I want to use it to express my gratitude at being permitted to work with so many extraordinary people over such a long period of time in the joint endeavour of creating a very diverse entity whose primary purpose has been to assist young people to simultaneously fulfill their sporting and academic potential.

I believe that significant organisational change requires not just leadership but more importantly the involvement of 'drivers'; individuals who are obsessed with the pursuit of an objective and are prepared to expend excessive time and energy in doing so. I can think of numerous examples of people of this type involved in our clubs over the past quarter century. I have also observed that so much of what we have been able to accomplish is the result of clubs which have 'self-selected for excellence'.

In the past 16 years I worked with three Executive Directors of our organisation, each with very different styles of operation. Initially and for too short a period I was involved with Roy Pearson who allowed the Management Committee to largely do the decision making but who proved to be very supportive of beneficial change. A major initiative during this time was the introduction of the sporting scholarship system which would be pivotal to the growth of elite level sport at our University.

Then came the very different Greg Harris whose force of personality ensured that ultimate decision making was largely concentrated in him. In 1996 both the Rugby and Cricket clubs very narrowly avoided being excluded from the competitions of which they had been foundation members due to their chronic underperformance. Greg greatly assisted in their resurgence by recruiting international players such as Tim Kelaher and Mark Catchpole in rugby and Greg Matthews in cricket. It was also during Greg's tenure that amalgamation of the men's Sports Union and Women's Sports Association was finally achieved. I pay tribute to the selflessness of Director Ann Mitchell and President Denise Wee in persuading the Association's members that the benefits of amalgamation would outweigh concerns about male domination. In the event, the coming together of the two bodies proved to be an unqualified success, providing the foundation for the current extraordinary achievements of our female athletes.

Throughout 2007 Greg Harris and the late Tom O'Sullivan, General Manager of the Sydney University Union, led the national campaign against the ideologically driven vandalism of Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) which was to do so much damage to university student organisations throughout Australia. The two worked tirelessly and at considerable personal sacrifice in what was a magnificent though ultimately unsuccessful fight. Those

who implemented VSU very largely achieved their objective of virtually destroying collective student activity in Australian universities other than at the University of Sydney. Here Vice Chancellor Gavin Brown persuaded the Senate of the importance of preserving 'the student experience'. As a result the University itself provided the funding of the student organisations which had previously been met by student subscriptions. When VSU was eventually rescinded and the system of a Student Amenities Fee introduced our University, through current Vice Chancellor Michael Spence, it allowed almost all the fees collected from students to be distributed among the various student bodies to ensure sustainability of their operations. At many other universities these fees were retained as a windfall gain by the institution itself. SUSF has frequently and publicly expressed its gratitude to the University for its practical championing of the unique Sydney University student experience.

In 2008 Rob Smithies was promoted from Operations Manager to Executive Director. His nine years of leadership thus far have been distinguished by an unrelenting focus on financial stewardship plus implementation of policies and procedures appropriate to a diverse and growing organisation. For me it has been a period of genuine partnership, both between Rob and me and between SUSF and The University.

During this period SUSF has been able to assist some of our major clubs to emulate the example of the Rugby Club in appointing full time professional staff. As a result clubs such as Cricket, Soccer, Athletics, Hockey and Water Polo now have full time directors. But undoubtedly the most visible sign of change in recent years has been in relation to infrastructure. The generation of substantial surpluses from our commercial operations plus tight control of expenditure generated a war chest for this purpose. We also had unprecedented infusions of funds from sponsorship and alumni donations. This enabled us to make a significant contribution to the cost of major projects undertaken by The University for our benefit, including the Stage 3 redevelopment of the Sports and Aquatic Centre, development of the Sydney University Football Ground, the replacement of our Boatshed at Linley Point, and the new Hockey Field at the Cumberland campus.

Although I will be stepping down as President, my passion for sport at the University of Sydney remains undiminished, so I will be directing my energies in an area where I believe we can achieve and sustain preeminence, women's sport. In this respect I would like to single out two of the great 'drivers' in our organisation with whom I have enjoyed a very close relationship through some demanding times; Karen Dalton, Head Coach and now General Manager of the Flames and John Curran, Director of Soccer, particularly in relation to elite women's soccer.

Bruce Ross PRESIDENT

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



2016 WAS A TERRIFIC AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR FOR SUSF WHERE WE AGAIN ACHIEVED ACROSS A RANGE OF AREAS.

As our organisation grows and gets increasingly complex, it's important that we continue to keep our collective eyes on all of the multiple balls that are in the air throughout SUSF and its Clubs.

This year showed that we are able to continue our track record in elite sport whilst also providing for participation sport. It showed that we can raise money and also construct new buildings. It showed that we can expand our commercial income and still provide for our non-commercial programs. It showed that we can compete at the Olympics and also at Interfaculty Sport. Balance is such a key part of the SUSF landscape, and we continue to endeavour to strike the right balance year after year, whilst also advancing and changing the organisation every year to stay ahead of our voluminous competitors.

Whilst all of this remains a challenge, it is also a very exciting and creative time to be working at SUSF and watching these many developments unfold. It's also the final full year of Bruce Ross' Presidency and the legacy he will leave at SUSF – more on that later.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE AND PHILANTHROPY**

The biggest and most dramatic changes at SUSF over the last 5 years have been the construction, together with The University of Sydney, of four pieces of infrastructure worth \$40 million, and the consequential explosion in philanthropic donations to fund significant portions of that infrastructure growth. Each piece of infrastructure has been to the benefit of SUSF and many of its Clubs, and each is designed to last 80 years or so. The \$15 million Sports & Aquatic Extension, the \$13.6 million TAG Family Foundation Grandstand, the \$7.1 million Thyne Reid Boatshed and the \$4.1 million Bruce Pryor Hockey Field have transformed the landscape in which SUSF operates, and have significantly increased the offering we can make to our students and community, both elite and participatory. Almost every Club at SUSF has benefited in some way - either directly, through new facilities, or indirectly through an improvement in their existing facilities. Almost every student-athlete has benefited from better gym facilities, ice baths, video analysis facilities, new indoor space to train, bigger and better court facilities, a new dojo, a new boxing facility, a new boatshed and a new hockey turf. Every participant has benefited from these improvements, as well as having a state-of-the-art group fitness studio, expanded gym space, better court facilities all round, an improved gym at The Arena, and more resilient and better maintained field space to play on. In short, all of our stakeholders have seen things on the improve over the last 5 years.

2016 will be the year that we officially opened the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand – the Chancellor, Belinda Hutchinson AM, cut the ribbon on Wednesday 6 April and there was a great celebration in the SUSFC Function Room of the new facility. During the course of the year we added the 500 lux lighting system, a new scoreboard, seat stickers, the donor board, the outdoor cricket nets and wicket, drainage and irrigation. We also fitted out the David Mortimer High Performance Gym. The new playing surface is fantastic and drains incredibly well. Ed Smith, SUSF's Operations & Infrastructure Manager, has been an unstoppable force in all of this, and deserves a huge share of the credit for the quality of the facility that has been produced. Together with the team at Campus Infrastructure Services at The University, the overall product is a world-class facility of its size and scope. My thanks to Ed, the team at CIS and everyone involved in putting this together.

The philanthropy needed to back these projects has been extraordinary. 5 years ago, we were apprehensive about our \$250,000 Finishing Touches Campaign for the Sports & Aquatic Centre Extension. Being fresh to the infrastructure fundraising game, we didn't know what to expect, and we didn't know whether we'd hit that target. Our wonderful donors have delivered for SUSF over and over again, and we sit at the tail end of a concerted 4 year campaign with over \$6 million pledged and a huge percentage of that sum fully paid into The University's accounts, and consequently paid to the builders of these facilities. We have received several gifts that dwarf the biggest previous gift to SUSF and we are indebted to each and every person that has contributed, many for the first time. Over 650 people have donated something to these campaigns and we are very grateful. One person who deserves our thanks is Tom Dolan, The University's Vice Principal (Advancement) - he has been a terrific person to have involved, especially for the larger gifts that have been donated to these facilities

If we are to continue to deliver what we're delivering, we need to continue this fundraising drive. Relying on SUSF and The University to continually fund all of the various resource allocations will only get us so far – the difference that we can make through philanthropy is untold. To that end, the "5 by 25" campaign started late in 2016. It's stated aim is to raise \$5 million by 2025 for the Elite Athlete Program sports scholarships. This is another game-changing initiative by SUSF and, if we can reach this target, will set up a pool of funds that will secure the future of the Elite Athlete Program for many years to come. There have already been some promising contributions to this campaign and as our infrastructure projects slow (but hopefully don't stop altogether), our efforts will be redirected into these scholarships. As I stated at the launch of the "5 by 25" campaign, we build quality infrastructure not for the sake of having nice buildings – important as that is – but because we want to deliver the best buildings for all of our stakeholders and that includes our elite athletes.

We've built some amazing infrastructure, and in doing so, "future-proofed" SUSF for many years. The "5 by 25" campaign aims to secure the future of our elite athletes, and make sure that the Elite Athlete Program is still going strong 50 years from now, regardless of the many changes that will no doubt take place between now and then.

#### **SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS AND ELITE ATHLETES**

2016 was the year of the Rio Olympics, and our Sydney Uni athletes performed with distinction. Highlighted by Chloe Dalton's gold medal in the women's rugby sevens, our 27 Olympians collected one gold, two silver and one bronze. If Sydney Uni were competing as a country in its own right, we would have finished in equal 45th position, the same position as Slovenia. We would have sent the 80th biggest team, equal with Indonesia. 2016 was another sensational year for women's sport. In particular, we won, for the very first time, the national league women's water polo title - we have been in the competition since its inauguration in 2004, and this was our first victory - congratulations girls on a history-making accomplishment. We also won every piece of silverware available to be won in women's football with the Brydens Soccer Football team winning the premiership, the championship, the pre-season cup, the sponsors cup and the club championship. Our women's rugby team won their grand final in a nail-biter against Parramatta - 25 to 24 was the final score, giving them back to back premierships and securing the major and minor premierships for 2016. In Women's AFL, Sydney Uni's Nicola Barr was the first draft pick in the inaugural AFL Women's competition that launched in early 2017 to huge crowds and much fanfare. Congratulations Nicola. Our female athletics club members won all before them, and shone brightly at the Olympics.

On the men's side of things we won our 13th straight rugby club championship, the colts' club championship and 4 premierships, and first grade also won the minor premiership and were runners up in a tight grand final against North Sydney. We finished 3rd in the NEAFL in a very tough competition, losing in the preliminary final to eventual winners, the GWS Giants, and had four players in the NEAFL team of the year. Our male athletes had a massive year, winning every major open title on offer, and putting in some solid performances at the Olympics. Our men's water polo team won the minor premiership in the national league and finished third in the playoffs. Our men's basketball team won their first ever NSW Men's Division 1 title beating St. George 86 to 63 in the grand final, and we collected another title in American Football. Our men's t20 cricket team went to Sri Lanka to compete in the Red Bull world universities challenge and our men's and women's 3 on 3 basketballers both went to China to compete at the World Universities League. Our male rowers again won the Australian Boat Race and excelled at the Olympics, with Cam Girdlestone and Sasha Belonogoff winning silver medals in the men's quad scull. In sailing, graduate Will Ryan (B Com '12), and his crewmate Mat Belcher, sailed to an Olympic silver medal in the Men's 470 Class in Rio.

It was yet another enormous year for our elite athletes and as always, Leonie Lum our Elite Athlete Program Manager, and her team did a wonderful job of ensuring that our elite athletes are given the best care we can give them and that their academic progression was on track – well done to you, Leonie and to the Elite Athlete Program team.

#### SUSF

Whilst it's tempting for the organisation to simply concentrate on the new developments and lose focus on the existing stock of infrastructure, people, resources and Clubs, that's exactly what we have aimed NOT to do over the last 5 years. Fundraising and building new facilities is critical, but so is delivery of all of the things we've been delivering for many years – a world class Club sports program, quality participation opportunities, great marketing, safe and enjoyable facilities, sound and reliable finances, legal machinery and human resources. Not everyone sees the huge amount of "behind the scenes" work that goes on at SUSF to deliver the things that make the media. I believe we have a team of people at SUSF that are of an exceptional standard when it comes to delivering these things, and I'd like to pay tribute to our staff and in particular, to the Senior Management team that I work so closely with every year. They are great people and they

are great at what they do. Mel D'Arcy, Aleksandra Pozder, Leonie Lum, and Charlotte Churchill all made significant contributions to SUSF during 2016 and my thanks go to each of them. In particular, 2016 saw us bid farewell to two Senior Managers that have contributed to SUSF in various ways for over a decade. Matt Phelps, our first ever High Performance Manager, left to take up a CEO role in Sport at The University of Canberra Union. He was an effective and highly successful Manager and it's no surprise that he was poached by UC. Matt started with us as an elite cricketer in the early 2000s and has been a passionate supporter of SUSF (and a staff member since 2010) for many years. His tact, business acumen, people skills, elite sport knowledge and loyalty have been one the reasons that SUSF has succeeded at elite sport during his time as the High Performance Manager. Thanks Matt for an extraordinary effort. I'd wish you luck in your new role, but that might be bad for SUSF!

Rod Tubbs has been SUSF's well-loved auctioneer, raconteur, golfer, MC, fundraiser and some-time Corporate & Alumni Relations Manager for the better part of 20 years! In addition, Rod has been instrumental in starting and growing the Blue & Gold individual and corporate memberships, and has, over the years, sourced and maintained numerous sponsorship arrangements on behalf of SUSF and its clubs. All of these initiatives have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the last 20 or so years for SUSF and its constituent clubs and have been a huge source of fun and "friend-raising" for our organisation. That said, Rod saved the best until last, and the final four years of his career have been heavily involved in sourcing philanthropic donations geared towards the aforementioned construction of infrastructure. Rod has been one of the key parts of a small team of people that have gone about raising over \$6 million for the construction of the SUSAC Extension, the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand, the Thyne Reid Boatshed and the new Bruce Prvor Hockey Field. This \$40 million capital spend would not have been possible without Rod's relationships, contacts and networking skills. Whilst Rod is still working with us one day per week, his full-time role at SUSF has come to a voluntary end. Thanks Rod for an incredible contribution to SUSF over two decades.

We set a new record of \$6.4 million in facility derived income in 2016 and to put that in context, it was only three years ago that we broke \$5 million for the first time. We have record paid membership, and more students than ever are using our facilities, at discounted rates, and getting (and staying) fit. The team of people that work within our facilities are amazing and they deliver better and better outcomes every year - thanks to everyone who worked in SUSF's facilities and helped deliver record income, safely, and with great customer service. I would also like to mention the stellar outcomes produced by our grounds team during 2016. Under the leadership of Daryl Davidson, and with much of the winter sports training and games being split between our two major ovals, the team were able to deliver the best playing surfaces seen at SUSF for many years. In particular, the cricket wicket and outfield ranked 2nd or 3rd for much for the 2016/2017 season - previously we ranked 17th or 18th most years as we laboured under the difficulties of having all of our major sport being played on a single oval. Well done to this group of dedicated and resourceful staff. SUSF achieved record income and a record surplus in a difficult but efficient year. Our contracting, administration, record-keeping, investing and legal machinery get better every year, and we bedded down our updated constitution and our policies, WHS and general safety are very sound. We set fresh records for school holiday camp numbers, interfaculty sport participants and had a great year running the Rawson and Rosebowl competitions, and incorporating the netball competition and the tennis program into the Programs & Participation Department.

#### 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 assistance has been terrific and the provision of financial support through his office to the Rio Olympians and Paralympians is but one way his leadership continues to contribute to sport and fitness at this University. The Chancellor, Belinda Hutchinson, was yet again a huge supporter and is continually upbeat about the impact of sport and fitness at The University. David Pacey, the Secretary

to the Senate was highly supportive and helpful in a variety of ways as was DVC (Registrar) Tyrone Carlin, Richard Fisher, Susan Cullen, Tim Dolan (and his whole team). The Campus Infrastructure Services ("C.I.S") team have helped out a lot during 2016 particularly with finalising the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand, and building the Thyne Reid Boathouse and the Bruce Pryor Hockey Field. Our thanks go to Director Greg Robinson and his whole team.

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND BRUCE ROSS

I'd again like to acknowledge those that sat on SUSF's Management Committee during 2016. These individuals do a lot of work in the background and quietly contribute hours of time guiding SUSF and I am thankful for their work and their support. Thanks to everyone on our Management Committee, and to everyone who contributed to the Annual General Meeting and the General Committee Meetings.

Importantly, at the time of writing in early 2017, Bruce Ross, our President, is finishing up after 26 years in that role. During 2015 he won his 13th and final election campaign and in May 2017 he will retire after 26 straight years as President, an SUSF record in itself. His impact on the organisation is hard to fathom - he began as President in 1991 when SUSF was not highly successful, had limited resources, and struggled with infrastructure and making sure that our Clubs were in decent shape. Over the years the organisation has grown and transformed into the thriving enterprise it is today - Bruce can take a lot of credit for much of its success over that time. However, that's not Bruce's style - he doesn't take credit for things and always defers the attention and plaudits to others. That's also one of the characteristics of his gritty, determined leadership that has served us so well for so long, and has been a cornerstone of the organisation. There are countless elite athletes that he has mentored, helped, loaned (or given) his personal money to, or otherwise just been a shoulder to cry on over the years. There are countless SUSF staff, coaches, administrators and members that fall into the same categories. His legacy will be huge and there are enormous shoes to fill: \$44 million of infrastructure has been built during his Presidency; millions of dollars have been donated (not insubstantial sums by him); many competitions have been won; many new teams have emerged (The Brydens Sydney Uni Flames and the NEAFL team are two standouts). However, if you asked Bruce to define his legacy I am sure that he would be uncomfortable answering the question but would probably, in a quieter moment, reflect on the many individuals whom he has helped - the human element to the role and the deep impact he's had on the people that have been lucky enough to be counselled by him, to have listened to his advice and to have been shaped by his words and actions. On a personal level, I will miss Bruce's Presidency greatly. He and I have worked through many issues together, and it's been a real team effort on any number of things. I've been fortunate enough to have a boss that understands sport and fitness like few others in the country, and has a real passion for seeing individuals play, study, participate and achieve at their absolute best. I will miss his advice, ideas, inspiration and stories. I won't miss his mobile phone ringing in almost every meeting I'm in with him! That said, it's usually someone seeking his help, which he's always willing to provide. If any of you are wondering why SUSF has been so successful for so long, and I know there are any number of University sporting bodies who would trade their position for ours in a heartbeat, then you need look no further than Mr. Bruce Ross.

I'd like to finish this report by thanking my wife, Tash and my kids, Maddy, Amber, Violet and Daniel. I love you all very much and your support amazes me every day.

God bless,

Rob Smithies
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# BLUE & GOLD REPORT



BEING A SUMMER OLYMPICS YEAR, 2016 WAS A PARTICULARLY BUSY YEAR FOR 'BLUE & GOLD' SPORTING FUNCTIONS.

#### **'BLUE & GOLD' AUSSIE RULES LUNCHEON**

The first entertainment segment on Friday 8th April involved Adam Spencer chatting with two former AFL players: the Dockers' Daniel Gilmore and the Swans' Lewis Roberts-Thomson, who are the Head Coach and Assistant Coach of the Sydney Uni NEAFL team.

In total, the three members of Adam's past players panel made 803 AFL appearances (Jude Bolton 325, Brett Kirk 241 and Rhyce Shaw 237 AFL games). Naturally, the Sydney Swans' premierships of 2005 and 2012 were revisited.

Jude Bolton explained that the entrepreneurial Rhyce Shaw had instituted a team game of chance, which was standard fare when the Swans returned to Mascot airport from all of their interstate fixtures. It involved a \$5 entry fee with all proceeds going to the player whose luggage was the first to appear on the revolving carousel.

On the occasion of the 2012 Grand Final triumph, the jubilant but somewhat bleary-eyed Swans returned to Sydney on the Sunday in time for a reception with Sydney-based fans at the SCG. As always, there was great interest in whose luggage would be the first to appear on the revolving carousel. It turned out not to be luggage at all, but rather Rhyce Shaw, grinning from ear to ear and holding the Premiership Cup!

The members of Adam's panel of current players proved to be just as entertaining off the field as they are on it. Jarrad McVeigh, Dane Rampe and Isaac Heeney all have a well-developed sense of humour, which had an infectious effect on our luncheon quests.

The best yarn was probably a rather long-winded one about Dane Rampe's circuitous route from the Newington College soccer team at age 17 to his pivotal role in defence for the Sydney Swans over the last three and a bit seasons.

#### 2016 'BLUE & GOLD' PRE-OLYMPIC GAMES DINNER

On Wednesday 4th May, the 'Blue & Gold' Pre-Olympic Games Dinner took place.

At the outset, 31 Olympians were acknowledged by enthusiastic dinner guests, who included many other aspiring Sydney Uni Olympians hoping to be selected for the Rio de Janeiro Games in the weeks ahead.

Chris Fydler, Sydney Uni's gold medal-winning Sydney 2000 Olympian, addressed the dinner in his capacity as Deputy Chef de Mission of the Australian team for Rio de Janeiro. He provided fascinating insights into the venues for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as the accommodation for athletes in Rio. Chris was very buoyant about construction being finished in time for the Games. He was also very positive about Australia's likely overall performance.

Adam Spencer moderated a thoroughly entertaining panel of past Sydney Uni Olympians. Peter Farmer, a jovial hammer thrower from the 1976 Montreal and 1980 Moscow Olympics, was flanked by two extremely personable rowers, Kyeema Doyle from the 2004 Athens Games and Sarah Cook from both the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympics.

The final entertainment segment was Adam Spencer's panel of aspiring 2016 Sydney Uni Olympians which included Michelle Jenneke, Joshua Clarke and Chloe Dalton.

#### 2016 'BLUE & GOLD' SOCCER FOOTBALL DINNER

On the evening of Friday 3rd June, approximately 170 Sydney Uni Soccer Football Club (SUSFC) players, past players, parents of junior players and supporters assembled for the first ever sit down meal in the SUSFC Dining Room of the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand overlooking the reconfigured Sydney Uni Football Ground.

As always, Adam Spencer's panels were the source of great entertainment. His first panel comprised Heather Garriock (a Matilda on 130 occasions and coach of our 1st Grade Women's Champion team), Tom Hyde (the SUSFC Men's 1st Grade Captain) and Liz Grey (the SUSFC Women's 1st Grade Captain). Much of the discussion revolved around the new facilities for both players and spectators; the chances of end of season success for our leading men's and women's teams and the challenges for coaches in dealing with player parents!

The principal guests of honour were Scottish International, Frank Gray, and former Socceroo, Luke Casserly. There were lots of entertaining reminiscences and both former internationals parried Adam Spencer's questions from left field with consummate ease.

Towards the end of the evening, special presentations were made to five SUSFC members, who were designated as the inaugural 'SUSFC Legends': Michael Baume, David Gibb, Ray Hyslop, Peter Lazar and Ram Pal (Johnny) Singh.

#### 2016 'BLUE & GOLD' RUGBY LUNCHEON

On Friday 24th June, the twentieth staging of the 'Blue & Gold' Rugby Luncheon took place at The Ivy Ballroom.



The entertainment commenced with Adam Spencer's Sydney University Football Club panel which comprised Head Coach, Tim Davidson, and two of his star players, Jake Gordon and Tom Robertson. To all of the questions about his transition from playing to coaching, Davo exhibited that positive, yet very relaxed, attitude which saw him become the most successful Shute Shield captain of all time, with seven victories from eight consecutive Grand Final appearances.

Jake Gordon and Tom Robertson are players with huge potential at higher levels of rugby. They are only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years out of secondary school and both have already secured Super Rugby contracts with the NSW Waratahs.

After mains, the twentieth consecutive annual debate took place between the Gentlemen of Rugby and the Low-Life Academia teams.

The Gentlemen of Rugby were represented by Greg O'Mahoney and Rob Carlton, whose job was to present the affirmative case for Australia becoming a rugby playing Republic. Brexit voting was taking place at the very same time as the debate and duly received some thought-provoking mentions.

The Low-Life Academia team opened with Lord Godfrey Yorke-Copely, the 8th Baron of Cromwell. He was both frightfully English and frightfully funny – the audience absolutely loved him. For those who wanted to know his real name, Lord Godfrey was David Callan, but he remained in character right through to his much later departure from the function with a regal wave of his right hand.

Adam Spencer was up for the fight. He gave a superb rendition of a monarchist with a well-developed sense of humour. And so to the adjudication...

The Gentlemen of Rugby (who had been arguing that Australia should become a rugby playing Republic) were buoyed to discover that the adjudicator was not only a Wallaby, but that he is also the Chair of the Australian Republican Movement!

Mr Peter FitzSimons began his adjudication by commenting that we had just witnessed half an hour of world class entertainment. He then left the

luncheon guests in no doubt as to why he is the Chair of the Australian Republican Movement. His summation considerably furthered the proposition that the Gentlemen of Rugby had been affirming.

Fitz was in a hurry to get to the airport and, in a rushed conclusion, he awarded the debate to the negative – a totally unpredicted victory to Lord Godfrey and Adam Spencer! Was this an adjudicator's slip of the tongue or a subtle way of declaring that the result of the wonderfully entertaining nonsense debate was irrelevant to the whole-hearted enjoyment of our luncheon guests?

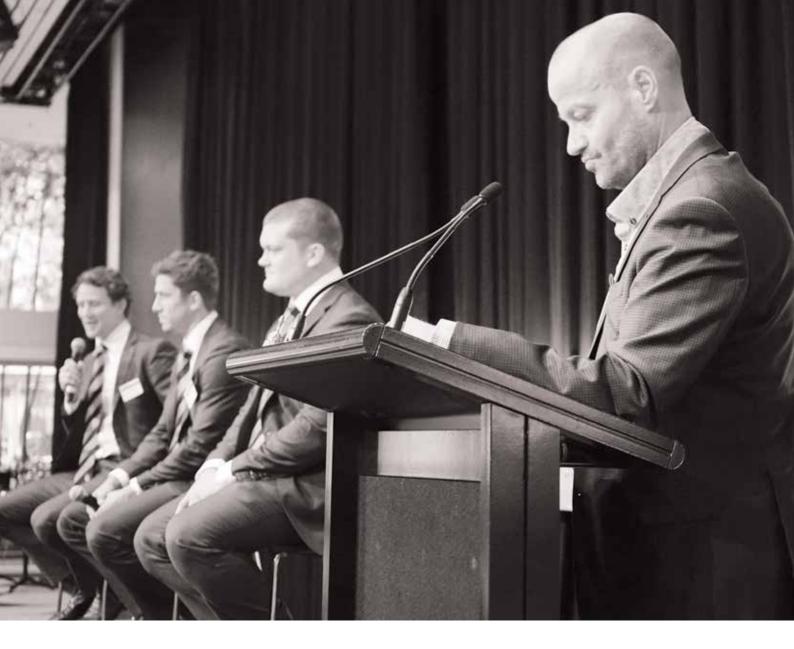
#### 2016 'BLUE & GOLD' WATER POLO LUNCHEON

At the outset, the Friday 26th August luncheon guests acknowledged the presence of twenty-four national Water Polo representatives. Our guests were also reminded of another excellent year of results for the Sydney Uni Men's and Women's Water Polo Clubs, culminating in:

- the first ever National League title for our women's team;
- a second consecutive National League minor premiership for our men's team; and
- a comfortable win in the inaugural year of the Peter Kerr Trophy for the Club with the best combined performance by its men's and women's National League teams.

Adam Spencer was once again the panel moderator and both of his panels comprised Sydney Uni Olympians with stories to tell from the recent Olympic Games in Brazil. However, much of the first panel discussion centred around the stellar National League seasons of the Sydney Uni Lions' Men's and Women's teams.

Hannah Buckling's memory of her five goal MVP and match-winning performance as our centre back in the National League final was surprisingly vague – perhaps she was just being humble. Johnno Cotterill doesn't do humble, as witnessed by his celebrations on scoring goals for both the Sydney Uni Lions and the Australian Sharks! But he is a very entertaining panellist.



We all thought that Deb Watson had been in Rio de Janeiro when providing her expert commentary for Channel 7's coverage of the water polo at the 2016 Olympic Games. Deb put us straight by advising that she had been in "Riofern"! She actually called all of the water polo games from Brazil off a tiny monitor in a television studio in nearby Redfern.

The second panel comprised three of our glamorous Stingers – Iso Bishop, Keesja Gofers and Lea Yanitsas. Discussion was very focused on their amazing Rio experiences as first time Olympians. All of them implied that they still have some unfinished Olympic business to attend to. We assumed that they were referring to water polo, although Iso Bishop appeared to be very taken by her sighting of the French tennis star, Jo-Wilfred Tsonga, in the Olympic dining room!

#### 2016 'BLUE & GOLD' OLYMPIC CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

The 2016 'Blue & Gold' Olympic Celebration Luncheon on Friday 16th September was attended by both the Chancellor of the University, Mrs Belinda Hutchinson AM, and the Vice-Chancellor & Principal of the University, Dr Michael Spence.

There was plenty to celebrate. Sydney Uni had our greatest ever representation at the Rio de Janeiro Games – 27 Olympians and 6 Paralympians. Five of our Olympians brought home medals – 1 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze. Our Paralympians, who were still competing at the time of the Olympic Celebration Luncheon, eventually came home from Brazil with 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.

For this function, our resident panel moderator, Adam Spencer, was

unavailable and replaced by his good friend Rob Carlton. Rob was in his element interviewing:

- · Jenny Blundell 1500m semi-finalist
- Madeline Hills 3000m steeplechase finalist & 5000m finalist
- Ella Nelson 200m semi-finalist
- Annie Rubie 400m semi-finalist & finalist in the 4x100m relay

On Rob Carlton's second panel, 2016 Olympic Water Polo quarter-finalist, Hannah Buckling, was the rose among the thorns. Her fellow panellists were Rugby 7s quarter-finalist, Pat McCutcheon; silver medal winning 470 class yachtsman, Will Ryan and 1000m Canoe Kayak K1 finalist (and 2012 Olympic gold medallist), Murray Stewart.

Our luncheon guests were intensely interested in the stories that the 2016 Sydney Uni Olympians had to tell.

#### 2016 SUSF/BLUES ASSOCIATION GOLF DAY

The field for this year's SUSF/Blues Association Golf Day on Wednesday 5th October involved 15 teams.

For the second consecutive year, the winner of the individual event was a member of the Sydney City Toyota team, Sam Deguara.

The main event for teams with Golf Australia handicaps involved the best two stableford scored on every hole and the placings were as follows:

 In equal 3rd place with 88 points were Team Adams (David Adams, Ted Griffin, Peter James and David Wills) and Team Smith (Jeremy Baker, Craig Davis, Bubba Nickel and Ed Smith).







- 2nd place with 90 points was the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Team of has-been Aussie Rules players (John Baistow, Ivan Cottom, Frank Simper and Rod Tubbs).
- 1st place with 93 points was one of SUSF's longest standing sponsors, Southern Design (Paul Khoury, George Neou, Sam Safi and Steve Swaine).

#### 2016 'BLUE & GOLD' CRICKET LUNCHEON

The 22nd consecutive 'Blue & Gold' Cricket Luncheon was held at The Ivy Ballroom on Friday 18th November 2016. The welcome address emphasised that the Sydney Uni Cricket Club now has world class indoor and outdoor practice facilities, as well as an oval of representative cricket standard. SUCC Chairman, Max Bonnell, introduced the 2016 SUCC Hall of Fame inductees: the late Joseph Coates, John Grimble and John Saint. Later in the afternoon, Adam Spencer moderated an exceptionally entertaining and thought-provoking panel discussion with:

- Shaun Pollock, the remarkable South African international who was recognised at various times throughout his stellar career as the world's No. 1 Test Bowler, Test all-rounder, ODI Bowler and ODI Allrounder.
- Stuart MacGill, the old fashioned operator with a gargantuan leg break;
   a majestic wrong'un and the best strike rate of any modern spin bowler.
- Mike Coward, the world renowned cricket writer, commentator and interviewer.

Topics ranged from Australia's capitulation in the first two Test matches of the summer; respect for the baggy green cap; the lack of a succession plan

for the Australian team; the issue of ball tampering; the evolution of cricket bats into weapons of mass destruction and the relative unimportance of statistics when cricketers reflect on the highlights of their playing days.

At the luncheon, the Cricket Division of the University of Sydney Sport Foundation announced the launch of the MOS Cricket Scholarship (named in honour of the late Mick O'Sullivan). It will be awarded in perpetuity from 2017 onwards to a promising male spin bowler who is playing for the Sydney University Cricket Club and is successfully pursuing studies at the University.

#### 2016 'BLUE & GOLD' XMAS HAMPER GOLF DAY

On Wednesday 30th November, the 2016 'Blue & Gold' Xmas Hamper Golf Day took place under clear blue skies at the extremely picturesque St Michael's Golf Club.

The Southern Design team (Chris Jones, Sean Khoury, George Neou and Steve Swaine) scooped the pool, winning the Best Dressed award and Chancellor's Cup by a massive margin of 10 stableford points. This was Southern Design's 4th Chancellor's Cup victory, making them the most prolific winning team over the 20 years of 'Blue & Gold' Xmas Hamper Golf Days.

The post-golf ceremony featured our resident entertainers, Murray Hartin and Frank Cheok. What other golf day entertains its patrons with a well fed bush poet and a septuagenarian (soon to enter a new decade) harmonica player? They once again captivated the audience and both produced unexpected tributes to the retiring Xmas Hamper Golf Day convenor.

Rodney Tubbs
CORPORATE & ALUMNI RELATIONS MANAGER

# HIGH PERFORMANCE & CLUB DEVELOPMENT



2016 CAN PERHAPS BE CONSIDERED AS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL YEARS FOR THE HIGH PERFORMANCE DEPARTMENT AT SUSF. INEVITABLY AS AN OLYMPIC YEAR, 2016 WAS FILLED WITH BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR ATHLETES AND CLUBS AND HUGE SUCCESS WAS RECORDED ACROSS THE BOARD.

The Rio Olympic campaign proved to be our most successful Olympics to date with a record 33 Sydney Uni athletes representing Australia across a range of Olympic and Paralympic sports.

#### THE MEDAL TALLY FOR SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETES IS AS FOLLOWS:

GOLD: Chloe Dalton - Rugby 7s

**SILVER:** Will Ryan - Sailing; Cameron Girldstone - Rowing; Alexander Belonogoff - Rowing

**BRONZE:** Jessica Fox - Canoe Slalom

Not to be overshadowed by the Olympics, our clubs also continued to strive for excellence with an unprecedented amount of success spread far and wide. Our Athletics club continued to dominate in their competitions. The club was named NSW Summer Club Champions for the fifth consecutive year, a real testimony to the dedication of the athletes and coaching staff.

Women's Soccer went on to 'win it all', taking home the preseason cup, sponsors cup, club championship and going back-to-back as National Premier League Champions. The women continue to write themselves into the record books. Much of the success of this women's soccer program can be attributed to the enormous effort by the Director of Soccer, John Curran. The Men's elite teams all made the finals in 2016 with first grade going the furthest, reaching a preliminary final.

The Sydney Uni Cricket Club had a modest year compared to their recent lofty standards. Two premierships in 3rd and 4th grade were the highlights of the year. The club also regained the SCA's 'Spirit of Cricket' award for the second successive year and made the final of the T20 competition. Five players made an appearance for NSW and two for the NSW second 11. A good outing for a club that continues to find a way to win.

The Sydney Uni Football Club was named Premier Rugby Club Champions for the 13th consecutive season. This was all achieved with a round to spare, highlighting the depth and longevity of their program. The club won 4 out of 7 possible premierships, with the 1st grade side losing out in one of the

most memorable grand finals in recent memory in front of a packed house at North Sydney Oval.

The Sydney Uni Australian National Football Club has well and truly arrived as a dominant force in state league AFL. The NEAFL side competed in their second straight Preliminary Final, losing to eventual winners, GWS Giants. This is an impressive result given the level of talent on display in the competition, particularly that of the two Sydney AFL reserves sides.

Our Water Polo Men's and Women's clubs also continued in the championship trend, combining to be named the Club Champions.

The Women's program was also named National Championships in what was a historic year for the club.

The Sydney Uni Boat Club continued to contest in the Australian Boat Race against Melbourne University. The Men's eight came away with the Edmund Barton Trophy in a dominant display on the day. The women's rowing club and men's boat club went through a merger to become the Sydney Uni Boat Club. An historic year for the sport at Sydney Uni. Along with international representation in Rio and the near completion of the new boatshed, 2016 could be seen as a watershed moment for the club.

The Brydens Sydney Uni Flames had another successful year; however, just missed out on a finals campaign. In a huge development for basketball in New South Wales, the Flames have been approved to register a team in the South East Australian Basketball League as a part of their development program. The Sydney Uni Basketball club also had success on the court, taking out the Division 1 Men's title in the Waratah League.

Our Sydney Uni Hockey Club had a very memorable 2016 with work commencing on their very first and very own hockey turf. Positioned on the Cumberland campus playing fields, this turf is no doubt going to catapult the club into some great results over the coming years. For 2016 all the women's sides made finals but all fell short of the grand prize. The men's sides weren't as fortunate this year but with the turf due for completion early in the 2017 season, next year could be an entirely different story.

#### **SOME OTHER HIGHLIGHTS WERE:**

- The Kendo club raised their participation rate exponentially, welcoming 150 new members to their helm.
- Similarly, the Taekwondo club held their first ever club championship at Brydens Stadium, providing a new opportunity for all their club members.
- The Ultimate Frisbee club continued to grow their identity as a club, introducing their inaugural alumni vs. current players match.

#### **EASTERN UNI GAMES**

A 170 student strong team from the University of Sydney had a successful week at Eastern Uni Games in Wollongong, NSW. Seven teams competed in grand finals across the board, with three coming home with gold medals.

Women's basketball dominated the competition, bringing home their fourth consecutive gold medal from the games. Ultimate Frisbee competed in rainy conditions to finish off a stellar tournament with gold. Men's Volleyball completed the gold trio, with a convincing 3-0 against UNSW. The men's volleyball team completed the week with a dominate display of skill, dropping just one set the entire tournament.

#### **SNOW SPORTS**

The University of Sydney Snow Sports team travelled down to Mt Buller, Victoria to compete in Snow Uni Games. The team battled rainy and windy conditions which put huge pressure on the individual performances. The University of Sydney finished with a handful of gold medals to Tom Lewis (Alpine - Slalom) and Alex Podgorski (Skier Cross). In 2017 the team will head back to Thredbo with the hope of regaining the top title.

#### **AUSTRALIAN UNI GAMES**

A smaller team of The University of Sydney students made the migration to Perth, Western Australia for the Australian Uni Games. Perth always proves difficult as a location for the games as increased costs and travel time prove to be a large barrier for many students. The team, however, showed resilience, finishing the week strong, only to be outnumbered by the home side, the University of Western Australia. The University of Sydney concluded the 2016 Australian University Games in 3rd place with 8 gold medals, 7 silver and 11 bronze.

The gold medals were spread across the board with T20 Cricket, women's football, women's basketball, men's ultimate frisbee, women's badminton, Taekwondo (2) and Kendo all achieving the ultimate prize. With a huge 15 teams competing in gold medal matches, the University of Sydney continued to be a top competitor across the games.

While the Overall Champion baton may have been passed to UWA this year, the USYD team are already looking to regain the title and return it to its rightful place in our trophy cabinet next year, when we return to the Gold Coast.

#### **GREEN & GOLD SELECTIONS:**

- Jin Su Jung (Athletics)
- Melinda Sun (Badminton)
- Pit Seng Low (Badminton)
- Alexander Cobb (Baseball)
- Kate Hewett (Basketball)
- Kate Cranney (Basketball)
- Eleni Valos (Basketball)
- Ella Scanlon-Bloor (Cycling)
- Liana Danaskos (Football)
- · Aleisha Wawn (Football)
- Grace Henry (Football)
- Dominique Carruthers (Football)
- Victoria Guzman (Football)
- Ariane Demetriou (Football)
- Grant Lynch (Football)
- James Combes (Football)

- Daniel Mifsud (Football)
- Simon Leech (Football)
- Holly Gibbons (Futsal)
- Jacinta Mallon (Hockey)
- Wone (Chris) Chon (Kendo)
- Matthew Hood (Rugby 7s)
- Connor O'Shea (Rugby 7s)
- Nick Craze (T20 Cricket)
- Matthew Powys (T20 Cricket)
- Brodie Frost (T20 Cricket)
- · Hayden Kerr (T20 Cricket)
- Neesha Weiss (Taekwondo)
- Rebecca Jones (Tennis)
- James Palmer (Tennis)
- Sharni Toomey (Touch)
- Michael Bower (Touch)
- Benjamin Summers (Touch)
- Alex Ladomatos (Ultimate Frisbee)
- · Robert Andrews (Ultimate Frisbee)
- · Lucas Nicholls (Ultimate Frisbee)
- Rachel Parsons (Ultimate Frisbee)
- Kimberley Spragg (Ultimate Frisbee)
- Kristina Knezovic (Volleyball)
- Liam Elkington (Volleyball)
- Ashley Colaco (Water Polo)
- Emma Lewis (Water Polo)
- Will Cotterill (Water Polo)

In a year filled with highs and achievements there are bound to be some lows. Unfortunately, the move of our Swimming Head Coach coinciding with a loss of funding from Swimming Australia saw the end of our high performance swim program. Furthermore, our High Performance manager of 6 years, Matthew Phelps, stepped down from his post in order to embark on a new adventure. Matthew was instrumental to the growth of the High Performance department and will be missed by all. I would like to take this opportunity to specifically thank Pippa Temperley and Stephanie Glanville-Fyfe for their excellent role in managing the department for the two and a half months between Matthew's departure and my starting date. This was a big task for two relatively new employees but they both took it in their stride and ensured the department was in great shape during this time.

It is undeniable that 2016 was a year of record breaking achievements for the High Performance department. All High Performance staff and our clubs will continue to challenge themselves, grow and develop heading into 2017. We will continue to strive for excellence in all regional, state, national and international competitions. I would also like to thank outgoing SUSF President Bruce Ross and Executive Director Robert Smithies for their continued support and guidance throughout my time at SUSF.

Tristan Liles
HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER

# ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM



EACH YEAR, WE AIM TO ASSIST AND ENCOURAGE STUDENT ATHLETES TO FIND BALANCE AND ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN THEIR SPORT AND STUDIES, AS WELL AS SUPPORT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPORTING CLUBS TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN TALENT. THE ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM MEMBERS AND ALUMNI IN 2016, AMONG OTHER KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS; REVEALED A SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH MUCH DEVELOPMENT.

#### **DIVERSITY OF MEMBERSHIP**

Of the 360-plus sporting scholarship recipients, males outnumbered females on a 1.7 to 1 ratio in Semester 1. Over 40 sports were represented across the cohort with the largest contingents being rugby (men's), athletics, Australian Rules football (men's), soccer and rowing. First-year university students made up approximately a quarter of members, while just over 10 per cent of members lived at one of the University's residential colleges. Of the 85 per cent of members who were enrolled at The University of Sydney (USYD), around 12 per cent were engaged in postgraduate studies. Degrees administered by the faculties/schools of Science, Engineering and Information Technologies, Business and Health Sciences respectively, were the most popular amongst the USYD students.

#### ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

For USYD-enrolled members, Semester 1 saw an 84.4 per cent rate of satisfactory academic performance, while for Semester 2, this rate increased to 90 per cent. First-year students passed at a rate of 89.7 per cent in Semester 1 and 85 per cent in Semester 2. As was the trend in previous years, units of study unsuccessfully completed in each semester were attributed largely to males and first-year students.

#### ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

For several athletes, 2016 was a significant year in their sporting careers, having earned selection to compete at the Rio Olympics and Paralympics. A majority of the 33-strong Sydney University team were current Program members and alumni. It was a particularly outstanding year also for our female student athletes, with a remarkable number of successes across a variety of women's individual and team sports.

#### **USAGE AND ALLOCATION OF SERVICES**

Over \$425,000 in financial assistance and \$27,000 in international travel grants were provided to members enrolled at USYD. Near \$99,000 was expended in support services (tutoring, sports performance psychology and sports dietetics). The opening of the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand and high performance training facilities within, as well as the relocation of the Program's staff offices to Arena; significantly advanced our abilities to support members and Sydney University sporting club staff. The number of members using SUSF's Physical Preparation services grew throughout the year as they became aware of the new high performance training facilities and having Program staff conveniently located near these facilities and key staff meant a vast improvement in communication.

#### WITH REGARD TO THE TOP FIVE GOALS SET FOR THE ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM FOR 2016, WE ACHIEVED SEVERAL TARGETS.

 Goal 1: Established Elite Athlete Program alumni and friends' network and campaign launched.

While little progress was made in developing avenues for friends and alumni to engage with the Program, the key objective of launching a fundraising campaign for sporting scholarships was accomplished. At an inaugural stewardship function on Saturday 22 October, we kick-started the 'Five by '25' campaign; to raise five million dollars for sporting scholarships by 2025. The lifeblood of our sporting scholarships and the Elite Athlete Program in 2016 was kindly provided by The University of Sydney, The University of Sydney Business School, the University's residential colleges and the wonderful donors of perpetual named sporting scholarships. It is hoped that through the 'Five by '25' campaign, the latter group will grow.

#### • Goal 2: Sponsored Elite Athlete Program Centre is open.

With the opening of the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand and the subsequent re-shuffling of staff offices, the proposal to convert the Meeting Room at Arena into a multi-use space was deferred.

#### Goal 3: Program branding and promotion is improved.

Although we decided to close our Twitter account, our presence on social media grew in 2016 through the concentrated effort to increase our Facebook and Instagram followers. We published, reposted and followed on a regular basis; helping to connect our members, alumni and friends and share their many achievements and stories.

#### • Goal 4: Smartabase is facilitating efficiencies and better decision-making.

Perhaps the most crucial turn in recent years with regard to the administration of the Program, occurred in 2016. We went paperless and live with our new data management system (Smartabase) and all things considered; it was a resounding success. Shifting to this online tool facilitated a reduction in menial administrative tasks, less wastage and



importantly, a greater capacity to focus on the core business of supporting our athletes and clubs. With better knowledge and skills of the tool, 2017 should see us being able to produce more accurate and timely reports to track performance and guide decision-making.

#### Goal 5: 90% of members perform at a satisfactory academic level of achievement each semester

We missed the mark in Semester 1 with an 84.4 per cent rate of satisfactory academic performance, but for semester 2, this rate increased to 90 per cent. Strategies employed to encourage excellent academic results included: the development of a profile of the student athlete most at-risk of unsatisfactory academic performance; targeted new member induction sessions; particular staff-to-sport assignments; and implementing a regular review and communication plan for members identified as 'at-risk'. There were a couple of other large contributing factors to improved results. One being the relocation of Program staff to Arena and the other, USYD's new centralised administration system by which student athletes could apply for special consideration and arrangements for assessments.

The Elite Athlete Program staff team expanded to six, with Libby Clouston departing for maternity leave in July and Rosie Weber coming on-board as the Program's Assistant Administrator. We were fortunate to be joined by two interns throughout the year from USYD's Study Abroad program who played pivotal roles in assisting the department to achieve our 2016

targets, particularly in the areas of stewardship to our sporting scholarship benefactors and launching the 'Five by '25' fundraising campaign. With the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the horizon, 2017 will be a challenging year for a number of Program members who will be working hard to gain selection for the event. USYD commenced a significant revision of their student administration services in 2016 and 2017 will see further shifts. Additionally, the structure of faculties and schools is set to move and a new undergraduate curriculum will come into effect in 2018. The impact of these changes on our ability to provide quality and timely academic advice and advocacy for our members, as well as our recruitment of student athletes; will require focus in 2017. The year ahead will definitely see further development of our use of Smartabase and our ability to capture and analyse data more effectively. It will also be a big year in encouraging support for the long-term sustainability of the Program as we enter the first year of the 'Five by '25' campaign. We look forward to reporting in a year's time that not only has our community of supporters grown, but that we have engaged with friends and alumni of the Program in other meaningful ways, such as mentoring, because they are key players in establishing Sydney University as the place where elite athletes need to be.

Leonie Lum
ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM MANAGER

# MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT



2016 PROVED A DYNAMIC AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR FOR THE MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS TEAM WHO DELIVERED ON MANY PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES WHILE EMBRACING NEW AND IMPROVED WAYS OF WORKING.

In a very busy year we continued to focus on delivering high-quality services to our members, clubs and other departments, as well as developing our staff capability.

#### **THE TEAM**

The 2016 team comprised of Senior Marketing Officer, Kristen Barnes; Communications and Social Media Coordinator, Laura Hanlon; Sports Writer, Graham Croker and Graphic Designer, Sarah Odgers. Harry Croker came on board as a Communications Intern and his energy and contributions bolstered the department during the exciting Olympic and Paralympic period.

After leading the team through the first half of the year, Kristen Barnes secured another opportunity in the communications field and Helen Jomoa was recruited as a Marketing Consultant. Sarah Odgers also left to pursue other employment. This departure created an opportunity for SUSF to grow its successful association with Southern Design, a cutting-edge design and multimedia agency, in a relationship which extends back to 2004. The partnership enhances SUSF's capability to deliver successful membership campaigns and its suite of print and electronic publications.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Marketing launched the new SUSF website in early 2016 to better meet the communication needs of our members, clubs, departments and other stakeholders. The new website enables SUSF to communicate more clearly and concisely to its many and varied target audiences.

In collaboration with the Executive Director, Rob Smithies and Operations and Infrastructure Manager, Ed Smith, our team had the privilege of organising the official opening of the \$13 million multi-sport TAG Family Foundation Grandstand at University Oval No. 2 on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. A gathering of 300 guests witnessed the University of Sydney Chancellor, Belinda Hutchinson, cut the ribbon to open this magnificent facility, assisted by Rob Smithies and SUSF President, Bruce Ross.

No highlight reel of 2016 would be complete without trumpeting the record-breaking representation that our University achieved at the Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Marketing team took great pride in presenting comprehensive coverage of our participating athletes.

The well-received 'Roar to Rio' campaign followed the fortunes of our 27 Olympic and 6 Paralympic athletes in stories and pictures over many months.

#### **MEMBERSHIP & PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS**

Marketing continued to develop a number of membership campaigns that were executed at strategic points throughout the year.

Always striving to improve the 'bang for our buck', we have grown our email databases while also creating sub-lists to target messages to diverse audiences. Having more sophisticated email marketing and a coordinated social media plan as an integral component of all marketing campaigns has promoted added reach, cost effectiveness and efficiencies.

#### The Uni Pass

Marketed as perfect for our large student population, the Uni Pass is a nine-month membership offer. Prices for all pass levels, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Blue, are very competitive against other universities and nearby fitness centres. 0-Week marketing of this offer, on-and-off campus, was intense resulting in high market penetration. For example, paid advertising on social media and online student news inclusions were instrumental in supporting the extensive face-to-face 0-Week campaign.

Marketing addressed students at their official welcomes in the Great Hall and this was backed up with a barbeque lunch hosted at SUSF, where students were offered facility tours and the opportunity to try various sports. Marketing also produced a popular Mandarin language brochure about the benefits of becoming an SUSF member. The awareness and success of this promotion can be measured by over 600 passes being sold during the two week period.

Similar to the nine-month pass, SUSF offers students the chance to purchase a Semester 2 Uni Pass which stretches to the end of November. This pass has proved very attractive to the large cohort of students enrolling mid-year, including international students.

#### 2 for \$29

In an attempt to sharpen the successful 'Gold Summer Pass' promotion, first introduced in 2015, the duration was halved from 4 to 2 weeks and the cost was set at \$29 (2015: 4 weeks for \$60). The aim being that attractive pricing would sway purchasing behaviour in a highly competitive inner-west health and fitness market.

This pass encouraged new customers and existing members to sample all the benefits of our premium Gold Pass. The take-up rate exceeded all projections, with nearly 800 passes sold, the most of any 2016 promotion. Follow-up emails went to all customers who took advantage of this offer but who did not immediately renew or sign-up for a full membership.

The above campaigns represent just a couple of the successful campaigns implemented throughout the year. The marketing team continue to scan the health and fitness environment in reviewing our promotions and scrutinise member feedback to identify improvements and initiatives.

#### **EVENTS & FUNCTIONS**

In addition to events already mentioned, SUSF hosted two formal annual functions, the Sports Awards in April and the Blues Dinner in November. These prestigious occasions were extremely well patronised and showcased our elite athletes, club programs and the culture and values of SUSF to existing and future benefactors.

Being an Olympic year, the Marketing team worked in concert with the Corporate and Alumni Relations Manager, Rodney Tubbs, to present pre and post-Games events. The team assisted in creating a video celebrating the selection and achievements of our Water Polo representatives in the Australian team. We acknowledge the leadership and expertise of Rodney Tubbs in staging such important events.

A marquee fixture was the University of Sydney hosting the 2016 edition of the Australian Boat Race on Sydney Harbour in October. Marketing managed the digital media communications over many months, working closely with Race Convenor, Chris Noel, Sydney University Boat Club; Sydney and Melbourne Universities and other stakeholders in helping deliver an amazing rowing spectacular. The Australian Boat Race continues to grow in stature on the national sporting calendar.

All of these events add value to the SUSF brand as an organisation, with proven capability to stage sporting extravaganzas of the highest standard.

#### **ANNUAL MEMBER SURVEY**

This online survey is a key conduit for members to provide feedback to SUSF on our services and facilities. SUSF places high value on the views of our members. Marketing administers this survey and presents the results to the senior management team. Survey findings are compared against results from the previous year. The 2016 Survey attracted a record 507 respondents, compared to 424 in 2015. In terms of rating performance, all categories showed improvement from last year which is a very positive result.

For example, engagement and quality of group fitness instructors; overall facility safety; friendliness and knowledge of customer service staff and overall facility cleanliness all received 90% or higher in customer satisfaction ratings. We continue to draw on these results to inform our decision making.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

A goal for 2016 was to ensure that high-quality content was consistently delivered across all channels of communication.

We believe the quality and appeal of our publications is reflected in SUSF's flagship *ROAR* magazine and the steadily increasing numbers receiving our digital offerings, such as the monthly member E-Newsletter and select *ROAR* articles being made available online.

The sheer volume of news stories published on our website signifies our commitment to providing coverage to as many SUSF teams and athletes as possible. Marketing liaise with numerous external media organisations and journalists keen for news about our athletes. There was also steady growth in numbers accessing, following, sharing and liking content on our social media platforms. At the end of 2016, we had over 5,000 likes on Facebook, with 862 Twitter and 2,478 Instagram followers, all higher than 2015 figures.

We are pleased to report further advancements in our SUSF MailChimp platform, where bulk emails link to individual member details. This personalised approach underlines the value SUSF places on its relationship with our members, who report that they respond best to receiving important promotional information via email.

The marketing team also produced a series of virtual tours of our main facilities which now feature on the SUSF website. These productions, starring real staff, help promote SUSF to potential members and sponsors, as well as supporting the option to purchase memberships online.

#### **CLUBS**

Marketing continued to engage with our over 40 sporting clubs to assist their endeavours in increasing membership; publicising their activities and in seeking sponsorships. One major weekly commitment was assisting the Brydens Sydney Uni Flames develop and action their marketing plan for Season 2016/17. For example, devising and implementing supporter promotions such as the highly successful 'Fan The Flames' campaign and strengthening game-time social media on all platforms to keep pace with and exceed the evolving expectations of the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL).

While proud of our efforts to date, given staffing resources, the marketing team aims to increase connection to clubs in 2017 as a key performance goal.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my thanks to Rob Smithies and the senior management team for their ongoing support. Further, a big 'shout out' to the operations and customer service team for their support and energy with sales and marketing in 2016, as we cannot achieve what we do without you.

#### Laura Hanlon

**COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR** 

(Appointed Marketing & Communications Manager effective 1 January, 2017)

# PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION REPORT



THE PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION TEAM (P&P)
HAVE WORKED HARD IN 2016, TAKING ON A NUMBER
OF NEW PROGRAMS AND EMBRACING CHANGE
IN ORDER TO GROW AN EFFECTIVE DEPARTMENT.
THE TEAM HAS COLLABORATED WELL TO DRIVE
THESE NEW PROGRAMS AND ENSURE THEIR
SUCCESS INTO THE FUTURE.

A decision was made, late in 2015, to change our First Aid program delivery, restructuring the staff resources with the aim of making the program more profitable. Where previously a full time staff member delivered all First Aid programs and School Exercise & Sport modules, this was restructured for 2016 to now outsource First Aid instructors and wind down the PDHPE modules to allow a greater focus on university participation sport. Andrew Thompson took on the management of the First Aid programs, in addition to his many established University programs and Carmel Dimarco & Philippa Temperley assisted with running our final school modules throughout the year. This change was vastly successful allowing for a much more efficient and cost effective running of programs which we will continue in the coming years.

The management of the SUSF Social Netball program was moved across to P&P in April of 2016, previously run through the Operations department although still somewhat outsourced. This change sought to streamline the Netball competition and allow for a more smooth operation and increased alignment with other social SUSF programs. Annie Gallacher joined the P&P program as the Social Netball program coordinator and overcame some early challenges in order to finish the year strongly.

2016 also saw the beginning of a new university competition, Intramural

Sport. Combining many of the campus residences that fall outside of the traditional Intercollege competition, this social based competition introduced in collaboration with the university's Student Services department, aimed at increasing the sporting opportunities to those living on campus. Six residences were involved in the inaugural year playing across four separate sporting events providing students with an engaging way to participate and get to know other students through sport.

In October 2016, the P&P team added another program to its repertoire by way of tennis. Previously a program owned and led by John Curzon, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) purchased the Sydney Uni Tennis program and underwent a smooth transition phase in the latter part of the year. Yvette Mok remained in the position of Tennis Coordinator and Marcus Coombs came on as our SUSF Head Tennis coach. Together they look after the now SUSF Tennis program which includes social and competitive tennis, private and group coaching to both adults and children.

Other P&P programs remained the same with Alyssa Hardie coming on board mid-year as Community Programs Manager taking care of School Holiday Programs and School Sport, both of which saw yet another strong year of participation and growth.

#### THE P&P TOP 5 TARGETS FOR 2016 SET BY THE DEPARTMENT WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Continue to increase participation across all programs
- 2. Increase program offerings & events in line with current trends
- 3. 'Give back' goal connect with a local community group to assist with sport and recreation programs
- 4. Increase partnerships with Sydney Uni clubs
- Continue to enhance communication and teamwork within P&P to ensure effective collaboration between programs

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.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT: ROSEBOWL									
College	Netball	Rowing	Swimming	Hockey	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Athletics	Overall
St. Andrew's	7	7	7	7	3	5	7	4	47
St John's	5	1	0	5	0.5	3	5	7	26.5
Women's	0	3	3	1	7	1	3	4	22
Wesley	3	5	1	3	0.5	7	1	1	21.5
Sancta Sophia	1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	11

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT: RAWSON									
College	Cricket	Rowing	Swimming	Rugby	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Athletics	0verall
St. Andrew's	3	5	5	5	1	5	3	5	32
St Paul's	5	3	1	3	3	3	5	3	26
Wesley	1	1	0	1	5	0	1	1	10
St John's	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
Sancta Sophia	1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	11

The 2016 year saw strong athletic achievement and some close and exciting rivalries across both the Rosebowl and Rawson competitions. The Intercollegiate committee worked well together to discuss relevant issues and make necessary procedural changes which assisted in the smooth running of events.

Congratulations to St Andrew's College for their successful Rosebowl and Rawson campaigns, taking both cups back to the college for another year. While Andrew's finished the year ahead there was some great challenges across the board, with St Paul's College contesting strongly in the Rawson. In the Rosebowl, Andrews showed their dominance early in the year winning 100% of semester 1 sports. The interesting part of the competition then became to see who would secure second place with positions rotating several times throughout the year. St John's finally took out 2nd with their first ever win in Rosebowl Athletics.

The year was rounded out with the Intercol Sports Dinner held at St Paul's College. Henry Chan (Wesley College) was named Convener of the year for his superior organisational skills across several sports; Kate Wheaton (St John's College) was named Sportswoman of the Year and Zac Von Appen (St Andrew's College) was named Sportsman of the Year.

#### **AFFILIATED CAMPUSES**

SUSF, as has become customary, again committed to providing funding to off-campus faculties in 2016. Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary (Camden) faculties were the most active, hosting a range of sports competitions including rugby, swimming and basketball, soccer and bubble soccer. Funding was also used to purchase new gym equipment and to hire courts for other sports training within the faculties.

#### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

#### School Holiday Program

The School Holiday Program in 2016 was a successful year with overall participation steady on the record numbers of participants reached in 2015.

The Summer camps at the beginning of 2016 hit 1173 enrolments which was a great result and just under that of the record number reached in the 2015 Summer camps of 1195. The summer camp period was then backed up by a record number of enrolments in the Autumn holiday program with 875 registrations. This was the highest number ever for an autumn period and was an increase of 14% on last year's numbers.

Enrolments for the Winter and Spring Holiday period were slightly down on the 2015 numbers, however, Spring saw the first School Holiday Sports camps run at our Tempe location, The Robyn Webster Sports Centre. Two camps were held at the centre and were both successful with a total of 47 participants experiencing the camps. Having this new location will open up our camps to those living in the southern and western suburbs of Sydney and will generate new exposure for Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness.

The TAG Family Foundation Grandstand held two camps over the Spring period, the fencing/archery camp was held in the function room and the cricket camp was able to make use of the indoor cricket net area. Having this extra venue available has allowed us to increase the number of enrolments.

Sydney Markets remains a key sponsor of the School Holiday Programs. In 2016 we committed to continue this strong relationship, adding to the quality and image of our healthy and active programs.

2011-2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION RATES							
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Summer	938	967	897	957	1195	1173	
Autumn	836	672	627	566	754	875	
Winter	927	692	744	862	927	769	
Spring	724	586	784	797	940	839	
TOTAL	3425	3011	3052	3182	3816	3656	

#### **SCHOOL SPORT**

School Sport in 2016 saw an increase in schools using the facilities at SUSF. Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus came back in 2017 for their regular Tuesday afternoon school sport session where they participated in archery, fencing and rock climbing. Glenmore Rd Public School were back in Terms 2 and 3 this year and participated in basketball, soccer, oz-tag and newcombe ball. In addition to those two regular schools, Sydney Girls High School returned for a 6 week session for their year 11 students through August and September in 2016 after reporting positive feedback from participation in their 2015 School Activities Day with SUSF. The students at Sydney Girls experienced rock climbing, RPM, Pilates, badminton, judo, and fitness sessions. Schools have increasingly commented on how they like the variety of sports that SUSF offer to schools.

In addition to the regular schools that visited throughout the year we also had two School Activities Days featuring Ascham School for Girls and Forest Lodge Primary School. Overall, School Sport in 2016 was a complete success with an increase in participation and revenue.

TERM 1	TERM 2 TERM 3		TERM 4			
Sydney Secondary College	Sydney Secondary College	Sydney Secondary College	Sydney Secondary College			
	Glenmore Rd	Glenmore Rd	Ascham Girls			
		Sydney Girls High School	Forest Lodge Primary School			
400	1002	1714	690			
TOTAL: 3806						

#### **UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS**

#### **Lunchtime Social Sport**

The year of 2016 proved to be another successful year in the history of the Lunchtime Social Sport program, with the second highest amount of teams participating throughout both semesters. In semester 1 there were 70 teams and in semester 2 there were 70 teams registered, 140 teams in total, 4 shy of the record number. Record net profit was also achieved for the program in 2016.

The continued record participation numbers can be attributed to the successful launch of Badminton as a Lunchtime Social Sport, with 12 teams registering in its first semester offered. Volleyball was another sport to successfully launch in 2016. The program now consists of 8 sports, Mixed Futsal, Futsal, Mixed Netball, Basketball, Mixed Tennis, Mixed Touch Football, Mixed Ultimate Frisbee, Mixed Volleyball and Badminton.



#### **Interfaculty Sport**

Interfaculty Sport achieved a record number of participants in 2017, with 1724 students participating across both semesters. This is a sharp increase on the previous record of 1511 achieved in 2015. The highlight for Interfaculty Sport in 2016 was the success of the new 3km event at the end of semester 1, with over 180 students participating. The semester 2, 5km run also recorded another record number of participants with 288 competing.

University of Sydney Postgraduate Student Arsalan Humayun held the position of Interfaculty Intern during Semester 1, 2016 and USYD Undergraduate Student Saracen Fletcher took on the role from Semester 2. Thank you to both Saracen and Arsalan for their hard work and dedication to the role throughout each semester. Thanks also to all the faculty representatives for volunteering their time throughout the year. A special mention must go to the Medicine Faculty, who led right up until the final event of the year, only to lose by 7 points to the Law Faculty. Credit must go to the Law faculty for finishing on top for the fourth consecutive year.

#### **First Aid Training**

The First Aid training program was highly successful in its first full calendar year with training partner, Allens Training. The program achieved a record amount of participants across both CPR and First Aid courses, with 495 in First Aid and 191 in CPR. Record financial figures were also achieved for the program in 2016.

The program now has a permanent venue within the new TAG Family Foundation Grandstand. This has allowed for more courses to be added to the schedule and the ability to take more group bookings. Strong relationships have been formed with many faculties, staff and student groups, which have led to an increase in the number of group bookings.

#### **Short Courses**

The Short Course program experienced a decrease in participation numbers (252) from the record numbers (432) achieved in 2015. It must be noted that 2016 saw strong competition from various student bodies offering similar dance and recreation courses for little or no fee, which in turn resulted in a decline in participation.

The program continues to offer a broad range of courses such as, Bollywood, Zumba, Pilates, Jazz, Yoga, Xtend Barre, Salsa, Fencing, Tennis, Rock Climbing, Scuba Diving and Surf Camp. Once again the Short Course program continues to be quite popular with the USYD Staff group, with over 12 USYD Staff-only lunchtime courses offered and a total of 150 staff participating. Based on this fact, 2017 will see the introduction of further lunchtime Yoga and Pilates.

#### INTRAMURAL SPORT

Intramural Sport in 2016 was a very successful inaugural year for the Competition both on-and-off the field. There were some excellent sporting performances and some fantastic levels of participation from all residences involved. There were four sports throughout the year; Futsal, Badminton, Basketball and Table Tennis.

The main goal of the Intramural Competition is to increase the participation for all residences not involved in typical Inter Collegiate competitions and to build a community within residences that are generally quite isolated. The addition of a range of sports allowed a larger number of students to participate in such a competition for the first time, creating a fantastic comradery between students and a benchmark for future competitions.

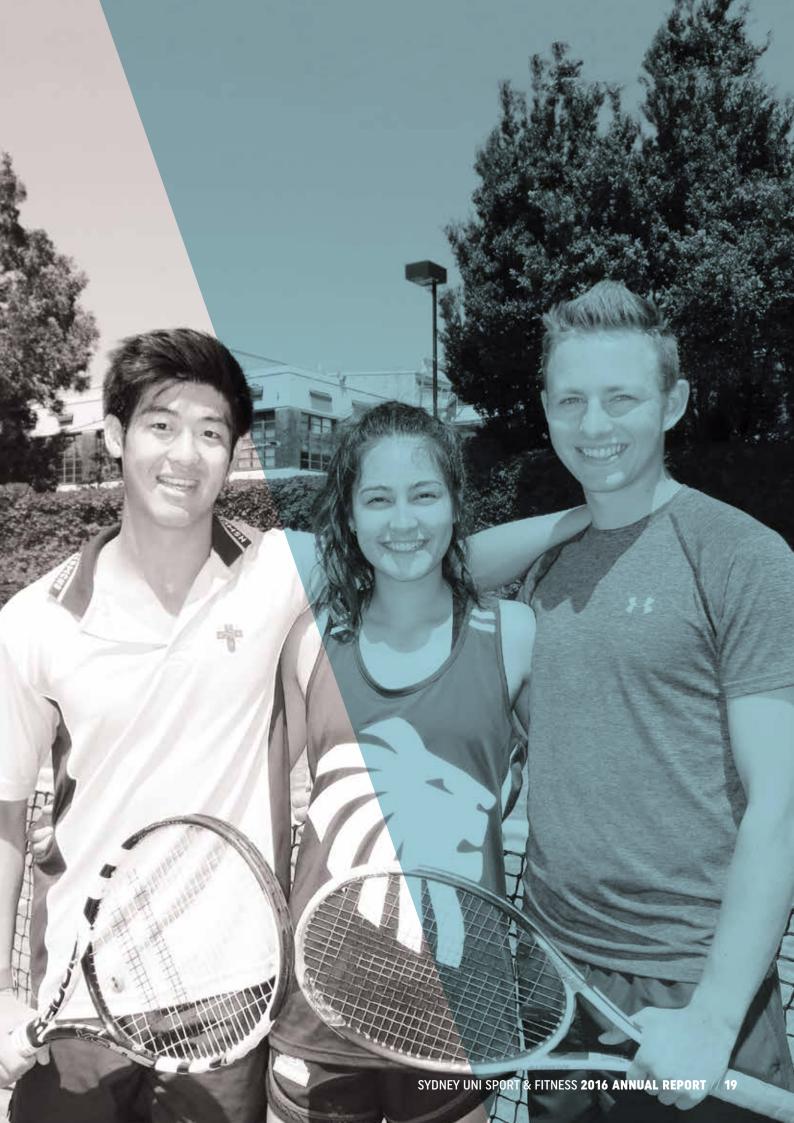
Congratulations to Queen Mary Building for winning the Men's Thomas Whalan Cup and to International House for taking the win for the females and obtaining the Liane Tooth Cup. While the bigger residences did dominate the year, there were still many competitive matches played by Sancta, Abercrombie and Mandelbaum. Sydney University Village and Urbanest both excelled in basketball and table tennis respectively and will endeavour to increase their participation over the other sports moving forward to next year.

#### **SOCIAL NETBALL COMPETITION**

The Social Netball program in 2016 saw the handover of the long-standing Social Netball competition to the P&P department. With the introduction of some important changes, a solid base was set for maximising participation for the year as well as ensuring growth in future years. In competition 1 there were 47 teams registered, 66 teams in competition 2, 51 teams in competition 3 and 48 teams in competition 4; overall a positive result for the program considering its recent handover.

The highlight of the 2016 season involved the substantial increase in popularity of mixed teams in the 2016 competition which saw an increase in male participation, specifically those of university age. In an exciting time for the growth and national reach of netball in Australia and with additional collaboration with the Sydney Uni Netball Club we are confident in our aim to increase participation numbers further into 2017.

Melinda D'Arcy
PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION MANAGER



# OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT



2016 WAS A VERY BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION OF SUSF.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **TAG Family Foundation Grandstand**

On 16 March 2016, we completed and moved into the new TAG Family Foundation Grandstand. We worked closely with (and thank very much) the project management team from Campus Infrastructure Services on the delivery of the base build components of the new building while simultaneously working with our own contractors on the fitout of the new bar, the function centre, PA system, the offices, the boardroom, the indoor cricket nets and, most significantly for our clubs, the new David Mortimer High Performance Gym.

Apart from accommodating the Sydney Uni Football (Rugby), Soccer and Cricket Clubs, the Grandstand is also the permanent home to the Sydney Uni Strength and Conditioning team. During the year, the Grandstand was also the temporary home to the Sydney Thunder Big Bash franchise, and the Country Eagles National Rugby Championship franchise. The Soccer Foundation Function Room and bar was also used heavily throughout its first twelve months for a wide variety of functions including, most notably, the Honorary Degree Luncheons for both John Howard and Bob Hawke.

#### Oval No. 2 Redevelopment

On 29 January 2016, the University's grandstand building contractors, Kane Constructions, gave SUSF back the western third of Oval No. 2 and over the next 6 weeks we completely reconstructed the former cricket oval to create the new rectangular Sydney Uni Football Ground (SUFG). This included the laying of a new practice cricket deck to the east of the playing field.

In what has become known as 'The Miracle of Oval 2', in just 6 weeks we were able to produce a great playing surface for the first round of the Shute Shield Rugby Competition on 19 March and we then maintained the high quality field (with the addition of temporary field lighting and electronic scoreboards) for the entire full winter seasons of our Soccer and Rugby clubs despite there being no field drainage or irrigation installed. Congratulations must go to our Head Groundsman and our fantastic grounds team on the huge effort that they put in throughout the year on the SUFG as well as the six other ovals that we look after.

Once the winter seasons were complete, we were then able to install field drainage, irrigation, field lighting and an electronic scoreboard onto the Sydney Uni Football Ground. With this infrastructure now in place, we have created one of the best wet and dry weather football facilities in Australia. This has, in turn, created a problem for us as we must now monitor and closely manage the potential for overuse of the facility – a nice problem to have.

A special mention and thanks goes out to Matt Rennick, our first Camperdown Centre Manager who has managed the new grandstand and function centre through its initial year of our 50 year occupation licence over the facility.

#### The new Boatshed and Hockey Field

In other capital development news, in 2016 we commenced construction of the Thyne Reid Boatshed at Linley Point as well as a new synthetic turf hockey field out at the University's Cumberland Campus. We look forward to taking occupation of these facilities in the first 4 months of 2017.

#### **OPERATIONS**

#### **Our Sports Centres**

It was a very good year for the Sports and Aquatic Centre as well as the Arena Sports Centre. For the second year in a row we achieved record student entries and general entries. A detailed breakdown of our record memberships are provided in the financial section of this annual report.

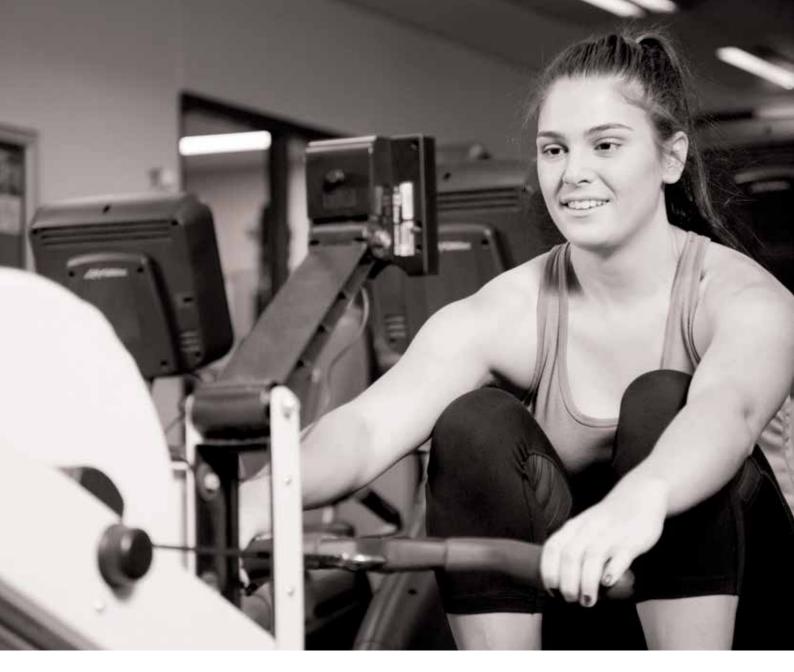
The Arena Cardio and Strength gyms were both upgraded as were all of the lockers at the Sports and Aquatic Centre. Solar panels were installed on the SUSAC and Oval No. 1 Grandstand roofs and all of the chipped tiles around the pool gutters were replaced to reduce the risk of injury to our patrons. Congratulations to our Facilities and Services Manager, Paul Reynolds, and to all of our centre managers and shift supervisors for their ongoing great work.

#### **Swim School Program**

2016 was also a stellar year for the Sydney Uni Swim School. We had a record number of bookings which saw us teaching in excess of 1, 800 people per week and our December bookings indicate a record Term 1 2017 is on the cards.

Our Schools program saw all 5 of our schools return in 2016 with a 6th public school looking to come on board in 2017. We also had great success in running these schools' annual school carnivals as we look to expand on this offering over the coming years.

Throughout the year we increasingly reached out to our overseas student base in an attempt to get them ready for an Australian Summer by the



beach while continuing to work with our Program and Participation team on the development of our popular Swimming Clinics for all ages and experience levels.

From a staffing perspective, we held two staff training days throughout the year to further develop and increase the qualifications of our learn to swim instructors – most of whom are students here at the University. We would like to congratulate 11 of our instructors who all graduated this year from the University having spent many of their student years working for us part time while studying.

Particular mention and thanks must go to Josephine Brown who does a great job managing our entire Swim School Programme (and their parents) as well as Douglas Noble Brown who implemented an online attendance and assessment system in 2016 and Anton Nikulin who accepted a full time role as our Junior Squad Coach and Administrative Assistant.

#### **Our Information Technology**

We implemented for the first time our fully integrated online membership capability. This project was delivered on time prior to 0-Week 2016 resulting in a far superior experience for USYD students. Throughout 2016 we extended our online capability to SUSF clubs with over 20 sports clubs embracing online membership. In the 10 months to 31 December 2016, almost 6,000 transactions were performed online resulting in extensive productivity improvements for Operations and Finance. To our knowledge,

SUSF is the first organisation in Australia to offer online membership, pass and club subscriptions for new and renewing members.

In another successful IT achievement, our mail server was upgraded to Microsoft Office 365 reducing risk to SUSF data and systems.

#### **Our Services**

In 2016 SUSF was able to record a \$288,000 decrease in expenditure on our utilities. This result played a large part in the strong financial performance in 2016 of the Operations Division and SUSF. We also went out to tender for and appointed a new cleaning contractor which has resulted in both an increase in the quality of cleaning services and a decrease in costs across all of our facilities.

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Financially, it was a great year for the Operations and Infrastructure Department. Revenue grew from \$7.612 million in 2015 to a record \$7.858 million in 2016, representing a 3.23% increase. Despite this, our revenue fell just under our 2016 target by \$57,000, however, our expenditure of \$5.352 million was \$439,000 under budget. This resulted in a net operating surplus for the Operations Division of \$2.506 million, being 18.03% ahead of our 2016 budget and 30.45% ahead of our previous year's record surplus (\$1,921 million) that we achieved in 2015.

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

# BLUES ASSOCIATION REPORT



# 2016 WAS AN EXCITING YEAR FOR THE BLUES ASSOCIATION AS WE TRIED A COUPLE OF NEW CONCEPTS THAT PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

The Committee made our final payment and so have now fully paid off 3 perpetual scholarships, driven attendance and quality of events, improved communication with members and ensured all members are proud of being a Sydney Uni Blue or Gold.

We continue to see more SUSF Blues & Golds signing up as lifetime financial members of the Blues Association with Life Membership at \$150 + GST, seeing 24 new life members sign up this year. This puts the Association in a strong financial position to host great complimentary events for our financial members to the New Blues Welcome, Cocktail Function and a material discount to the Blues Dinner. 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 continue adding new Blue & Golds as connections on Facebook. This way we have a continuous communication feed with them and 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 2016 academic year, namely, Anthony Hrysanthos (Waterpolo), Tom Ayton (AFL) and Emma Jeffcoat (Triathlon) and I congratulate Anthony, Tom and Emma on their achievements during the year. On a sad note though I must mention the passing of nine of our Blues in 2016: Bob Arnott age 93, a Ski Blue in 1945; Ruthven Blackburn age 102, a Hockey Blue in 1932, 33 & 34; Forbes Carlile age 95, a Dual Swimming Blue in 1942, 43 & 44 and Rugby Blue in 1943; Zelman Freeman age 95, a Hockey Blue in 1943; David Johnson, a Boat Blue in 1954; Graham Mount age 91, a Hockey Blue in 1942 & 43; Ralph Upton, a Rifle Blue in 1950; Enid Utber (nee Shaw), a Cricket Blue in 1947; and Dick Woodfield, a Cricket Blue in 1957. Our condolences to their families and friends.

The first official Blues Association event for 2016 was the New Blues Welcome on Sunday the 28th of February, where we welcomed all new Blue & Gold recipients from 2011 – 2015 to join us at The Greens in North Sydney. It was a nice turn-out with about 25 people attending to get to know each other and for some competitive rounds of Lawn Bowls.

After successful events in the city in 2014-15, we once again hosted the 2016 Cocktail Function and Pins Presentation in the Sydney CBD, this time at The ArtHouse Hotel on Wednesday the 24th of August. The Blues Association hosted over 70 Blues, Golds, family and friends to celebrate a successful Olympics for the Australian Team. This year we also invited the other Sydney Universities Blues recipients and had a strong attendance

from Macquarie University who expressed an interest in attending again or reciprocating the favour.

The year ended with the traditional Blues Dinner held in the Great Hall on Saturday the 26th of November. We were pleased to have our past Blues Association Committee Member, Rod Tubbs, MC the evening. The Blue and Gold awardees were garbed by Bruce Ross, who was given the honour after Rob Smithies announced that Bruce was stepping down as President of Sydney University Sport after an incredible 26 years at the helm. 22 Blues and 5 Golds were announced by Senate Representative and Rowing Blue Anne Titterton on the night, with the Blue of the Year Awards going to: Pit Seng Low (Badminton) and Chloe Dalton (Rugby 7s).

Highlight of the night's entertainment was the panel discussion conducted by Shannon Burne from the ABC Radio and Grandstand Team who interviewed two of our Olympians, Tom Kingston (Rugby 7s) and Cam Girdlestone (Rowing), along with two AFL stars, Nicola Barr (First draft pick of the inaugural Women's AFL) and Lewis Roberts-Thomson (Premiership winning Swans player and assistant coach of SUANFC). 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.

The Association Golf Day at St Michael's Course on Wednesday the 5th of October saw 80 golfers in action. My thanks go to Rod Tubbs, for his excellent coordination of the event and continual engagement with Sydney University Blues & Golds over several decades. On behalf of the Association a very big thanks Tubbsy for all your support and outstanding efforts whether coordinating a Golf Day, introducing someone, or MC'ing an event.

2016 also marked the last year of service for Cheryl Collins as the reliable, supportive, proactive and loyal Secretary. Like Tubbsy, it is impossible to put into words the true nature of her generosity and service for the Association. Cheryl has been a wonderful friend and support of mine and has made the role of any incoming Committee members seamless. It has been a joy to be a part of the Committee with Cheryl, and we look forward to seeing you at our 2017 events.

Putting together this Presidents 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 over the year. I extend my thanks to all members of the Blues Association Committee throughout 2016, namely, Cheryl Collins (Secretary), Andrew Wennerbom (Treasurer), Sarah Phillips, Kyeema Doyle, Brendon Hyde, Maddie Rosser, Gillian Ting, Will Raven, Trevor Dixon and Mac Chambers (archivist). Without the superb enthusiasm, ideas and help of 2016 Committee, we wouldn't have been able to engage with our Blue & Golds as well as we did, and I can only hope that the 2017 Committee can take things a step further.

Clive Cooper PRESIDENT





# SYDNEY UNI STAKEHOLDER

Boston University

Campus Living Queen Mary Pty Ltd
Darlington Primary School
East Basketball League
Forest Lodge Primary School
Gracie Barra Sydney Academy
Hakoah Futsal Club
Indoor 5's Futsal Incorporated
Inner West Roller Derby League
International House Members
Association
Kambala Girls High School

Melbourne University Sport Newtown North Public School NSW Brazilian Jiujitsu Federation RollerFit

SJ Pavely Pty Ltd

St Andrews Cathedral School

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School

St Mary's Catholic School

Student Accommodation Services

SU Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences SU Tennis Pty Ltd

Sydney Community College

Sydney Girls High School

Sydney Secondary College - Balmain

Sydney Shuttle

Sydney Thunder

Tertiary Access Group Co-op Ltd The University of Sydney

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University Sydney Business School USYD Recruitment Office MAJOR CUSTOMERS























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#### MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

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#### **OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Maintenance, Services & Utilities Sydney Uni Sports and Aquatic Centre (SUSAC)

Tennis Program

The Arena Sports Centre

The Grandstand

The Ledge Climbing Centre

Oval No. 1

Sydney Uni Football Ground

The Square

St Paul's Oval

St. Andrew's Oval

St. John's Rugby & Soccer Fields

#### SUSF INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS

HIGH PERFORMANCE & CLUB DEVELOPMENT

#### ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

#### CLUBS

AFL (M&W)
American Football
Archery
Athletics
Badminton
Baseball
Baskethall

Boat Boxing Canoe

Cheerleading Cricket (M&W) Fencing Flames

Golf

Gymnastics

Handball

Hockey

Judo

Kempo Karate

Kendo

Netball

Rock Climbing & Mountaineering

Rugby League Rugby Union (M&W)

Soccer

# SPORT & FITNESS CHART 2016





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Australian Rules Football Division

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TENANTS

The Boathouse on Blackwattle Bay Co-Op Bookshop Elegancy Catering, Grandstand Fisher Tennis Grandstand Bar & Restaurant Boardwalk Cafe Ralph's Cafe Poolside Cafe The Sports Clinic Unifirst/Campus IT University Copy Centre Westpac Bank (ATM)

#### PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION

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

#### **CORPORATE & ALUMNI RELATIONS**

Blues Association 'Blue & Gold' Club SUSF Sponsors SUSF Philanthropy

#### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

SUSF Employees
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USYD Financial Services
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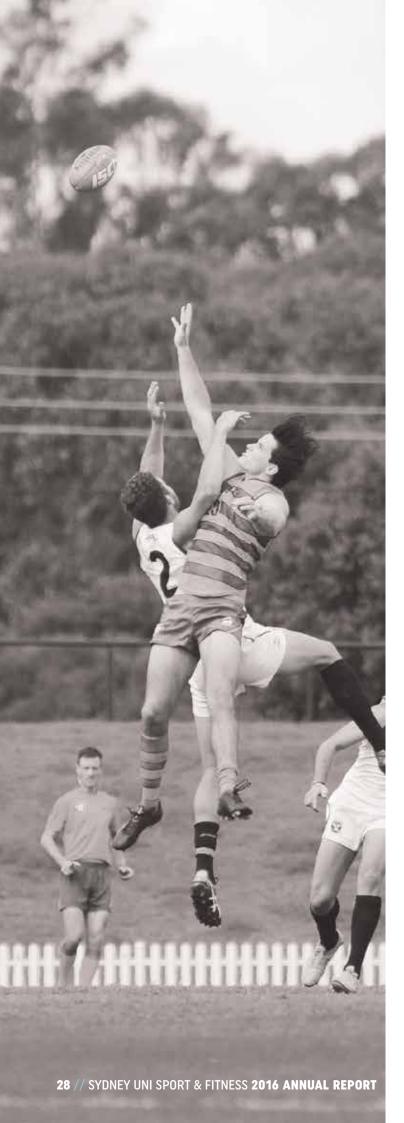
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### AFL MEN

WHAT A GREAT YEAR TO BE INVOLVED WITH SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL CLUB (SUANFC).

While the club failed to win a flag in any grade this year, we saw many positive outcomes in 2016.

At North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) level, we continued to overachieve and once again, reached a preliminary final for the second year in a row.

This year we came up against a formidable Western Sydney University (WSU) Giants side that were too strong for us on the day. The Giants went on to win the flag in a tight final against the Sydney Swans.

2016 was Daniel Gilmore's final year in the NEAFL senior coaching seat after five years at the club. Daniel must be commended for the work he has done in getting the NEAFL program to where it is today.

After considerable thought and investigation, it was apparent that SUANFC had a ready-made replacement for the senior coaching role. Tom Morrison was identified early in the year as Daniel's successor.

Tom has an exceptional football brain combined with an intimate knowledge of SUANFC and the University. Tom presented his philosophies and coaching styles to a select committee, who were so impressed that they unanimously endorsed his application.

A bright future lies ahead for  $\operatorname{\mathsf{Tom}}$  and our NEAFL side.

Yet again there were four Sydney University players named in the NEAFL team of the year. Tom Young, Matthew Rawlinson, Jacob Derickx and Will Sierakowski.

Tom and Matthew featured heavily in the MVP vote count, both finishing in the top 10 with Tom finishing 4th after winning in the coveted award in 2015. Jacob Derickx had a terrific year in front of goals finishing third on the goal kicking ladder with 43 majors.

SUANFC once again fielded six teams in the local Sydney AFL competition, with over 280 members pulling on the blue & gold hoops in 2016.

Our Division four Gold's were unfortunate to lose their first game in the finals against eventual premiers UTS, while the Division 5 Platinum's won eight of their last nine regular season games to reach the finals, before falling to UNSW one game short of the grand final.

2017 will prove to be an exciting time for Sydney's largest AFL club, as the club brings in six new coaches, along with new players including former Sydney Swan's Xavier Richards and Jack Hiscox.

Chas Wilkinson PRESIDENT



## **AFL** WOMEN

FOUR PLAYERS NAMED
IN THE LEAGUE'S TEAM
OF THE YEAR.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S AFL CLUB (SUWAFL) ENJOYED CONTINUED ON-FIELD SUCCESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SUWAFL emerged as one of the two dominant teams in the competition, capping off a great season, playing in their sixth consecutive women's premier division grand final. Unfortunately they lost to UNSW in a gallant effort.

The great on-field success of 2016 was made possible by a dedicated committee and coaching staff.

In his fourth year as Head Coach, Yucel Celenk lead the team once again to a near perfect season. Celenk's knowledge, passion, and dedication is vital to the club's success.

Thank you also to all those involved in the behind the scenes organisation of the club.

SUWAFL collected a number of player accolades at the AFL Phelan Medal Awards Night. In her second season of senior football for SUWAFL, Nicola Barr was announced as the Women's Premier Division Mostyn medal winner for the best and fairest player in the competition.

In addition, the club was recognised with four players named in the league's Team of the Year – Nicola Barr, Amy Foo, Sera Kaukiono and Jennifer Lew.

In October 2016, the draft for the inaugural season of the AFL National Women's League was held. Nicola Barr was selected by Greater Western Sydney (GWS) at pick number 1 in the draft. Stephanie Walker, Isabella Rudolph and Erin McKinnon of SUWAFL were also drafted to GWS.

The launch of Australian Football League Women's (AFLW) in 2017 will change the face of women's football, and SUWAFL are well placed to lead the way in developing players for the league and offering a fun environment for all women to play football.

We look forward to returning to the pitch and growing the club

#### 2016 CLUB AWARDS:

- Club Hall of Fame inductee Kyrsten Winkley
- Best and Fairest Alice Wood
- Players' Player Rachael Stack
- Rookie of the Year Anna Johnston and Emily Matheson
- Golden Boot Meredith Grey
- Club Member of the Year Olivia Warren
- Coach's Award Nicola Barr
- Most Improved Amy Foo
- Ashlee Morgan Blue & Gold Award Stephanie Walker and Olivia Warren

Alex Roberts TREASURER

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

# 2016 PROVED AGAIN TO BE A BUILDING YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AMERICAN FOOTBALL CLUB (SUAFC).

The club continued to lose veteran players to retirement, schooling and other pursuits. For the second straight season there were a large amount of first year players in both the junior and senior teams.

Utilising the recruitment networks established in 2015, Lions Head Coach Andrew Ogborne was able to secure the services of two more Brighton Tsunami players who had graduated from their British University program. There were also a number of US, Canadian and European players that joined the club and Cubs graduating to play their first senior season.

The pre-season Flag competition ran for its second year in 2016 and again generated a lot of interest from new players and the wider university and local community. All teams had female members and we even had some under 18's and Cubs players taking the field. The program was again a great success and plans are already in motion for its return in 2017.

SUAFC tried to capitalise on the interest in American football, generated by the NCAA Sydney Cup in late August. A game was organised with the North Sydney Rebels on the newly opened Oval No. 2. Several visiting and local dignitaries were invited and although the game was washed-out due to weather, some important new relationships were forged. Through these connections, plans are

underway to have a game and event that will coincide with the Sydney Cup in 2017.

The Cubs were led by returning Head Coach Justin Lauderdale who utilised the resources of the senior team in pre-season to great effect, helping teach his players the basics. Supported by Mitchell Dicalfas, Greg Steele-Mills and Aaron Carbury as assistants, Justin took responsibility for the continued development of junior players throughout the regular season. The team had great on-field success, finishing the season with a winning record and in 4th place.

Head Coach Andrew Ogborne was busy in the off-season recruiting both players and coaches. Andrew started a coaching internship and mentoring program to help develop the next generation of Lions' coaches. The senior team went undefeated through the 2016 season, securing the minor premiership. The Lions made it to the Waratah Bowl where they defeated the West Sydney Pirates 20-19 in a very close contest.

Thank you to all the club volunteers, support staff, coaches and executive members (Paul Edwards, Nick Olive, Stuart Olive, Alex Watson, Jack Danielson, Keenan Mackett and first-year board members Daniel Liang and Mitchell Dicalfas).

SUAFC is looking forward to the challenges of 2017 and developing new programs to expand the reach of American football in the local area. This will start with a Pee Wee (14 years and under). The club is also interested in developing a women's full-contact team to play in the GNSW competition, but this is likely to be a few years away as it will take significant investment.

James Gifford PRESIDENT



### ARCHERY

2016 WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNI ARCHERY CLUB, BUT WITH THE HARD WORK PUT IN BY A DEDICATED CLUB COMMITTEE, 2016 WAS STILL A SUCCESS.

Memberships were down almost 70 per cent on the previous year, an understandable fact considering that the club entered 2016 without a training ground locked in. It was difficult to attract new sign-ups at 0-Week as we were unable to say when, or where, we would be opening. We pushed through and were finally able to open on the 1st of April at St. John's Oval. However, we were not in

the clear yet. We were still lacking in a storage facility for our club equipment somewhere near the field, and struggled to adjust to the new set-up and pack-up procedures. For the entire year, we had to drag heavy targets and other equipment back and forth for 200m between the range and our temporary storage facility. Setting and packing up took a lot longer than we were used to, and the effort it took to do so discouraged newer members from coming back after their first couple of visits.

Despite the club's challenges, there were a number of positive things that contributed to the club's growth. It took a bit of creativity to foster a competitive spirit within the club - while most other sports clubs were away at the Uni Games, we reconnected with the UNSW Archery Club and offered to host an inter-club tournament. A similar event was last held in 2012. Sydney Uni Archery Club came away the stronger university, with the best overall scores for the day.

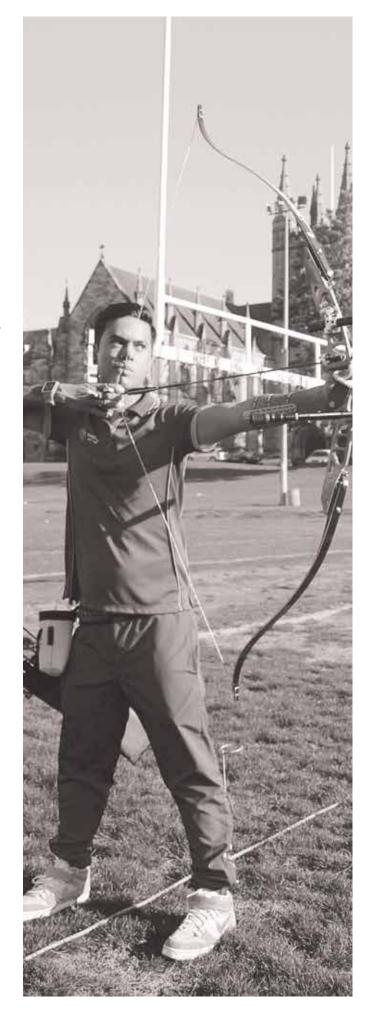
A few of our members also had success at state level tournaments; Noah Ashton (1st place, NSW State Target Championships, Compound, 20 and Under), Teresa Nguyen (3rd place, NSW State Short Course Championships, Barebow Recurve, Open) and Eduardo Delos Reyes (8th place, NSW State Indoor Championships, Freestyle Recurve, Open).

As is the case every year, SUAC was proud to contribute to the community through SUSF's programs department. Fencing/archery days during the school holiday camps proved to be as popular as ever. Once again we ran archery as a regular weekly sport for 16 students from Sydney Secondary College Balmain. The enthusiasm for archery shown by our instructors proved to be contagious when two of those students joined the club and became some of our most popular regular members.

The club would like to thank Stephanie Glanville-Fyfe, Melinda D'Arcy, Alyssa Hardie, Daryl Davidson and the grounds staff in particular for their assistance this year, as well as our own club committee for their above-and-beyond commitment to keeping the club going.

Moving forward, Sydney Uni Archery Club is eager to experience its first full year on our new training ground. We expect it to be a big year in terms of membership, and are preparing ourselves for the challenges associated with that while we wait for our new shed.

Eduardo Delos Reyes PRESIDENT





SIX ATHLETES REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA IN RIO. Danielle Allen represented Australia in Cross Country at the World University Games.

Domestically the club enjoyed another great year too. At the National Championships held in Sydney the club had a very impressive 49 representatives, which accounted for more than ten per cent of the competing athletes. Four SUAC National Champions were crowned.

SUAC athletes broke 14 club records in 2016, had 19 State Champions across a variety of events, were the Winter Premiers in both the men's and women's Open Division, for the men - this was the 6th successive title and for the women it was their 4th straight win - and the SUAC women's U20 Cross Country team won their first Winter Premiership as well, SUAC were the NSW Summer Club Champions for the 5th consecutive year in both the men's and women's competition and were the winners of the Overall title at the 2016 Australian University Games.

I would like to thank the hard working committee of SUAC and to the many wonderful athletes who gave their all for the club this year.

**Dean Gleeson DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS** 

## BADMINTON

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY BADMINTON CLUB
EXPERIENCED A YEAR OF CHANGE. WITH SURPLUS
FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, THE CLUB HAS BEEN ABLE
TO REMAIN STRONG FINANCIALLY TO FUND CLUB
SESSIONS AND PLAYERS REPRESENTING SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY AT THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES.

The Sydney University Badminton Club was well represented by a strong team of five men and five women at the 2016 Australian University Games (AUGS) in Perth. The club understands what an honour and privilege it is for players to represent the university at this level, hence the team had prepared well and wanted to exceed the 2015 results - men finishing fifth and women winning bronze.

As with every year, badminton is an extremely competitive sport with many universities fielding their strongest players at the calibre of the national team. The men's level was one of the strongest ever experienced with many international players present and even a 2016 Rio Olympian competing for Monash University.

The men's team finished in fourth place missing out on the bronze. It was hard-fought. There was a tough loss in the semi-finals to University of Melbourne 3-2 and similarly to University of Western Australia 3-2. Each match was extremely close in points with majority of the winnings only done through deuce (or setting). Any of the top four teams could have taken the gold medal but it seemed not so for the men's team this year.

The women's team was also extremely competitive with many of the teams able to beat each other in the round robin stages and no team was clearly ahead of the others leading up to the playoff stages. The women's team had an amazing finish with a gold medal which far exceeded the team's expectations considering there were last minute pull-outs and high doubt as to whether a women's team could even be fielded to the AUGs.

Prior to the gold medal playoffs, the women's team had actually lost to Monash University. However, there was a belief an upset could be produced in the final and it was. At 2-2, the deciding women's doubles match went to a final set which was won through a deuce 21-19 and leading to the overall winning score of 3-2 in favour of the University of Sydney.

Overall, the AUGs were hard-fought, with results improving from 2015. Despite the doubt in fielding a women's team and their relative inexperience, they produced amazing results. The women's team won gold and the men's team took fourth place.

The University of Sydney Badminton Club would also like to make a special mention to Pit Seng Low and Melinda Sun who received a Green & Gold medal at the 2016 Australian University Games for their sportsmanship and on-court performance.

In particular, Pit Seng Low was also awarded a Blues Award by the University of Sydney due to his strong international performances representing Australia and Sydney University.

Despite changes in the committee and some obstacles, the club was able to overcome this and ensure a smooth journey for its members. The club would like to thank its members for their support over the years. Sydney University Badminton Club is looking forward to an even greater year of growth for 2017.

Brendan Tieu
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER



### BASEBALL

2016, THE 112TH SEASON OF SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY BASEBALL CLUB, WAS A BOUNTIFUL
ONE. PREMIERSHIPS FOR 3RD AND 4TH GRADE, A
BRONZE MEDAL AT THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY
GAMES AND RETENTION OF THE UNIVERSITY CUP
PROVIDED ADDITIONAL HARDWARE FOR THE
UNIVERSITY'S TROPHY CABINET.

Other highlights included: our first University Gold recipient in a decade; forging a strong sponsorship partnership with The West Village; raising \$895 for charity on Ladies' Day; accessing elite batting facilities at Oval No. 2; and a brand new website sydneybaseball.com.

The club is fortunate to have the dedication and support of so many individuals and organisations, to which I would like to personally thank. These are the: executive committee, coaches, managers, delegates, players, scorers, umpires, spectators, sponsors, photographers and social media team. Not forgetting: Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness, Baseball Australia, Sydney Winter Baseball League, Pacific Coast Baseball League and UNSW Baseball/Softball Club. Last but not least to anyone who picked up a rake, or washed a uniform, or cooked a sausage, or contributed to our club throughout the season.

There were several role changes in 2016.

Thank you to Huw McKay for your blessing and guidance in passing down the role of President. Huw has been many things - a pillar of the club, captain, statesman, historian, perennial corner of the 1st Grade infield, and inarguably our best player to date.

Jason Moir, our outgoing Head Coach, is highly regarded by his players and fully embodies the spirit of the Cynics. Jason has been a large figure in my own baseball career, and I consider him one of my truest

friends. It has been a privilege to share the diamond with him for the past 13 years, and on behalf of Sydney University Baseball Club I would like to thank Jason for his tremendous contributions.

Congratulations to our incoming Head Coach Mitchell Liddle, a Sydney Uni Graduate, Elite Athlete Program Scholarship recipient and intervarsity Green & Gold. Aside from his decorated Cynics career and being instrumental in our recent 2nd/3rd Grade premierships, Mitchell has devoted 30+ years playing and coaching for the Orioles, and was the inaugural Head Coach of West Sydney Boomers. Mitch is an innovative and tactical coach, and has the full endorsement of our committee. I urge you all to congratulate Mitch on his appointment.

Anthony Gray was merited with a University Gold for his service to the club. Anthony raised the bar for the role of Secretary, and was so good that he retained some of his duties after graduation whilst serving on the executive committee. Anthony's lasting legacy will be his role in organising our Centenary celebration in 2004 and involvement in instituting many of our club's traditions, including: the University Cup vs UNSW, Ladies' Day and the Ron Rushbrooke scholarship. Congratulations Tony, it was a privilege to nominate vou for the honour.

Sydney University allegedly committed larceny at the 2016 Australian University Games, absconding from Perth with a bronze medal. Following a 1-3 start to their intervarsity campaign, the students proceeded to win their next four games scraping into the 3rd place playoff; ultimately defeating the University of Newcastle 5-0. Congratulations to Alex Cobb for being named in the Green & Gold squad.

2017 promises to be an exciting year. We continue our search for a new home ground, with potential solutions on the horizon. Other areas of focus will include: increasing student participation; promoting scholarship opportunities; and connecting further with our alumni.

Wade Shipard PRESIDENT





#### BASKETBALL

THIS WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR OF ENGAGEMENT, OPPORTUNITY, AND SUCCESS FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB. WE ENGAGED IN BASKETBALL ACROSS OUR CAMPUS, AROUND AUSTRALIA AND EVEN TRAVELLED INTERNATIONALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY.

It was the second year of the Sydney University Basketball League (SUBL), which has been a period of consolidation, refinement, and continuing growth for the league. The competition has expanded to include 45+ teams playing each Sunday, competing across five divisions of varying abilities. The SUBL is in fantastic shape, with the club looking to further develop the league and expand through 2017.

Once again, we enjoyed great success at the University Games, with our women's squad taking out the gold at both the Eastern University Games (EUGs) and Australian University Games (AUGs). This is the 4th consecutive year that our women's squad have won EUGs gold, and our second consecutive AUGs gold.

Our men's squad secured a hard earned bronze medal at EUGs in Wollongong, and finished in 12th position at AUGs in Perth. The club would like to give a special mention to Eleni Valos, Kate Hewett and Kate Cranney on their personal achievements at the AUG tournament, being voted to the Green & Gold Squad. Congratulations girls.

The Sydney University Lions hosted a sellout crowd against the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Bruins, and Washington Huskies, two of the most highly regarded division 1 US College basketball programs. This marks the first occasion in which a D1 program has competed against an Australian university team. These touring squads included highly regarded

National Basketball Association (NBA) prospects, TJ Leaf and Lonzo Ball of the UCLA Bruins, as well as predicted no. 1 NBA draft pick Markelle Fultz of the Washington Huskies. Following on from Ben Simmons' appearance at the Sydney University Sports & Aquatic Centre in 2015 with the Louisiana State University (LSU) Tigers, our club members have had the opportunity to witness some world class players.

Our representative program has seen great success in 2016, with the club competing across a number of different levels. Our Waratah League program continued into its 3rd year of existence, with the Division 1 men's squad winning the club's very first Waratah League D1M Championship. Finals MVP Yann Fasbender led the team both as captain and on the court, orchestrating a comfortable 86 – 63 victory of the St. George Saints in the grand final.

2016 was also the first year in which we have competed in the Australian University Sport 3x3 National Championships, travelling to the Gold Coast with both a men's and women's squad. Both of our squads won this event, finishing as Australian University 3x3 champions, and were awarded a position at the International University Sports Federation (FISU) 3x3 World University Championships in Xiamen, China.

Competing against national champions from across the world, our squads put in an impressive show with our women's squad finishing in 4th place, narrowly losing to the eventual champions from Lithuania in the semi-final. Our men unfortunately did not make it out of the pool stage. Marcel Bray put on a show in the dunk contest, finishing second in an impressive display of athleticism. Well done to players Eleni Valos, Kate Cranney, Annobel Starr, Kate Hewett, Jack Larkins, Marcel Bray, Ben Killen, and Sasha Spoa on your efforts.

The club hopes to continue its upward trajectory in 2017, further developing opportunities for student on campus as well as fostering a strong basketball community at the University of Sydney.

Josh Collier PRESIDENT



#### **BOAT**

2016 HAS BEEN A LANDMARK YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB (SUBC), FOLLOWING THE AMALGAMATION OF THE MEN'S BOAT CLUB AND WOMEN'S ROWING CLUB IN LATE 2015. THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM ON SEVERAL FRONTS, THE MOST EXCITING IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BOATHOUSE AT LINLEY POINT. THE CLUB WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK ALL WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED TOWARDS THE ONGOING BOATSHED APPEAL.

Following the regatta season, SUBC was awarded several trophies at the Rowing NSW Annual Dinner, including; Oarsman of the Year, Oarswoman of the Year, Novice of the Year and Elite Pointscore Trophy.

SUBC had five representatives on the Australian Olympic Team, including Sally Kehoe in the Double Scull, Cameron Girdlestone and Sasha Belonogoff in the Quadruple Scull (Silver Medal), Mark Prater as coach of the Australian Men's Pair and John Boultbee as High Performance Director for Volleyball.

SUBC had many athletes and coaches selected on the Australian underage rowing teams, including; Fiona Ewing, Frankie Goulas, Alex Purnell, Jack O'Brien, Marcus Britt, Oliver Schwartz, Lewis Willoughby, Lachlan Miles and Sarah Cook (coach).

The club participated in a number of events and tours over the winter, including the men's university eight attending the International Universities Rowing Regatta in Shanghai. The Women's Masters squad took a crew to the Head of the Charles regatta in Boston. Men's and Women's crews participated in the annual Trans-Tasman Challenge, held in Queenstown in

New Zealand, with the Men's crew winning all three races. At the Australian University Games in Perth, SUBC crews won many medals including silver in the men's eight, bronze in the women's eight, and gold to Jack Hanley in the lightweight men's single scull.

The Australian Boat Race was held on Sydney Harbour in October, with our men's crew winning the Edmund Barton Trophy, and the Melbourne University women retaining the Bella Guerin trophy. The club would like to record its gratitude to Chris Noel in organising this event.

A new committee was elected in April 2016, and the club would like to thank the outgoing committee, particularly President Steve Newnham and Vice-President Bronwen Watson. This year the committee has worked to establish sub-committees, refine the club's operating structures and processes, and review the constitution. Most notably, the committee is looking forward to releasing the SUBC 5-Year Strategic & Operational Plan in early 2017.

This year Sarah Cook once again served as Director on the Rowing NSW board and was elected the NSW Councillor to Rowing Australia. Bronwen Watson, Chris Noel, and Sarah Cook also served on the Rowing NSW Competition Commission.

The club operated throughout the year from the SUBC Glebe Boatshed and the University of NSW boatshed in Gladesville, and wishes to record its thanks to the UNSW Boat Club for its assistance in accommodating the SUBC squad.

Coaching staff at SUBC included Dustyn Butler (Director of Rowing),
Don McLachlan (Head Coach), Alfie Young (Women's Senior Development
Coach), Debbie Fox (Lead Development Coach), Tom Minifie (Winter
School-Leaver Program) and Sarah Cook (Junior Men's Coach). Casual
coaches included Rob Glendenning, Phil Titterton, Chris Morgan, Will Raven,
and Jack Hanley.

Thanks to the many people who supported the club in 2016, especially the support team at Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness, as well as our generous donors, alumni and parent group.

Sarah Cook
PRESIDENT

#### BOXING

## WE SPRANG FROM THE CORNER IN JANUARY WITH A SOLID CREW OF COACHES AND BOXERS STARTING UP CLASSES IN THE FIRST WEEK.

By the time O-Week arrived at the end of February the club had an enthusiastic young troop holding down the stall in particular David Huang, Lisa, Chloe Hwu, Patrick Cunningham, Masod Khwaja and Chen Khong.

Despite the scorching heat of 0-Week, we managed to get over ninety written expressions of interest over three days.

Sydney University Boxing Club (SUBxC) conducted free trial-training on the Gadigal lawn during March. This also allowed us to accommodate a larger group than the indoor boxing area could accommodate.

We were privileged to have Dennis Moffatt, boxing coach and Aboriginal elder, leading one of the sessions. David gave a moving 'Welcome to Country' to the beginners on the Gadigal lawn.

The new members recruited from 0-Week, combined with the high retention of members from the previous year, compelled the club to expand the number of classes and develop specialised beginners classes. This meant finding new coaches. The club was lucky that three experienced members, Chen Khong, George Koskinas and Philip Le, stepped-up to do the Level 1 coaches course.

Their coaching has been very well received. Classes have remained near capacity during the holiday periods, even holding-up in December when most people are on leave.

It was rewarding to see so many overseas students taking advantage of the opportunity to not only learn boxing and self-defence but also to immerse themselves with the local vernacular. Participants used each class as an opportunity to pick-up some Aussie slang along with interpretation from local coaches - Redfern-born "Moffo" Moffat - and the wild-linguist-colonial-boy, Glenn Richards.

The club also did well in competitions. The intermediate and competition groups had over 10 boxers in regular competition. From March through to

November Anton He Guanhou, middleweight 75kg, contested at least once a month. Of the 10 bouts for the year, he finished with five wins and five losses on points, with the high point being his Metropolitan Titles win in October.

One of our most successful boxers was Tremayne Hough, middleweight 75kg. Tremayne had seven bouts for seven wins with the most successful being the Novice Titles where he won four elimination bouts in a hotly contested field of 19 middleweight boxers to win the NSW State Novice Middleweight Titles.

The State Novice Titles featured other victories. Jemma Griffin won the 51kg Novice Titles with a spirited and athletic performance. During the year Jemma scored impressive wins in contests where she fought women in higher weight categories.

Other notable achievements include Felix Feneley, in the 69kg, who, despite a narrow points loss in the State Novice Titles, bounced back in October with a clear win. Aram Tayebi also competed and after winning through the qualifier lost the final on a points loss 2 v 1 losing on the judges call 2 to 1. Other winning bouts throughout the year were Macoy Hansen, Rohan Drinkwater, Sean Green and Jennifer Yiu.

The club finished the year in high spirits with a Christmas dinner at our sponsor the Royal Hotel on Abercombie St.

The Boxing Club has built on the previous year's results and shown itself to be a vibrant inclusive club that is continuing to grow in numbers and competition success. The club continues to achieve its objectives to encourage and foster the sport on campus with students keen to achieve both a sharp mind and body in workouts that challenge and reward. We were ably assisted on the club committee this year with dedicated service of the secretary Leonie Lum and enthusiastic committee members including Jemma Griffin and Chen Khong.

The club thanks all the coaches for their many hours of voluntary service not just at the training sessions but on those long days into night traveling to and from competitions. Head Coach George Plellis, Senior Coaches Glenn Richards Chris Burns and Dennis Moffatt, Lenny Purea, Justin Rowsell, Chen Khong, George Kosinas, Philip Le, Massod Khwaja, James VisVis and Pardeep Jadgiv.

Patrick Cunningham PRESIDENT





#### CANOE

IN 2016 THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CANOE CLUB INVESTED IN GEAR AND PEOPLE. WE PURCHASED TWO NEW SINGLE SEA KAYAKS, BRINGING THE FLEET TO SIX. 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 MORE IN THE COMING YEARS AS PART OF OUR FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.

This year we focused on providing opportunities for members to learn how to kayak safely in various conditions. We ran specific training sessions at the boatshed to work on paddling technique and rescues. The members that attended these sessions were a mixture of new and regular paddlers. In 2016 we managed to ensure that we ran at least one trip a week from the boatshed, even during heavy winter downpours. We had a few weekend trips to Jervis Bay and the Myall Lakes that were well attended.

Two of our members entered the famous Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, completing the 65km version of the course (The Wisemans Dash) in 10:03:00. We look forward to more members out on the water in 2017.

On the whitewater front, the highlight was a trip to New Zealand for some of the more experienced members of the club. The west coast of the South Island is a mecca for paddlers around the world, containing many of the most intense and extremely beautiful rivers that rush straight from the steep slopes of the Southern Alps into the Pacific. As kayaking legend Mick Hopkinson (and founder of the NZ Kayak School) puts it, you want to be paddling with "a grade in hand."

In January of 2016 four SUCC members got in on the action. The team started their trip with a visit to the NZ Kayak School to sharpen their skills. They then teamed up with other Australians to helicopter into the Perth and Karamea rivers for some overnight trips. Driving back south they visited the Fox Glacier and paddled its freezing melt water from the glacier to the sea, before ending their trip with incredibly fun descents of the Whitcombe, Totara and Buller rivers.

The glacial waters were even colder than the snowmelt from Australia's snowy mountains. This year also saw the annual expedition at the end of the ski season, but with the added bonus of the race carnival on the October Long Weekend. The inaugural Snowy River Extreme Race was a huge success, with over 70 entrants from all around Australia, including a couple from Sydney University Canoe Club. While our paddlers still have a lot to learn from all the expertise that was on show, we have a great breadth of experience and new energy.

Andrew Pratley FLATWATER OFFICER

#### CHEERLEADING

CHEERLEADING INVOLVES INDIVIDUAL MASTERY
OF SKILLS COMBINED WITH SYNCHRONICITY
AS PART OF A TEAM. FOR THIS REASON IT
CAN TAKE A PERSON MANY YEARS TO FULLY
DEVELOP THESE TECHNIQUES.

2016 was a successful year for Sydney University Cheerleading (USYD Cheer), as we expanded to two cheer squads.

Back in 2015, we had one large co-ed Level 3 team consisting of 26 athletes. In 2016, this number grew to 46 athletes spread over a large co-ed level 4 team and an all-girls level 2 team.

We have two highly experienced coaches who hail from elite cheer teams and have competed for previous world titles. Danielle Jack and Carlos Condack have lead and transformed our USYD Cheer teams - where nearly half have never done the sport before - into athletes.

We started the 2016 season with a new large co-ed level 4 team comprising of 50 per cent returning members and 50 per cent new members who had not done cheer before and our Level 2 team comprising of 80 per cent new members who had not done cheer before.

Right from day one, our mission was to train up the new members

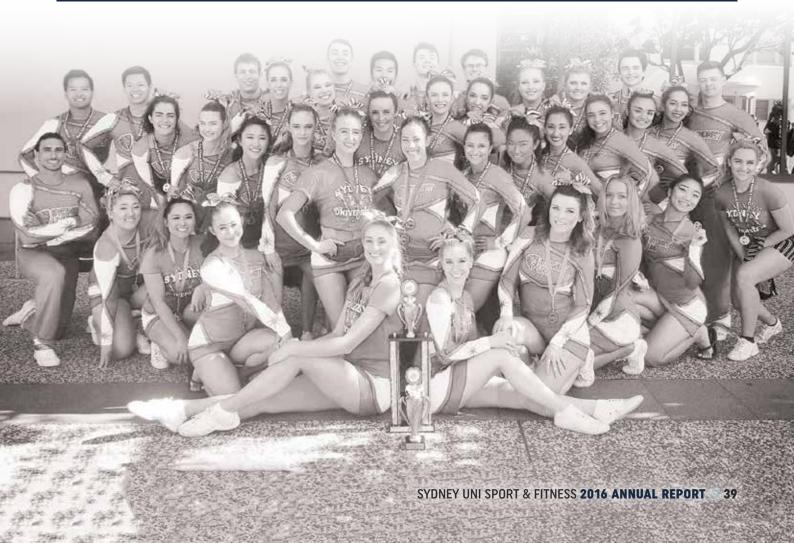
with stunting and tumbling skills. We had tryouts at the beginning of March and with only five months of training until the NSW State Championship we knew that we had a lot of hard work to do. With only 50 per cent of the squad having prior cheer experience, the coaches devised a strategy to perform easy skills for Level 4 and work on synchronicity (as routines are scored on stunts, tumbling and overall performance).

This proved to be a success so that when the NSW State Championships arrived both teams were ready to compete. The Level 4 Team placed 4/5 and Level 2 place 6/6, with our overall score ending up close to our competitors. After the NSW State Championships, we knew there was yet more training ahead as National Championships were only three months away.

At Nationals our level 4 team, placed 4/5 for state and 7/8. It was a difficult competition for both squads as we were competing in the Opens Division against established cheer clubs that had dominated in previous years. As so many of our members were new to cheerleading, we could not match the tumbling skills of the seasoned competitors we were up against, but we did match - and sometimes better - the other teams in stunts, dance and choreography.

For 2017, the competition organisers have made rule changes and the squad will move from Opens and compete in the University Division where we will be competing with other Australian universities.

James Hall PRESIDENT



### CRICKET - MEN

DISAPPOINTING - IS THE SELF-ASSESSMENT OUR 2015-16 SEASON, FROM A CLUB THAT EXPECTS NOTHING SHORT OF ABSOLUTE SUCCESS. OUTSTANDING - IS PERHAPS THE ASSESSMENT OF OUR 2015-16 SEASON, FROM OTHER CLUBS WITHIN THE SYDNEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION, MCDONALD'S PREMIER CRICKET COMPETITION.

This year we slipped from 2nd in the Club Championships to 8th, our First Grade side tumbled from finalists to 17th, and our four-time defending champion Second Grade side bundled-out in the first weekend of finals.

For a club proud of its professional performances and success over the last 15 years, these results were difficult to swallow.

It was not all doom and gloom however.

Our Third Grade side, predominately made up of our Elite Athlete Program players, finished the season strongly to claim a finals berth. After a comprehensive victory over Mosman away, and other results falling our way, we secured hosting rights for the semi-final, again comfortably winning against a strong Manly team (who were defending champions). This set up a home grand-final against Easts, and thanks to a dominant batting performance from Tom Decent (119 runs) and Ben Larkin (73 runs from a mammoth 243 balls), the university claimed a 127-run victory, and its first Third Grade Premiership since 1997-98. Scenes of jubilation ensued at Sydney University Oval No. 1 and continued at The Nags Head well into the night.

Our Fourth Grade side, essentially a development side full of promising young talent, faltered over the last six rounds, falling from

1st to 4th by the end of the season. This meant that they would have to do it the tough way, away from home throughout the finals, in order to claim the title. The situation did not improve after a draw with St George, advancing through to the semi-final as the highest placed non-winner. This put the young side up against the runaway Minor Premiers, Northern District, and after a hard-fought weekend of cricket the university came away victorious to set up a grand-final against defending champions, Penrith in Penrith.

Moments like these call for heroes, and on this occasion, it was Hayden Kerr (106 runs), Matt Powys (109 runs) and Lawrence Neil-Smith (5-63) that stood up to the occasion. The university secured its first Fourth Grade Premiership since the 1994-95 season.

Our T20 team again remained undefeated through the preliminary rounds, winning through to the finals series held at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG). They claimed a comfortable victory against Northern District at the SCG that took us into another Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup final that evening.

Rain intervened however and after the toss of a coin to settle the grand final hosts, we reconvened at Coogee Oval the following week to take on Randwick-Petersham for the title. Unfortunately, the home crowd buoyed the opposition who used their knowledge of the local ground to claim the win. We were runners-up for the third consecutive season.

In a 20-team competition, claiming two of the five premierships, and finishing runners-up in the T20 Cup, is certainly an achievement any other club in Sydney would dream of. For us, it left unfinished business.

The Board of Management would like to thank Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness for its invaluable support, particularly that of Executive Director, Rob Smithies, and High Performance Managers, Matt Phelps and Tristan Liles. Also, a huge thanks to our sponsors – Surjits Indian Restaurant, ANZ Mobile Lending – Balmain & Drummoyne, and BMW Sydney.

Dale Bryant
OPERATIONS MANAGER





## CRICKET - WOMEN

STARTING A NEW SEASON WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT AND SOMEWHAT INEXPERIENCED UNIVERSITIES WOMEN'S CRICKET CLUB COMMITTEE WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE.

With the stepping down of David Mifsud as club secretary and his enormous level of experience and productivity gone, and then the loss of our new club secretary Gary Harpley through illness prior to Christmas, the committee made valiant efforts to maintain the Universities Women's Cricket Club's (UWCC) high profile image.

We did however lose several major sponsors and struggled to replace them. We are hoping to change this in 2017.

The club was able to field teams in every grade. Our 1st grade side overcame enormous obstacles to make the semi-finals in the limited overs competition and the grand final in the T20 competition with a number of our top players being called up for Representative honours in Breakers, WBBL and Australian sides for long periods of the season.

1st grade also produced the Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) and UWCC player of the year Georgia Redmayne (once again) who had a truly remarkable season, as well as the batter of the year.

3rd Grade had a very successful season with the 3rd Grade Gold side making the limited overs grand final and the 3rd Grade Blue side making the T20 semi-finals and producing the SCA and UWCC 3rd grade player of the year Katrina Serena (once again), as well as batter of the year as well as better of the year.

Our Brewer Shield women once again swept all before them and won both limited overs and T20 premierships undefeated an incredible effort with Maddy Darke taking out the SCA and UWCC Brewer Shield player of the year,

batter of the year and fielder of the year. Stella Campbell excelled taking out SCA and UWCC bowler of the year for Brewer shield as well.

Once again a large number of our players were selected in NSW Academy squads, Combined High Schools (CHS) and private school Representative teams.

Our coaching staff Caitlin Rawstron (Club Coach) and Nick Stapleton (Brewer Coach) supported by President Kate Owen and several first grade players provided hours and hours of coaching development for our players throughout the season.

Our Brewer Coach Nick Stapleton was missing in action for a good part of the season, due to his own playing commitments, but it was obvious from the Brewer team's success that his coaching from the past three seasons worked a treat. Nick will be back this season in some capacity.

Towards the end of the season we lost our 1st grade scorer extraordinaire and club stalwart David Frede. His statistics ability and all-round knowledge will be sorely missed - efforts are afoot to try and turn this situation around.

Of course being a successful club requires the support of many people and organisations. The support we get from Sydney Uni Sports & Fitness and UNSW Sport & Recreation, along with their respective men's cricket clubs is much appreciated.

Our Treasurer John Owen has done another sterling job keeping a close eye on our finances and he and I are endeavouring to boost the bank balance with various grants.

In closing I would like to thank the committee of 2015/16 for their efforts in a tough and challenging environment, the entire club's volunteers, the players, their parents, family and friends of all our teams, for the help you have given our club each week.

I think our new committee will impress you with their drive and dedication ably led by our new club Secretary Lisa Darke.

Peter Robinson
CARETAKER HONORARY SECRETARY



#### FENCING

2016 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY FENCING CLUB. OUR BEGINNER'S FENCING COURSE RAN REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND ATTRACTED MANY NEW MEMBERS. THE CLUB'S ANNUAL EPEE, FOIL AND SABRE CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE A SUCCESS WITH PARTICIPATION FROM OTHER FENCING CLUBS CONTINUING TO GROW.

This year we were able to introduce a third weekly training session, which reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting all fencers, regardless of discipline, experience or skill. We have increased the number of training hours and included a new class to accommodate footwork and bladework. The latter caters for current members wanting to hone their skills as well as providing a natural progression for beginners at the completion of their initial course. Attendance has been such that we have decided to keep this additional session for 2017 and extend it by 30 minutes to allow more time for bouting after the class.

Throughout the year, the club's fencers have competed in regional, state, and national competitions, and have been selected to represent Australia internationally. At the NSW State Open Championships, Katherine Kwa won the Women's Foil and Lionel Van Der Swarte-Dianco took bronze in the Men's Epee. Katherine finished the year ranked fourth nationally. Our two Men's Epee Teams both won bronze in the NSW Club Teams Championship, our Sabre team took silver, and Patrick Daley also teamed up with two fencers who train with us to form a Sydney University Composite team taking home the silver in Men's Foil.

Our junior's continued to perform extremely well this year reinforcing what a bright future the club has. Zoe Turner won both the Under-15 and Under-17 Women's Sabre State Championships, Sam Philips took silver in the Under-17 Men's Epee and Caitlin Trussell took both bronze in the Under-17 Women's Foil and silver in the Under 20 Women's Epee.

Not to be outdone, our Veterans also had an extremely successful year. At Veteran Nationals, Radu Vintilla won the Men's Sabre and Harriet Jordan took silver. Both were selected to represent Australia this year at the Veteran Commonwealth Games in New Zealand. Radu finished second in the Sabre, and Harriet took bronze in both Sabre and Foil.

Unfortunately, clashes with other national and international events meant that we were not at full strength for the University Games. Despite this, it was still a very successful week for the club, in particular for our foilists. Sholto Douglas and Jesse Morris won the silver and bronze medals in the Men's Foil respectively and then teamed up with Patrick Daley to take silver in the Men's Foil Team Event. They lost 40-45 to the University of Melbourne in an incredibly close and hard fought bout. Marina Carrier also took the bronze in the Women's Epee and Alexandros Tsath silver in the Men's Novice Foil.

The Elite Athlete Program fencers have also seen considerable success at both a national and international level. Amongst many excellent results, Jesse Morris won gold at the Junior Southeast Asia Pacific Fencing Championships and the Men's Open Foil National Championships. Samuel Mooney-Grand finished 20th at the Asian Under 23 Fencing Championships and Patrick Daley finished sixth at the Under-23 National Championships.

The club starts 2017 in a strong position, hungry for another year of competition and eager to continue to improve the training opportunities it can offer. We also look forward to welcoming many new members including a number of very talented fencers who have applied for Sydney University Elite Athlete Scholarships.

Sara Scott
PRESIDENT

#### **FLAMES**

THE BRYDENS SYDNEY UNI FLAMES HAD A LOT TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR, DESPITE THE HUGE DISAPPOINTMENT OF NARROWLY MISSING THE PLAYOFFS. THE FLAMES ACADEMY CONTINUED TO EXPAND AS DID CROWD ATTENDANCE, MEMBERSHIP AND SPONSORSHIP.

Shannon Seebohm in his second year at the helm produced some great results for the first half of the season. The team played a great brand of basketball, however they narrowly missed the finals (an injury to Flames post player Carolyn Swords under controversial circumstances, meant SE Queensland were permitted to play in the playoffs).

We are pleased to report that there has been a substantial increase in memberships, crowd attendance and sponsorship. We would like to thank Brydens Lawyers for their continued support as the naming rights sponsor, our key partner Southern Design, principal partners Urbanest, Adara Camperdown and Sydney City Toyota. We are also very grateful to all our corporate partners and sponsors for their ongoing support of the program.

The Sydney Uni Flames continue 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, Penrith, Newcastle and the Illawarra and Hills districts. Development activities were also based at The University of Sydney campus.

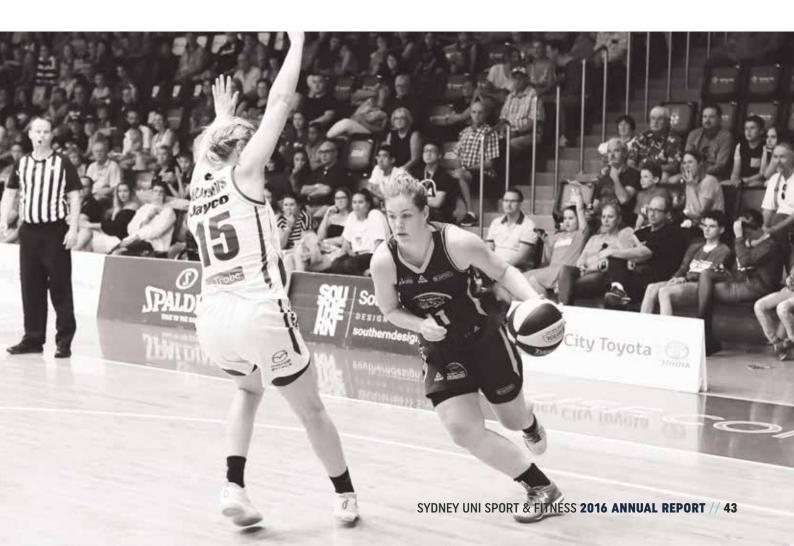
This year provided many highlights for individual players. Flames guard Katie-Rae Ebzery capped a successful season by being named in the WNBL All Star 5 and the Australian Opals squad. After multiple camps and tours with the Opals, Katie fulfilled her dream by being selected in the Australian Opals Olympic team. Despite finishing out of the medals Katie was excellent in her first major international event.

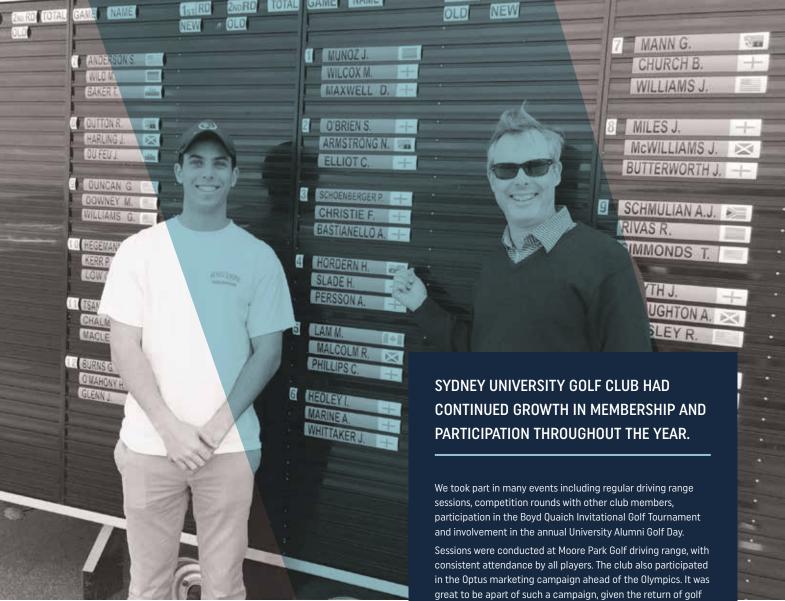
Head coach Shannon Seebohm coached the Australian U/17 team to their first gold medal at the World Championships (for this age group). It was a great achievement for the team that included the current Brydens Sydney Uni players Cassidy McLean and Lara McSpadden.

The Flames Academy continued to expand in 2016 - the third year of the program. Many talented metropolitan and country young women were provided with on court coaching and strength and conditioning sessions. The primary focus of this 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 female pathway was also bolstered by the acceptance of the Sydney Uni Sparks in the South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL) for 2017. The program has attracted Academy athletes that have a desire to study and play basketball and we will certainly see some of the Academy and SEABL players become Flames in years to come.

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

Karen Dalton
GENERAL MANAGER





#### GOLF

PARTICIPATED IN THE OPTUS MARKETING CAMPAIGN AHEAD OF THE OLYMPICS.

to the Rio Olympics in 2016.

Rounds were competed at Moore Park Golf with multiple members attending. Admittedly, these rounds could have been undertaken on a more consistent basis and will be one of the main benchmark goals for the club in 2017.

For the second year in succession, Sydney University participated in the Boyd Quaich invitational golf tournament. This prestigious worldwide university championship is played at the home of golf, St Andrews in Scotland. Sydney University was the only Australian university present at the event for 2016.

Hunter Hordern represented the club at St Andrews, shooting successive rounds of 75 (+3) on both the old course and the new course. Sadly however, Hunter bogeyed the final holes of the new course to miss the cut by two shots. Despite this, it was a great experience for the club to be represented at Quaich, another goal of ours in the future.

Finally, the club competed in the Sydney University Alumni Golf Day at St Michaels. It was a fun day with eight players from the club competing. We are looking forward to being part of this event again in 2017.

Golf is continuing to grow at Sydney University with another exciting year ahead. Thank you to the executive for making 2016 another smooth and enjoyable year for myself and the other members of the club.

**Hunter Hordern** PRESIDENT

#### **GYMNASTICS**

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY GYMNASTICS CLUB IS A SPACE FOR ADULTS TO TRAIN IN RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS REGARDLESS OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE.

Our members range from complete beginners to former competitive gymnasts. This provides opportunities for learning general skills and building and refining acrobatic or hand-balancing skills. We offer low fees and our community includes informative and motivating gymnastics and circus enthusiasts.

In 2016, we offered two two-hour classes covering handstands, basic and advanced tumbling, strength and flexibility. Participation was high, especially in the Monday class, with numbers typically between 15-20 people. Our coach Amber is well liked and works well with both beginners and more advanced participants.

This year, we aimed to increase our pool of regular members and encourage greater female participation in our club. We built stronger communication with the staff at Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) and had an actively engaged committee of new and older members.

Early in the year we successfully implemented in a sign-in process, allowing us to manage memberships, class and non-class numbers and regular users. In 2015 we had difficulty reaching the minimum numbers needed to open our training space, but this year we succeeded in recruiting sufficient numbers to open.

Mondays and Fridays were extremely busy and this appeared to transfer to days without classes where the regular group of strength, handstand, acro and tumbling trainers had a pleasant and motivating atmosphere to train in

Based on sign-in data we frequently had 70-100 visits each week during the semesters

We are aiming to increase female participation in our club. Early in the year we trialled, unsuccessfully, a meetup group to allow female members to share knowledge and skills. Although this particular idea was unsuccessful at times throughout the year we did have a pool of regular women members.

This group of women will be the starting point for reaching out to women in 2017. We will use a mentoring process for beginners and encourage participation from former gymnasts interested in continuing training recreationally. Traditionally our women have been former gymnasts or aspiring circus artists but there is scope for previously unathletic people to use this resource.

This year we were able to purchase, from our members fees, padding boxes and a proper vacuum for our well used floor.

We are in the process of organising a more sustainable agreement with SUSF and the faculty of education in gaining access to our training facility. We are looking forward to better communication between parties in 2017.

I would like to thanks Jesse Rowles, Shu Yeung, Immanuel Green, Max Wilson, Libby Andrews, Anna Wang, Amber Kaldor and Nanako Ogasawara for your assistance this year and for continuing your roles in 2017. We have a strong committee and core member group.

James Hall PRESIDENT





#### HANDBALL

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY HANDBALL CLUB (SUHC)
BUILT ON ITS 2015 SUCCESSES, TO AGAIN BECOME
A LEADING FORCE IN THE AUSTRALIAN AND
OCEANIAN HANDBALL COMMUNITY IN 2016.

After a successful tour of Europe at the end of 2015, SUHC men's team was successful in defending its title in the Australian Club Championships, in Geelong, beating a South Australian based team. From here, they defended their championship in the Oceania Regional Club Championships for the 5th consecutive year. This then qualified them for the International Handball Federation (IHF) Super Globe, a high-class tournament for the world's best club teams, in Doha, Qatar.

As the only non-professional team, and representing the smallest handball contingent, Sydney University punched well above its weight. They were unable to achieve the outstanding 4th place result from the previous year, however, the men's team was still very competitive against the best professional teams from around the world.

2016 saw the introduction of the Australian Handball League which, as national and state champions, Sydney University were invited to compete in. The final round was hosted by SUHC at the Sydney University Sports and Aquatic Centre in November where the club claimed the inaugural title.

Both the men's and women's teams competed in the NSW Handball League, with both teams winning. In the past ten years, the men's team have won six state titles and the women's team have won eight. SUHC boasted 6 of the top 10 scorers in the women's league, including Emma Guignard for the 3rd consecutive year as the top scorer, and four of the top 10 scorers in the men's competition this year.

Sydney University was well represented at both state and national level. In October, the National Women's team defeated New Zealand in the play-off series for the Asian Championships for 2017 which featured the following players from SUHC; Emma Guignard, Daniela Borelli dos Santos, Laura Player, Aminta Thomas, Aline Viana and Kayla Zissler.

We were well represented in both indoor and beach forms of handball. The latter has begun to gain momentum amongst club members. SUHC launched its social beach handball sessions this year at Maroubra beach and five club members represented Australia at the World Beach Handball Championships in Hungary.

The Board of SUHC wishes to thank Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness for its support during the past year. Also, to express its appreciation to its coaches, managers and volunteers for their efforts over the past 12 months, in particular, thanks to Pascal Winkler who has played a vital role in all the success the handball club has attained.

Jessica Fearnside PRESIDENT

#### HOCKEY

OUR CLUB HAS ACHIEVED FANTASTIC ON AND OFF FIELD SUCCESSES THIS YEAR AND OUR PLAYERS HAVE ACHIEVED SOME WONDERFUL INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS. WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE EXCITING STEPS TOWARDS BECOMING THE PREMIER HOCKEY CLUB IN SYDNEY, AND WE CANNOT WAIT TO START PLAYING ON OUR NEW HOME FIELD IN 2017.

What continues to underpin our success is the wonderful contribution of current and past members. One of the strengths of our club is the way past players and supporters are still connected, interested and active in their club even though they may have finished playing years ago.

It was this alumni group, spearheaded by an anonymous donor, who at the end of 2016 committed enough funds to move the quest for a home turf to the next stage. The important work lead by Rowan Johnston and Brian Fitzpatrick, with the crucial help of others, has led us to have our turf ready for the start of the 2017 season.

Some may recall the words of a past president, Sam 'Scrappy' Lobsey: "Give me turf and I'll give you a premiership." Well it is now my turn to build upon this. I promise you that a 1st grade men's premiership is now on the way, and we won't stop there. Our club will grow, our juniors will thrive and I want to drive all of our members towards becoming the premier Sydney hockey club. This is a real opportunity for our club. Let's make the most of it.

The women's side of our club continued to excel, with 2016 being a particularly strong year. Our top 6 women's teams all made finals and narrowly missed out on the Sydney Women's Hockey League (SWHL) Club Championship. 3rd grade dominated the season and celebrated appropriately after a perfectly crafted grand final victory. 4th grade took their grand final right through to penalty strokes but unfortunately lost. Traditionally our women's teams are one of the clubs strengths, but we need to renew our efforts to maintain and develop this strength as competition increases from other sports, particularly AFL and netball.

The men's teams in the club were generally mid-table for the season. To have eight teams playing each week in itself is an achievement but more will be done to lift the participation and successes for the men in the future.

Our master's season was capped off by a remarkable premiership by the 1st team, allowing the club to claim the title of the 'top bunch of veterans going around'. Their showing at the presentation night was suitably amazing too.

The juniors got through to the major title in the U11's, a fantastic season for the team. The cubs will develop and evolve over the next few years as our home turf becomes more prominent. What I know will continue, is the passion and commitment of this great bunch of kids and their equally passionate and committed parents.

Thank you to all of our coaches and managers who get the teams out on the pitch each week. Thank you to the members of the committee that volunteer their time and sanity to the club. Your week to week efforts with 25 teams across six competitions are the keys to our continued successes. I can only ask that other members of the club look for opportunities where they can give back to the club that has given them so much.

Ant McInnes
PRESIDENT





#### **JUDO**

## A SURGE OF SPIRIT AND TENACITY LIFTED SYDNEY UNIVERSITY JUDO CLUB (SUJC) TO NEW HEIGHTS THIS YEAR.

0-Week sign-ups reached unprecedented levels. Of this huge influx of people, a large proportion became dedicated and successful members.

As a result, classes have been well attended. Over 23 members regularly take part in our Thursday classes and more people have attended our Wednesday women's classes. This is a stark comparison to a couple of years ago, when women's classes had to be cancelled. Similarly, our kid's classes have grown exponentially.

This year our USYD judokas dominated various competitions. 1st Senior KYU Grades and Masters Tournament had four competing members who won; six golds, six silvers and bronzes. State Titles had four competing players who won two silvers. Illawarra Kyu Grades Tournament had two competing players who won; one silver and two bronzes.

Notably, Andrew Roberts competed in the World Sambo Championships, and Jeb and Ken McAviney fought in the World Masters. They diligently fought against fierce competition and made the club proud.

We had several key achievements this year.

Our coaches Andrew Roberts, Randall Jones and Kristof Frankowski worked tirelessly to help each member progress. We would like to thank them for their support, patience and masterful coaching.

Kids judo began in February following the public school schedule. Catriona, Gaby, Martin and Mike were able to manage classes that just kept growing, and were excellent at teaching legitimate judoka skills, whilst keeping the classes fun.

We had a strong competitive edge which was evident even from the 1st Kosen tournament, where we landed great throws, and successfully won with one win and one draw.

More than seventy-five per cent of our recruits successfully graded – impressively many graded from their white belts to orange belts in quite a short period of time. We had, at least, seven graded orange belts and two graded blue belts. Kurt Lewis, long-time member, successfully obtained his black belt!

We had a thirty-seven per cent increase in sign-ups and a strong start by developing our social media platforms.

We met our objective of attracting more advanced players to the club. In addition many beginners have graded to orange-belts and some older members have graded to more senior levels. We are also anticipating two members on judoka scholarships.

Members successfully competed in the World Sambo Championships and World Masters winning eight golds, eight silvers and three bronzes.

When discussing our strategy for 2017 we asked ourselves two questions. Why do clubs succeed? What makes a club great?

For us - the oldest judo club in Australia - it is the people behind it. They win the competitions, they show up to training, they coach, they carry on traditions, they literally build the history of the club. We strive to maintain and build this community of dedicated, passionate judokas, because it's only through such a community that we have ever succeeded.

In 2017 we are aiming to grow our women's classes to about 20 members and implement a Wednesday class for older children (this keeps players who are already dedicated to SUJC and allows skill advancement).

We are proud of our club and would like to show that we are fun and approachable. In order to increase and retain membership we will be publicising our dojoby investing in our social media, branding and website. We will also be refining the organisation of our club.

Thanks to the outgoing committee and all our coaches for your dedication, time and patience.

Alex Ternezis
SECRETARY

### KEMPO KARATE

THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY KEMPO-KARATE (SHAOLIN) CLUB, TRAINED RELENTLESSLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN SUSF'S FACILITIES AND, SUCH WAS THE COMMITMENT, THAT WHEN THESE WERE CLOSED FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, WE TRAINED ELSEWHERE.

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 graduates and participants from members of the general public. We continue to pursue these goals to our satisfaction.

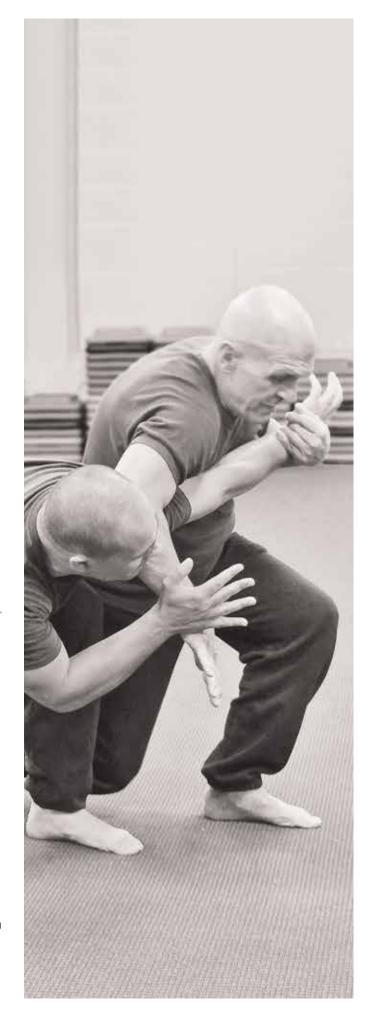
Our regular training is focused on Calisthenics, Yogic exercises, unarmed self-defence techniques and forms characteristic of Shaolin.

Our postural work is based on the co-ordinates suggested in the formal practice of Buddhist seated meditation. Cutting edge research by Harrison et al (Clinical Biomechanics of Posture - Chapter 1: Evidence for CBP® Clinical Practice) vindicates our practice and we spend much of our training time attending to the biomechanics of posture.

As part of our general training, we work on Shaolin energy work, especially as applied in Three-fold Warring and Dragon Boxing.

This year, our Club Secretary Nick Addison realised his dream of completing a marathon. He said, "running a marathon is a challenge that I have always wanted to pursue. The idea of pushing myself to the limits, both physically and mentally, intrigued me. Needless to say, my time as a Kempo Karate practitioner proved priceless in preparing me for my 44km trek; the training allowed me to calm my mind, prepare my body and significantly reduce recovery time between training runs."

Serge Martich-Ostermans PRESIDENT



#### **KENDO**

THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY KENDO CLUB (SUKC)
STARTED 2016 WITH RENEWED VIGOUR TO IMPROVE
THE CLUB'S COMPETITIVE STANDING AND DAY-TODAY RUNNING OF THE CLUB. SINCE THEN WE HAVE
INCREASED OUR MEMBERSHIP EXPONENTIALLY,
CREATED A NEW EXECUTIVE ROLE TO IMPROVE
EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVED COMPETITIVELY.

The SUKC experienced its biggest annual growth to date, with an incredible amount of new members. More than 100 new members arrived in Semester 1 alone, thanks to the effort of our volunteers at 0-Week, and we finished the year with 140 new members. Following that incredible growth, we had to request additional space to enable us to conduct our Tuesday and Friday training. We are very grateful to Sydney University Sport & Fitness for allocating an additional court for our Tuesday training in 2016, as well as allowing us to use additional courts on Fridays in 2017.

Several internal events were held within the club to promote camaraderie and to improve members' technical knowledge of Kendo. The first major event of the year was our Beginners' Welcome Party which was held in

April. With over 140 attendees, our senior members introduced themselves to the new members in the hope of starting a friendship that would be long lasting. On the technical aspect, we held multiple seminars for senior members in judging, and also intermediate members in Bogu (armour).

The club has had to adapt to the incredible increase in members. In response to this, we introduced a new executive position, General Advisor. We hope that this position will help us to care for our members and allow us to expand our club efficiently in the future.

SUKC continues to achieve high results competitively. We claimed six gold, 10 silver and 10 bronze medals at State level. We shone at the University Games. Our team claimed one gold, one silver and one bronze during the two day event.

Another great achievement was having our very own instructor, Kelvin Tran, representing NSW in the Australian Kendo Championship where he won gold in the team match as well as bronze in the individual division.

2016 has proven to be a successful and challenging year. Many of our members are excited to see what 2017 will bring for our club, and how we will progress competitively. With the help of both of our top level coaches, Katsuhiko Takayama and Daichi Fujisawa, we have no doubt that this club will become bigger and better as we strive for the high standard of Kendo that we aim for.

Vincent Firman PRESIDENT





#### NETBALL

WINS IN STATE LEAGUE DIVISIONS 4 AND 1. AND A BRILLIANT PATHWAY FOR YOUNG PLAYERS.

intention of applying for a Premier League license at the next

This season our two clubs went in separate directions. The partnership we had with City of Sydney Netball Association was very long lived and was full of successes, including the development of one of the best high performance programs NSW netball has ever seen, wins in State League Divisions 4 and 1, and a brilliant pathway for young players.

The 2017 season holds exciting new prospects with a new partnership being forged with Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association. We are looking to enter three teams into the Metro League competition and will continue to have a strong emphasis on the development of our players. This partnership provides a clear pathway for the young representative players at Inner West to strive towards and also ensures that Sydney University Netball Club can continue to provide its students the opportunity to play netball at an elite level.

Jessica Gale PRESIDENT



# ROCK CLIMBING & MOUNTAINEERING

FOLLOWING ON FROM THE SUCCESS OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, 2016 WAS ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ROCK CLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (SURMC). WITH OUTDOOR TRIPS RUNNING WEEKLY DURING SEMESTERS, CLUB NIGHTS AT THE LEDGE AND LOTS OF SOCIAL EVENTS, THERE WAS NO TIME FOR BOREDOM!

In 2016 we organised a huge range of outdoor climbing trips. Sport climbing trips went to many of the popular crags around the Blue Mountains in Sydney and the spectacular crags around Nowra. Several bouldering trips visited the rocks around Sydney. The renewed interest in traditional climbing was supported with trips to Mount Piddington and Point Perpendicular. Two trips ran to Mount Arapiles, the home of Australian climbing.

At the beginning of each semester we ran beginners trips to the Blue Mountains. This enabled new members to get out on real rock for the first time. They were very well attended and catered for absolute beginners tying in for the first time, to beginner-leaders taking their first steps towards independent climbing. These trips were also great for socialising, with many firm friendships being formed.

There were many social events, allowing for relaxation away from the rock. Weekly drinks at the Ledge following club night were always popular. The year culminated with the end-of-year dinner, by now an annual event. Awards were given to `nicest noob', `best belayer', `misadventure of the year', and `club member of the year'. These awards aimed to reward active

club members and thank them for their contributions.

On our first beginner's trip of the year, the importance of a club like SURMC was brought home, when an accident occurred to a group of non-SUMRMC climbers at a crag. SURMC jumped into action and aided the injured climber and the emergency services. We were glad to hear that, despite receiving some serious injuries, the climber ultimately recovered. SURMC thanks everyone who helped out with the rescue, and thanks all SURMC members who unanimously exercised good common sense.

2016 the club invested in a portaledge, with the aim of driving the club to a more adventurous future. This purchase led to the first multi-day ascent in recent memory.

The club also invested in our spiritual home, the Ledge Climbing Centre, by investing club funds for the construction of a 'crack'. The club strives to both develop traditional climbing skills within its member base, and to attract new climbers to the Ledge. We thank Phil Staples and everyone who helped out with the very substantial construction job.

In the annual Manky Cam competition, SURMC retained the title by a very narrow margin.

The club thanks all members who participated in 2016. The club only exists for the members, and it's great to see so many people excited about the great climbing opportunities around Australia. We thank the committee of 2015/2016 for handing over a smoothly running club, with many enthusiastic members, old and new.

My personal thanks go to the committee of 2015/2017. Everyone has put in a huge amount of time and effort, making my year very easy. It's incredibly gratifying to see volunteers give up their own climbing time to share their passion with the more junior members.

Jacob Bridgeman PRESIDENT

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB (SURLFC) HAD A YEAR OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
- SOME OF WHICH WERE NOSTALGIC AND SOMBRE, WHILST OTHERS REPRESENTED FANTASTIC PROGRESS FOR THE CLUB AS IT CONTINUES TO RE-BUILD.

In 2016 SURLFC celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the NSW Rugby League Grand Final, but saw the passing of the deeply beloved David Chadwick – past captain, coach and president. Chadwick's inspiring life was detailed in the Sydney Morning Herald. Chadwick led in all walks of life with a firm belief in excellence, progress and inclusivity as he stood strongly for progressive issues highlighted by his actions in protest against South African apartheid.

Dave Chadwick will be sorely missed by the SURLFC community. His leadership and sacrifice has inspired donors to inaugurate SURLFC's first perpetual scholarship in his name. This is a fantastic development for the club and we believe that this will be the first in a number of named perpetual scholarships for players at the club.

In 2016 former New Zealand rugby league representative Jeremy Smith was accepted to study in the Graduate Commerce Program at the University of Sydney as part of a Rugby League scholarship. The halfback-come-five-eighth played for the Parramatta Eels, South Sydney and the New Zealand Warriors in the NRL, Wakefield Trinity and Salford City Reds in the European Super League. This break through scholarship provides opportunities for other former professional players to be awarded similar scholarships if they choose to compete for SURLFC.

SURLFC joined the Rugby League Premiership as the 11th club alongside the St George Dragons. The club played in the 1926 Grand Final against South Sydney Rabbitohs at the Sydney Agricultural Ground. It was defeated 5-11 by South Sydney in front of 20,000 people.

Reconnecting with the local community is a major aim of the club. In 2016 the club worked closely with local juniors Burwood-Concord Wolves and will continue to sponsor the fast-growing, model rugby league club. The Wolves have tripled player numbers from 100 to 300 since their 2001 merger providing a strong feeder club for SURLFC and further establishes our desire to support tertiary pathways for young adults.

The club has further maintained its affiliation with the Newtown Jets Rugby League Football Club. This continues to make the club visible to the NRL and loyal audiences at the historic Henson Park.

Brian Smith has directed a number of highly qualified professionals toward the club, resulting in new appointments in the roles of manager, trainer and physiotherapist. Smith's continued ambassadorial role brought our first ex-NRL and International player to the club, building experience and higher expectations for players and coaches alike. New coaches are on the way, to ensure players get the best support available.

Perhaps the most exciting possibility, looking ahead, is the potential for student players to benefit academically from their participation in the club. The Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Elite Athlete Program is a gateway to a range and depth of support services not generally available to Sydney University students. Rebuilding the club will mean student players have a chance to be their absolute best both on the field and off.

Consistency has been critical to re-build the historic tradition of SURLFC and this led to another top-four finish for both divisions. While injuries derailed each team's playoff jump to glory, players in both teams displayed inspiring grit, determination and teamwork. The players continue to build a platform for the growing aspirations that are mounting with exciting developments in store for the future of the club.

We are really excited about our chances of going one step further in 2017. Training has commenced with plenty of familiar faces and a number of new ones. The club welcomes aboard Luke Srama – the highly experienced international player and coach – to further build experience and excitement for 2017.

Chris Kintis PRESIDENT





#### RUGBY - MEN

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB'S (SUFC)
153RD YEAR PROMISED TO BE ONE OF TRANSITION,
WITH MANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WITHIN THE
CLUB FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL 2015 SEASON.
DAVID MORTIMER, SUFC'S LONGEST-SERVING
PRESIDENT, STEPPED DOWN AFTER 16 YEARS
IN OFFICE, WITH ANGUS STUART TAKING UP
THE ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY. THIS WAS AN
OPPORTUNITY ANGUS RELISHED AND WAS THE
PERFECT FIT FOR THE CLUB AS WE TRANSITIONED,
NOTING THAT WE HAD THE LUXURY OF BUILDING
ON DAVID'S STRONG FOUNDATIONS.

Other changes included a new full-time coach staffing team, with Tim Davidson, Tom Carter and Robert Taylor assuming the roles of Head Coach, High Performance Manager and Rugby Performance Manager respectively.

At the end of the season, this year's playing group embraced and contributed to the proud history of the club and its jersey. The Gregor George Cup, awarded to the winner of the Club Championship, was just reward for the hard work applied by players, coaches, managers, physiotherapists, doctors, volunteers and, importantly, the friends and families who supported the club throughout the year.

Season 2016 saw 201 different players take the field in a match this year, representative of what has become a challenging schedule for all club players in recent times. Of these, 56 players represented 1st Grade (Minor Premiers), 58 for 2nd Grade, a club-high 68 for 3rd Grade (Minor and Major

Premiers) and 67 players played for our 4th Grade team (Minor and Major Premiers) for a total of 126 players in SUFC's Grade teams. Incredibly, eight of these players; Fred Burdon, Jordan Chapman, Nicholas Coaldrake, Jack Jones, Aldy King, Al Ryan, Sione Talanoa and Harrison Williams exemplified the club's spirit and played in all four Grade teams throughout the year, with Al Ryan doing it all in one day in the penultimate round against West Harbour at Concord! Meanwhile in Colts, 1st Colts (Minor and Major Premiers) fielded the most stable team in the club this year with 46 players, while 2nd Colts (Minor Premiers) selected 53 players for their standout season and 3rd Colts (Major Premiers) used 58 players. In all, 87 players represented Sydney University Colts across the three teams in 2016. Interestingly, 16 players played in all three Colts teams at some point throughout the season.

Each year, it is the club's primary goal to finish the year as the strongest club in the competition. This year, SUFC secured the Sydney Premier Rugby Club Championship with a round to spare. This was a particularly satisfying result for all at the club given how difficult the opposition and the competition have become. This year's win, the thirteenth successive season we have been crowned the dominant club, was even sweeter as the club hosted Parramatta at home on a Super Saturday, meaning the entire club was present to celebrate together, a truly club award. In addition to this award, it was a thrill for the club to again have all seven teams contesting the semi-finals, six teams playing in grand finals and four teams winning their respective premierships.

The promotion of six Colts players into 1st Grade and four SUFC players into professional rugby programs around the world highlights the focus SUFC places on developing players and helping to realise pathways available to any aspiring athlete.

In recognition of all the hard work and effort by the players, staff and support services to the club, SUFC held yet another Annual Awards night where the best of the best were celebrated amongst family and friends.

David Haigh GENERAL MANAGER

#### RUGBY - WOMEN

THE 2016 SEASON PROVED TO BE ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR SYDNEY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S RUGBY (SUWR), WITH THE GIRLS RETAINING THE SYDNEY WOMEN'S RUGBY UNION PREMIERSHIP FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW AFTER DEFEATING PARRAMATTA TWO-BLUES 25-24. OUR CLUB'S SUCCESS CONTINUES TO BE DISPLAYED WITH THE REPRESENTATION OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY PLAYERS IN BOTH THE NATIONAL AND STATE TEAMS IN BOTH VERSIONS OF THE GAMES; THE TRADITIONAL 15-A-SIDE AND THE 7S.

Winning the Sydney Women's Rugby Union competition final against a very physical 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. Higher representative honours in rugby 15's were achieved by thirteen SUWR girls (Ashleigh Hewson, Barbara Waddell, Brittany Le'auanae, Emily Chancellor, Fi Jones, Grace Hamilton, Iliseva Batibasaga, Kim Davey, Michelle Bailey, Mollie Gray, Penelope Leiataua, Sera Naigama and Taz Sheppard) who were selected in the Sydney squad competing in games against ACT and NSW Country. Eleven of those mentioned above competed at the 2016 National XVs Championships. The Sydney team defeated ACT in the final to be named 2016 National XVs Champions for the second year in a row. From these championships, seven SUWR players were selected in the Wallaroos extended training squad (Ashleigh Hewson, Emily Chancellor, Grace Hamilton, Iliseva Batibasaga, Michelle Bailey, Mollie Gray and Penelope Leiataua). From those seven, Bailey, Batibasaga, Hamilton, Hewson and Gray were then selected for the NZ Tour in October 2016. Bailey and Hamilton received their first ARU Cap. Adding to this tremendous success, Sydney University and Wallaroos fly-half Ashleigh Hewson was awarded the John Eales Medal for ARU Women's Player of the year.

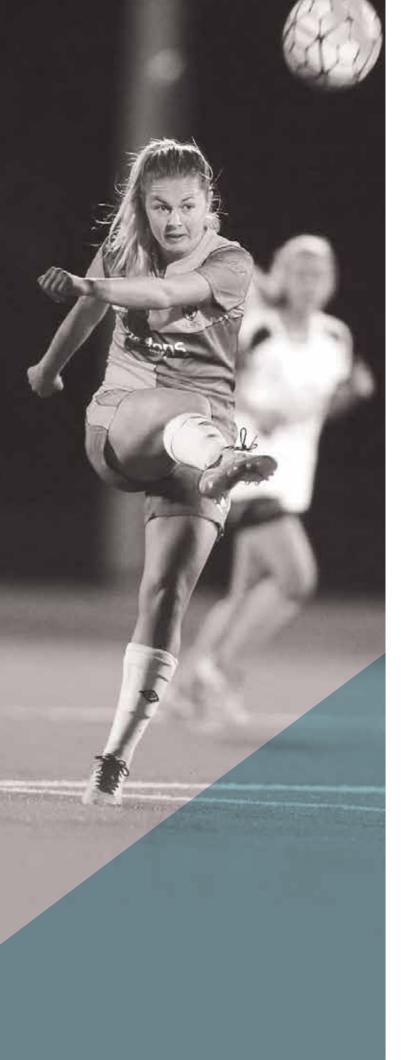
With women's rugby 7s still being one of the fastest growing sports, the club has continued to enter in numerous 7s tournaments throughout the year and proved to be successful: Crescent Head (Winners), Bowral (runners up), Mudgee 7s (Winners), Byron Bay (3rd place), Central Coast (Ball Winners) and Campbelltown 7s (3rd place). The club also won the Daikin trophy from the Waratah's halftime women's 7s tournament. 2016 also marked the start of a Sydney University Women's Rugby 7s Youth Team. Our U18s competed at Bowral 7s and took out the Cup Final in their first ever tournament. The growth of our 7s participation and skills has continued with the help, dedication and quality of our coach Stephen Bennie who also coached the NSW White team at the 2015 National 7s Championships and 2015 Rugby 7s Development Championships. Adding to this success, four SUWR players (Emily Chancellor, Darcie Morrison, Olivia Patterson and Sarah Halvorsen) were selected to represent the Australian University rugby 7s team to compete at the World University Games in July 2016.

The 2016 National 7s Championships were held in Adelaide in November 2016, and saw great representation of SUWR with seven players selected to represent NSW across two teams (Barbara Waddell, Emily Chancellor, Darcie Morrison, Jannicke IJdens, Kirrily Laws, Montana Walters and Sarah Halvorsen). NSW Blue finished runners up, whilst NSW White won the Plate Final. Following from 2015, SUWR had representation in the 2016 Youth National 7s Championships through player Tamyka Laws who played for NSW Blue finishing runners up. Tamyka Laws is also part of the Australian Youth 7s Squad. From her performance throughout the 2016 season, SUWR player Darcie Morrison was included in the Australian 7s development squad attending several camps throughout the year. Morisson was selected to represent one of the two Australian development teams that competed at the 2016 Central Coast 7s.

What a year it has been! The club would like to thank all those involved in 2016; from our sponsors at Buildcorp (Josephine and Tony Sukkar) and the Royal Hotel to those who have continuously supported us, our volunteers who give up countless hours to ensure everything runs smoothly, Sydney Uni Sport & fitness for allowing us to remain a successful club, and our supporters for being loyal. We are proud of our successes these past years and look forward to growing again in 2017.

Barbara Waddell PRESIDENT





#### SOCCER

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB
(SUSFC) HAD A TRULY HISTORIC YEAR. THE
WOMEN ACHIEVED THEIR FIRST WOMEN'S
NATIONAL PREMIERE LEAGUE (NPL) DIVISION 1
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND THEIR FIRST GRADE
PREMIERSHIP. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY
YEARS OUR MEN'S U18S, U20S AND FIRST GRADE
ALL MADE THE FINALS. WE WERE ALL EXCITED TO
RETURN HOME TO THE NEWLY COMPLETED SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL GROUND (SUFG).

SUSFC is a multicultural and inclusive club, where football comes first and internal politics come last. In 2016, the governance of the club adopted a new constitution to help ensure that both our front-of-house and back-of-house were well run. I would like to thank the governance for their leadership and support with this.

We are no longer the football wanderers of NSW. The official opening of the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand and the Sydney University Football Ground (SUFG) has transformed the way that the club operates. With it has come an increased focus on physical preparation, and elite programs and most teams train on campus within the football precinct at the Square and SUFG.

John Curran delivered a truly ground-breaking year for the SUSFC women's program. With Heather Garriock retained as First Grade Coach following our inaugural championship in 2015, John and Heather raised the expectations of the program, the players and themselves, and delivered on all fronts. What was achieved this year can never be bettered, but it can be repeated. That is our challenge for 2017, led by co-club captain Liz Grey. I'm confident that her and her teammates will not be resting on their laurels.

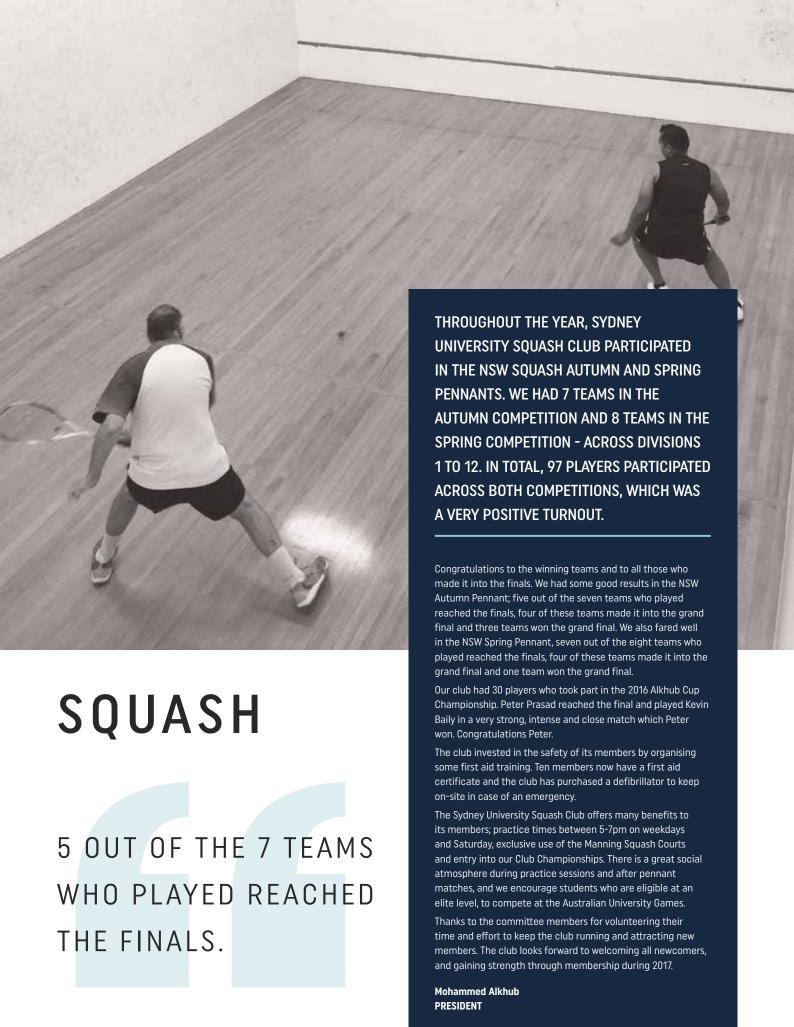
Our men's program was rebuilt with the appointment of Brian Dene as Director of Men's Football and his experienced assistant John Haynes. Brian and John oversaw the recruitment of many new players, aiming to complement our best club-developed youth with some older heads. A preliminary final loss on penalties to Rydalmere will be the lasting memory of the year; one in which all senior grades made the NPL Division 3 finals and the club was awarded the men's NPL Division 3 Fair Play Award by Football NSW as testament to the players' approach.

Plenty of other teams deserve more than a mention including our U17s girl's premiers and our runners-up boys U14s (the most successful elite men's team in the club).

Congratulations also to our champion all age men's and women's teams; WAA1 White and intra-club winners the MAA7s, and finally our inaugural Over 45s who were premiers and champions in Canterbury District Soccer Football Association (CDSFA) Division 2.

Well done to all teams who experienced success on the field this year. Off the field, thank you to the SUSFC Football Foundation and chairman, Brendan Casey for your efforts and energies this year. Reaching the \$200,000 fundraising target as part of the club's contribution to the SUFG was no small feat and credit to all foundation committee members and to all donors for your contributions and support.

Ross Xenos
PRESIDENT



#### **SWIMMING**

SYDNEY UNI SWIMMING CLUB (SUSC) HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF SWIMMING WITH EXCELLENT REPRESENTATION AT ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION. SYDNEY UNI SPORT & FITNESS (SUSF) CONTINUES TO SUPPORT US BY PROVIDING EXCELLENT COACHES, FACILITIES TO TRAIN IN, A VENUE FOR OUR CLUB NIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT MEET AND GOVERNANCE OVER THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB.

We experienced some major change this year, with the High Performance Squad disbanding at the end of the summer season as Swimming Australia made the decision to redirect funding away from Centres of Excellence. Leanne Thompson responded with changes to SUSF squads, resulting in a wider range of squad offerings to suit all levels of swimmers. We thank Leanne, Tim Halliday and Brendan Micallef for their ongoing support of the swimmers and the club.

Age Group Program has gone from strength to strength with many swimmers achieving MetSEA, Metro, State and National qualifying times for the first time. The goal of our program is to continue to grow the number of races qualified for at each meet, which we continue to achieve. The next goal for our program is not just achieving the qualifying time but to start looking towards making top 10 positions and vying for medal places.

Our SUSC Development meet ran smoothly and raised approximately \$3,000 which will be used to the benefit of the swimmers over the coming year. Thank you to all who assisted in making the day a success – from the preparation required to organise, run and clean-up after the meet.

Our constitution allows people to hold the same position on the committee for a maximum of three years, so they can nominate for another position or gracefully retire with the club's gratitude. This ensures that there is regular new blood and fresh approaches on the committee. This year Paul Newham (Registrar) is standing down after many years and many hours as Race Secretary and also, Club Registrar. Paul continues to be active in the MetSEA Committee as Competitions Convenor and no doubt will continue to be regularly seen on our pool deck as a Technical Official. Libby Waugh, after a year as our Secretary, has decided to step down. Lin Johnson has made the move to Swim Families' Representative for Open Squad. This comes after many years filling other positions on the Committee (for example, Secretary and Race Secretary). Anissa Oddy remains our Treasurer, Brigitte Oberlander as our Fund Raising Coordinator, Alison White will continue as the Swim Families' Representative for Gold squad and Leanne as our Coaches Representative. Thank you to everyone on the committee for all your support over the years, and particularly during my last three years as President. This year after serving as Treasurer and Secretary, Uniform coordinator, Technical Officer and President, I have decided to now stand down.

I wish all the very best to the new 2016/2017 Swim Committee (both long serving and inaugural members) and especially to the new President Caitlin Francis.

Samantha Gardner-Wade PRESIDENT



## TABLE TENNIS

AN EFFECTIVE MARKETING CAMPAIGN EARLY ON ENSURED CONSISTENT INTEREST IN THE CLUB THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The Sydney University Table Tennis Club (USYDTT) made significant progress in achieving one of its main goals of spreading the sport to the general university population. A record number of sign-ups at 0-Week and an introductory games night at the club meant that we had a highly engaged player base from the start. We continued to engage all levels of play, from beginners to experts, in our monthly competitions, which proved to be a staple of the club.

This year was the first time that table tennis was included in the Eastern University Games (EUGs), where USYDTT took medals in both men's and women's singles. Facing tough, experienced competition, Derek Choy placed 3rd, whilst Sharon Ng placed 2nd. The Australian University Games (AUGs) saw many new faces on the team in Glanden Zheng, George Li, Dion Marks with Jenkin Tang as captain. Fighting old foes from previous years in an extremely close bronze medal match, USYD placed 4th in the team's event against Curtin University. Jenkin Tang was able to reclaim bronze for USYD in the men's singles event in a hard fought match against Monash University. For many on the EUG and AUG teams, these events were an exciting and enjoyable first taste of high level table tennis competitions and the club is proud to have supported all players financially in these events.

During the winter break, several enthusiastic members of the club volunteered their time to improve the experience of hundreds of runners at the Nike + Run Club Women's Half Marathon. The club was rewarded with a generous donation for participating.

Our annual flagship competition, the USYDTT Open was held again this year, drawing crowds from not only the local universities, but the wider community in general. Despite clashing with the Australian National Championships held elsewhere, the event was a resounding success, with over 70 people attending the event. The level of competition was generally very high, which provided thrilling matches for competitors and spectators alike. This event once again reached out to the wider community and attracted club sign-ups, many of whom have become regulars of the club. Meanwhile, at the Australian National Championships, two of our elite athletes, Kane Townsend and Sarah Tan, clinched national titles in the men's singles and U21 Women's Singles events, respectively. We congratulate them for their incredible efforts, despite highly demanding academic schedules throughout the year.

Looking forward, the club is aiming to support our ever-expanding club player base through more varied events, both social and table tennis related, as well as exploring the possibility of structured coaching and training at the club. We hope that 2017 will be an even better year for the club. I would like to thank Kane Townsend (Vice President) and Fiona Luu (past President) for their continued support and mentorship throughout the year.

Gavin Lee





#### TAEKWONDO

WITH A NEWLY ESTABLISHED COACHING TEAM AND THE SUCCESS OF OUR VERY FIRST SYDNEY UNIVERSITY TAEKWONDO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, THE CLUB CREATED OPPORTUNITIES THAT ALLOWED ALL OF OUR MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF LEVEL, TO EXCEL IN COMPETITIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR.

Sydney University Taekwondo Club (SUTC) continued to instil in its members the foundational values of taekwondo: respect, discipline and sportsmanship.

These traditions were upheld in the exceptional training sessions we offered, which had a balanced focus on both Sparring and Poomsae (a technical pattern performance). This is a balance that most taekwondo clubs struggle to achieve and has allowed our members to truly appreciate and love the sport. This has reflected positively in our outstanding competition results throughout the past year.

This year the club had the pleasure of welcoming coaches Alex Sootho, the appointed Australian Universiade Sparring Head Coach, and Sam Hyunwoong Yang, the former Australian National Poomsae champion.

These accomplished coaches are an amazing addition to our expanding club and their training sessions really hone in on improving our members' technique, fitness and competition preparation. Their classes have undoubtedly increased our active member base, with positive feedback from the club and huge turnouts of members throughout the entire year.

Our team has consistently achieved good results in all state, national and international tournaments over the past year. Particularly outstanding results were attained in the 2016 Australian University Games (AUGs), where our women came first and our men placed second.

We were second overall with 119 points and were only eight points behind Monash University.

SUTC also ran our very first Championship Tournament on our home ground, Brydens Stadium at Sydney University Sports & Aquatic Centre. The competition was organised to a high standard, on par with state and national tournaments, with exceptional judges and referees on the day and an invitation extended to all other local and university clubs.

The tournament provided extra competition experience for our own club members and an additional opportunity for them to meet rivals from other clubs.

SUTC's demonstrations at 0-Week continue to be the club's most successful opportunity for recruitment, particularly with the wooden board breaking segments. Our members' commitment and continual effort running weekly fundraising barbecue events on campus supported our team financially and enabled us to send 36 members to the AUGs in Perth.

Furthermore, the successful joint training sessions and events we ran with other university clubs, particularly UTS and UNSW, throughout the year has enriched our members' understanding of the sport while fostering a positive relationship within the intervarsity taekwondo community.

It has certainly been a great year for members, both in competing and training. For 2017 the club will strive to grow its membership and continue to improve its competition results.

Tina Gao PRESIDENT

#### **TENNIS**

#### 2016 WAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE CLUB BOTH ON AND OFF OF THE COURT.

This year Sydney Uni Lawn Tennis Club (SULTC) sent a team of seven men and six women to Perth to compete in the Australian University Games. The competition was held on real grass, giving our players a great surface advantage. Both the men's and women's teams had strong campaigns over the week, winning Bronze medals.

There were some fantastic achievements in the Autumn Badge competition across all levels of play. We won pennants in 3 grades - 2 men's and 1 women's. This has been the most successful year for pennants in the past 5 years of our club.

In the men's competition Badge teams 5 and 6, from Sydney University (SU), led the way, taking out the premiership in grade 2.1 and 2.2 respectively. Managed by some strong leadership from Diego Piatta, SU5 played a great season which was a credit to the hard work they put into their regular practise sessions. SU6 also had a great season narrowly defeating Men's Royal Sydney 2, under the captainship of our honorary solicitor Hien Duong.

The Women's competition yielded a pennant from SU3 after trailing behind Royal Sydney for most of the season. Under Nanako Ogasawara's stewardship, the team won the Finals in the grade and will look forward to a promotion in 2017 to a higher grade.

In recognition of an outstanding performance for the club and in his personal tennis career over the preceding year, Alex Silcock was awarded a Blue by Sydney University Sport & Fitness. Alex is most deserving of this recognition and on behalf of the club I would like to congratulate him.

Towards the end of 2016 our Secretary, Anthony Lark, retired to take

up residence and work in Austria. It is important that Anthony's contribution is recognised. He made significant and lasting improvements to the club and will be missed. Fortunately, the club was able to find a very suitable member Jack Kliner - to stand in Anthony's shoes for the balance of the year.

Off the court, the club continues to make strong developments administratively. This was reflected by a return to surplus in 2016, 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 End of Season Soiree that saw record attendance as well as a club raffle and multiple BBQs. The club also managed to strengthen its ties with different Australian tennis associations, including Tennis New South Wales.

I would like to extend the club's thanks to the groundsmen for their excellent work on the courts for yet another year.

In the last week of the year a doubles round robin competition was trialled as a suitable format for Sunday social tennis. It was very well received and we hope to make this a permanent fixture in 2017.

It was a privilege to work with the Management Committee again in 2016. The successes for the year are a reflection of their hard work and dedication. The Committee was composed of: Hayley Ericksen (Senior Vice-President), Jack Kliner & 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 Liz Gamboa, Isabella Bain and James Palmer. Our Honorary solicitor was Hien Duong.

Michael Walton PRESIDENT





### TOUCH FOOTBALL

THE TOUCH FOOTBALL CLUB PERFORMED WELL AT THE EASTERN UNIVERSITY GAMES, THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES, THE VAWDON CUP AND THE NSW STATE CUP IN 2016.

It was a big year for the club with the merger of our former representative club 'Varsity' and our University side. Sydney University Touch Football Club (SUTFC) is now well respected outside University competitions because of our good results in the Vawdon and State Cups. By establishing ourselves in representative competitions we have laid the foundations for developing and retaining players who represent the National and State Touch Football sides.

The Student League was again a success for university students. The first semester started well with 112 registrations and eight teams. The second semester, however, was a little more lacklustre with only 84 registrations and six sides. However, the competition ran smoothly all year round thanks to our co-ordinators, and we are confident there will be strong interest again for 2017.

Both the Eastern and the Australian University Games were considered to be relatively successful given SUTFC had a lot of experienced players finishing their degrees and moving on from Sydney University.

At the Eastern University Games the Main Campus Mixed side finished equal 7th, as did the Women's, while the Men's side finished 4th. The Cumberland Campus sides finished equal 9th in the Mixed competition, equal 7th in Women's and equal 7th in the Men's.

At the Australian University Games the Mixed side finished 7th defeating Curtin University in their 7th place match. The Women's side lost their semi-final to eventual winners Queensland University of Technology and finished in 4th place. The Men's side defeated Melbourne University to claim bronze.

SUTFC fielded two Men's teams and two Women's teams in the Vawdon Cup. The Men's Division 1 side lost to Wollongong in the semi-final. This was a great result, and was by far the best performance in recent history. The Men's Division 3 side had a building year with a lot of newcomers getting a grasp of the game. The Women's Division 1 side came 7th in the Vawdon Cup and the Division 2 side finished 5th.

SUTFC fielded five sides in the State Cup, including two Men's, two Women's and a Mixed team. The Men's 1st side made it into the semi-final of the Bowl series, and the Men's 2nd side also made it through the pools into the Bowl series, which was a great effort on their part given their seeding.

The Mixed side had a developing tournament with a lot of new faces, playing in the Plate series and bowing out before the finals. The Division 1 Women's team made the Championship pool, but didn't progress through to the finals. Division 2 played in the Bowl series which was also a good result, given their low seeding leading into the tournament.

Overall, 2016 was a very positive and successful year, thanks to SUSF and all those in organising roles.

Sam Gliddon
VICE PRESIDENT



#### ULTIMATE FRISBEE

IN 2016 SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB (SUUFC) SHOWCASED ITSELF AS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL UNIVERSITY ULTIMATE TEAM IN AUSTRALIA. A STRONG LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION AND AN ENTHUSIASTIC, ENCOURAGING CULTURE WERE THE PILLARS OF THE CLUBS ON-FIELD GROWTH THIS SEASON.

Highlights of the year included achieving an overall medal tally of two golds and one bronze from the two major university tournaments. At the Eastern University Games, the mixed team dominated all competition, remaining undefeated throughout and beating our hometown rivals UNSW in the final to win gold. At the Australian University Games in Perth, the Men's team defeated the University of Queensland comfortably in a globally live-streamed final. Despite a heartbreaking loss in a windy semi-final, our Women's team demonstrated their strong resolve and went on to win the Bronze medal playoff match. They went on to compete in the highest quality league competition in Sydney, the Northern Suburbs Ultimate, placing 2nd in both divisions 1 and 2.

This season our elite athletes continued to strive forward to achieve a number of fantastic individual achievements. Rob Andrews and Alex Ladomotos represented the Australian Dingoes at the World Ultimate and Guts Championships, placing 3rd and taking home a bronze medal. Kimberly Spragg represented the Australian Firetails, who placed 5th. Further, Kim was selected on the All Star Ultimate Tour, where she toured

around America, competing against major teams to raise awareness for Women's Ultimate. Sydney University was represented by five members at the U19 World Junior Ultimate Championships in Poland. Kim Spragg, Rachel Parsons, Alex Ladomatos, Lucas Nichols and Rob Andrews were selected on the Green and Gold University Games team. While 21 Sydney University athletes were selected for NSW at the U22 Ultimate Championships, which equates to around 40% of all players selected. It was a true testament to the depth of talent currently at the club.

One of the goals for the year was to enhance the community aspect of the club, and this culminated in the 'Sydney Uni Showdown'. Past and present members were brought together to enjoy the entertainment. This culminated in an exhibition match between Alumni and Students, a game which went down to the wire and was won by the Students by one point.

This year SUUFC welcomed the Marlborough Hotel as our new sponsor. As well as providing financial support for the club, every member now has a discount card. It has become our new social hub and meeting place for past and present members.

The Annual Gnarly 9's fundraising tournament was held in November, and it was a raging success. Teams from all over Sydney and Canberra participated, with the Braden Bellas taking out the title for the first time. The tournament is our main fundraiser for the year, and a large profit was generated to put towards club development.

SUUFC is currently taking the lead in creating a league with other university teams. At the time of writing the only competition that takes place against other universities is at the University Games. The opportunity for new players to take on other universities will increase player retention while also working to generate a stronger club vibe.

Nathan Coffey PRESIDENT

#### **VELO**

## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY VELO CLUB (SUVELO) FINISHED 2016 IN EMPHATIC STYLE, BEING AWARDED THE NSW ROAD PREMIERSHIP BY CYCLING NSW.

SUVelo's back-to-back titles clearly demonstrate that we are the dominant road racing club in NSW. These awards are a testament to the men and women who regularly pin on a number and compete for the club around Australia.

There are some individual achievements that need to be recognised and 2016 was a breakout year for Jessie Coyle, who only started racing in 2015. Jesse achieved a silver medal in the individual time trial at the NSW Titles.

Our men's racing squad also achieved a hard-fought silver medal at the NSW Club Team's Time Trial at Nowra. The men's squad was expertly captained by Chris Miller, who had a strong season with numerous top 30 results in the National Road Series, including a very strong performance in the Grafton to Inverell and the Tour of Tasmania.

Ella Scanlon-Boor showed why she is one of the brightest talents in women's racing on the national scene at the moment with a strong win in the women's road race at the Australian University Games in Perth.

Robert Carr was in the right place at the right time to take a well-deserved second place at the same Games in the men's road race. This event remains one of the club's key focal points and an important date in our competition calendar.

SUVelo had the good fortune to maintain very strong sponsor support in 2016 and it is the generosity of these sponsors that underpins our 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 2016.

The club's social side is just as important as the riding and the club organised a series of stellar events for members and supporters. The highlight of which was hosting Australian Olympians Rachel Neylan and Ritchie Porte at the SUVelo President's Dinner at the Malaya restaurant in November.

Overall, 2016 was another successful year of growth for SUVelo, building on the 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. As an established and well recognised road cycling club, SUVelo enjoys a solid reputation as a safe, competitive, welcoming and developmental club, catering for the interests of road cyclists of all abilities.

Andrew Duggan PRESIDENT





#### **VOLLEYBALL**

THE CLUB GREW, ONCE AGAIN, THIS YEAR. ON THE BACK OF STRONG NUMBERS THE CLUB WAS ABLE TO PUSH FOR SOME OF ITS BEST RESULTS ACROSS THE BOARD.

The club started its 2016 campaign with some strong results at State Cups, taking home some silverware in the lead up to the State League.

We continued to demonstrate strong growth throughout the year, on the back of junior development pathways and the recruitment of top-level talent.

We fielded nine teams in the State League. The Men's Honours team made the grand final but took home silver. The Men's Division 1 once again took the bronze medal after being hot favourites to take out the division. The depth of the men's program was apparent as our Men's Division 2 team won silver.

The women's program took a strong step forward in development, fielding three teams in the State League with the Women's Honours and Division 1 team taking some significant steps forward but unfortunately losing with an unearthly amount of five-set nail biters. The Division 2 Women's team came away with a hard earned bronze medal.

Historically, the club recorded some of its best results across the State League whilst being unfortunate to not take home even more silverware.

We would like to thank all the coaches and players who gave their time this season. Our success would not have been possible without them.

There was a big shift in both the men's and women's programs for the Australian Volleyball League (AVL). Both squads took a development pathway and fielded some of the best young talent, not only in NSW but also in the country. The joint partnership between Sydney University Sport & Fitness (SUSF) and University of Technology Sydney (UTS) saw a wealth of coaching push the young teams to fulfil their potential.

The men's program finished 3rd in their pool, one game out of finals. Unfortunately they fell victim to the strong Eastern Conference with both gold medal teams and previous winners Canberra and Queensland taking the hotly contested finals spots. Congratulations to Alex Lyndon and Lewis Jupp as members of the Men's AVL squad who represented Australia at the junior level coming off strong debut seasons in the National League.

The season saw a significant expansion of the AVL on the women's competition, underscoring the strength and growth of volleyball in Australia. On the back of numerous national finals in previous years, the University of Technology Sydney & Sydney University (UTSSU) side saw a redevelopment phase, resulting in 4 players being chosen to attend the Australian Institute of Sport's (AIS's) newly established Centre of Excellence in 2017 - more than any other national league club in the country.

Congratulations to Lily Borger, Wendy Edwards, Mikaela Stephens and Aggie Kudziela. UTSSU didn't stop there with their national representatives with Alice De Innocentiis representing and starting for Australia in 2016 FIVB World Grand Prix, with Lily Borger and Sharmaine Fernando making the squad.

A special mention must be made to Nam Pham and Yaegan Doran as head coaches of the men's and women's programs, with Nam named the Australian Junior Women's Head Coach and Yaegan Doran being named the Australian Senior Women's Assistant Coach.

Once again the club fielded strong women's and men's teams going into the 2016 Eastern University Games held in Wollongong. The women's team took out the silver medal whilst the men had a strong showing, only dropping one set the whole week and putting an emphatic end to the competition by taking out the gold medal.

Perth played host to the Australian University Games. The men took out another bronze medal whilst the women made a valiant effort falling just short of a medal, finishing fourth. Notable mentions go to Liam Elkington, Warwick Zhang, Jackie Zheng and Kristina Knezovic who were Green and Gold recipients and Kristina Knezovic who capped off a great year being awarded a university Blue for her efforts.

Antony Rowda TREASURER



#### WATER POLO - MEN

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY MEN'S WATER POLO CLUB ENJOYED ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR IN 2016. IT WAS FULL OF HARD WORK - SOME WINS AND SOME LOSSES - YET FULL OF ENJOYMENT FOR ALL 300+ CLUB MEMBERS.

At the elite level the Lions have become perennial top-four finishers in the National Water Polo League (NWPL) competition. For the second consecutive year, Sydney University finished the NWPL regular season at the top of the ladder, thus maintaining our hold on the prestigious Southern Cross Trophy as Minor Premiers.

However, the team could not convert in the semi-final, losing 8-7 to the eventual champions, the University of Western Australia. SU then re-grouped and beat their Sydney rivals UNSW-Wests 10-7 to take the bronze medal.

The club shared the inaugural Peter Kerr Trophy with the NWPL champions Lion Ladies as the Australian National League Champion Club. To win this newly established trophy, named after a club stalwart, was indeed an honour.

The Lions National League captain Johnno Cotterill had another fantastic season with the club and the Australian Sharks team. Johnno has been a constant in the national team, playing a pivotal role in their World League and World Championship campaigns, culminating in a fine individual performance at the Rio Olympic Games where he scored some crucial goals against some of the world's best teams.

Our First Grade team convincingly won the Sydney M1 Premiership 9-4 over Cronulla. Centre-forward Goran Tomasevic was named MVP of the grand final.

We also fielded two M2 teams with the veteran, club legend-laden gold combination winning the premiership, while the young Blue line-up finished a creditable third

Meanwhile, at the other end of the club, our M14A Blue team were pipped 10-8 by Cronulla in the grand final to finish with the silver medal. The young Lions also took silver in Division 1 at NSW titles, while the still younger Lions won gold in Division 2.

Several players travelled over the Tasman Sea to take out the Pan Pacific Festival gold medal in Auckland.

Other notable junior results included a silver medal in the prestigious Under 20 Col Smee tournament; semi-final finishes for our Under 18s in both Metro and NSW competitions, as well as the M14B team, and multiple gold medals to our Under 12s in NSW, Balmain and Waterpolooza competitions.

The club was also represented at the Canberra Cup, finishing third in the senior division and runners-up in the Under 18s.

Sydney University Lions fielded a makeshift team at the Australian University Games in Perth but could not repeat the bronze medal of the previous year despite battling bravely. Wil Cotterill was named in the AUG Green & Gold team.

The club remains indebted to its panel of talented coaches and age group co-ordinators, the executive committee led by President Antony Green, and the pool staff at Sydney University Sports & Aquatic Centre for their great support of the Lions Men's Water Polo.

And we also acknowledge SUSF President Bruce Ross who is retiring mid-year. We wish him all the best and thank him for his support through the years. Thanks too to SUSF Executive Director Robert Smithies, High Performance Manager Matt Phelps, Leonie Lum Elite Athlete Program, Program Clubs Development Managers Stephanie Glanville-Fyfe and Pippa Temperley as well as the Marketing team Kristen Barnes and Laura Hanlon, Southern Design and our club sponsors for their continued support of our club.

A very special thank you also goes to Rod Tubbs, our MC and co-ordinator of the annual Blue & Gold Water Polo Luncheon that again was an outstanding success. Rod is retiring and our best wishes go him and his wife Margie.

Ian Trent
OPERATIONS MANAGER

#### WATER POLO - WOMEN

IT WAS A HUGE YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S WATER POLO CLUB, HIGHLIGHTED BY A FIRST EVER AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE TITLE AND A RECORD REPRESENTATION IN THE 2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM.

In the National League, the Lions went from bronze medallists in 2014, to losing the final in a heart-stopping shootout in 2015, to producing an inspired comeback in the second-half to take the coveted gold medal in 2016.

The venue for the finals was Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre and after disposing of Cronulla 10-9 in a hard-fought semi-final, the Lions faced up to the powerful Brisbane Barracudas, making an incredible eighth consecutive grand final appearance. Undaunted by the opposition and a three-goal half-time deficit, the Lions clawed their way back to take the second half 10-3 for a full-time scoreline of 12-8. What a game.

Hannah Buckling scored five goals, Keesja Gofers three in the final quarter, Isobel Bishop two, with one apiece to Emma Lewis and Tahlia Bogg.

Hannah Buckling won the Pat Jones Medal for finals MVP while Keesja Gofers was named in the League's All Star team.

The Lion Ladies also shared the inaugural Peter Kerr Trophy with the men's club for Champion National League Water Polo Club for 2016.

The club was honoured by a record representation of four players, including goalkeeper Lea Yanitsas, Gofers, Buckling and Bishop in the Australian Olympic team for the Rio de Janeiro Games.

The ladies represented their club and country with distinction. They had also been joined by fellow Lion team-mate Bronte Halligan in the Australian team at the World League and Cup finals.

Danielle Morrissey and Tilly Kearns toured with the National Born '98 team, while Daisy Nankervis was a Born '97 tour representative as well as an Australian Schoolgirls player.

In National Age Championships, the Lions finished a meritorious 6th in the Under 18s in Perth, drawing 11-11 with the tournament winners Melville

(Western Australia), with the winner on countback going to the finals. Very close; what could have been?

The Lions Under 14s lost the Plate final at the Nationals in Albury, while the Under 16s lost the Bowl final in Hobart.

Locally our L1 team only saw their five National team members once during the competition. In that one game the Lions dismissed Drummoyne 13-6. Drummoyne later won the grand final.

The Elite Athlete Scholarship Program is one of the cornerstones of the club's success. This year's Scholarship holders were Emma Lewis, Tahlia Bogg, Isobel Bishop, Elise Gaskell and Bronte Halligan. Special thanks go to Leonie Lum and Anika Lalic for their support of the girls in the program.

Sydney Uni fielded a new-look team at the Australian University Games (AUGs) on the Gold Coast, finishing in 3rd place, with Emma Lewis and Ashley Colaco gaining AUGs Green & Gold status.

Emma Lewis was also successful in attaining a Sydney University Blue Award in 2016

The club thanks its panel of talented coaches, led by Junior Co-ordinator Daniel Trent, as well as our hard-working committee and Sydney University Sports & Aquatic Centre Pool staff for their great support of Lions Women's Water Polo.

We also acknowledge and thank SUSF President Bruce Ross. Bruce retires this year and there has been no greater supporter of women's sport at Sydney University than him. Special thanks too for their continued support go to SUSF Executive Director Robert Smithies, High Performance Manager Matt Phelps, and Clubs Development Coordinators Stephanie Glanville-Fyfe and Pippa Temperley.

Rodney Tubbs is also retiring this year and we thank him for years of dedication, especially for the co-ordination and hosting of the annual Blue & Gold Water Polo lunch. Well done Rod on your years of service to SUSF.

Our media department led by Kristen Barnes and Laura Hanlon have also done a fantastic job in their support of the Lady Lions and we thank them very much.

Ian Trent
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## WATERSKI & WAKEBOARDING

USYDWAKE IS PRIMARILY A RECREATIONAL CLUB
THAT PROVIDES A PLATFORM FOR SEASONED
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IN THIS EPIC SPORT. BASED ON THE STUNNING
HAWKESBURY RIVER, WE ARE OFTEN SEEN RIDING
RIGHT INTO WINTER, AND THE ONLY REQUIREMENT
OF EACH MEMBER IS TO BRING TO THE TABLE A
DESIRE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME.

We began 2016 with the largest and most ridiculously-fun 0-Week camp. A number of people were introduced to wakeboarding and waterskiing, with each standing up for the first time, cheered on enthusiastically by those on board. A few key words summarise the weekend: magnificent smiles, new friends, moonlit-swims, fearless rock jumping, and smooth sailing.

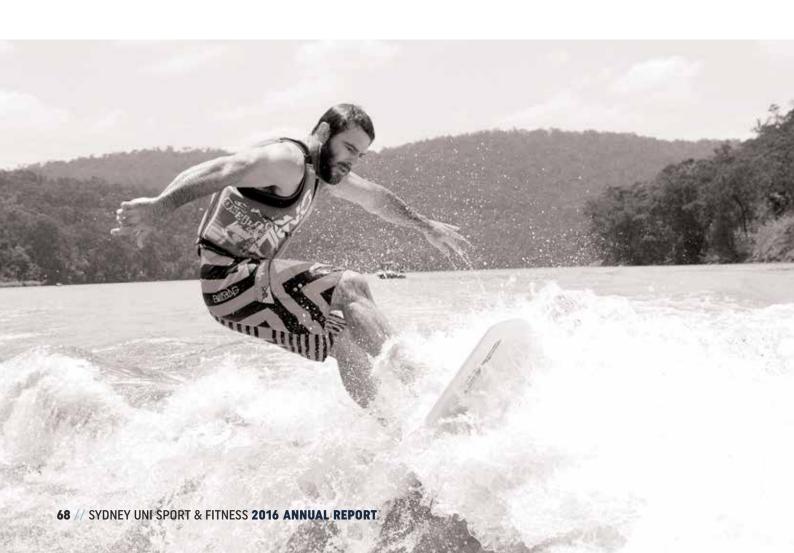
This season, we commandeered two houseboats for a weekend of fun and revelry. The weekend had the usual gems that are usually incorporated, with the added element of an animal onesie themed Saturday night, which lead to a highly entertaining night of games and dancing. Another first

was that we joined forces with the legends from Melbourne University Wakeboarding and Waterski club, to share our beloved river, and our love for reaching new heights on jumps. All involved shared in the celebration when members from both clubs landed the tricks we continue to strive towards.

There is a high demand from members for ride days, and as a result, a number of sell-out trips. Two-thirds of the 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 excited to also add wakesurfing to our activities in 2017.

Our club continues to improve with each passing year, ensuring that we are up to date with the needs and desires of our members. Most importantly, we still incorporate all the awesome aspects that have made the club a success over the past 20 years. Tim Wakeling, in his second year as Club President, continues to provide us with much needed passion and enthusiasm. With a committee full of legends, we hope that this coming year is the best yet, and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Sydney University community who supports our club.

Jade Cumming SECRETARY





#### WHEELCHAIR FLAMES

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY FLAMES WHEELCHAIR
BASKETBALL TEAM HAD YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL
YEAR, COMPETING IN NUMEROUS COMPETITIONS.

We competed in the WSNSW AWBL (Wheelchair Sports of NSW Autumn Wheelchair Basketball League) at the beginning of the year. We also entered a team and/or had team members in the annual national club tournaments - SLAM Down Under in NSW and Suncoast Spinners in Queensland.

The team ran the Women's Festival of Wheelchair Basketball (WFWB) with Wheelchair Sports NSW at the Narrabeen Academy of Sport. All the Flames athletes participated in the event and our senior Flames players captained and mentored the teams.

Our main focus was the WNWBL (Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League) season. The Flames did very well to qualify for the finals, and win the bronze medal. Annabelle Lindsay won the Rookie of the Year award. Sarah Stewart won the 3.0 MVP award, was named in the All-Star Five and won the overall season MVP award

We were lucky enough to host both the first round and the finals weekend of the national championships on the upstairs courts at Sydney University Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC). As a team, we would like to thank Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) and SUSAC staff for helping to get the stadium set up for us and making sure everything ran 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 participate and train. We also encourage junior and developing members to attend these sessions to help build our future athletes. In 2016 we began to regularly coach sessions at Mt Druitt for junior and developing athletes, and we will be continuing this in 2017.

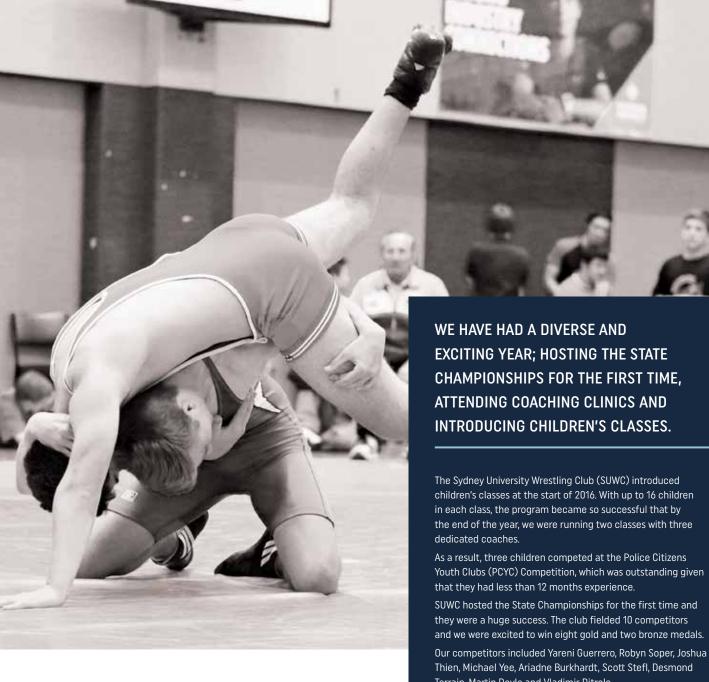
As a team we turned up in force to support the Sydney Uni Lions and the Sydney Uni Flames compete against the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). We also attended a number of the Flames games in their Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) season.

The Flames did well under experienced Head Coach Alan Cox. We managed to get another athlete into the NSW juniors, four athletes in to the Australian squad for 2016/7 and three athletes into the Australian Under-25 squad.

Sarah Stewart (three-time Paralympian, Captain and Manager) and our developing players from the 2015 season (Hannah Dodd and Jessica Cronje) all started the year well. They played in the Australian Gliders team for the Suncoast Spinners tournament, and the Osaka Cup in Japan - where they won bronze against strong international teams preparing for the Paralympics.

We are hoping for another exciting year in 2017, with our young players improving and being noticed for representative teams, and our experienced players training hard for Australian team selection. We are looking forward to the WNWBL run by Basketball Australia again in April, competing in the WFWB, AWBL, SWBL, Suncoast and SLAM, and the World Cup Qualifiers at the end of the year for our representative players.

Sarah Stewart PRESIDENT



#### WRESTLING

VLADIMIR DITROLO, WHO CLAIMED GOLD IN THE CADETS FREESTYLE 63KG.

children's classes at the start of 2016. With up to 16 children

Youth Clubs (PCYC) Competition, which was outstanding given

Thien, Michael Yee, Ariadne Burkhardt, Scott Stefl, Desmond Terrain, Martin Doyle and Vladimir Ditrolo.

In October, five of our coaches attended a five-day United World Wrestling coaching clinic held at the Australian Institute of Sport. The clinic gave our coaches the highest accreditation possible for Level 1 coaching worldwide.

The Australian Nationals, which were held in Victoria in February 2016, were also an Olympic qualifying event. Our hopeful, Commonwealth Games athlete Jayden Lawrence, lost his spot due to injury in the second half. It was devastating for Jayden who was returning after shoulder surgery and was out for the rest of the year.

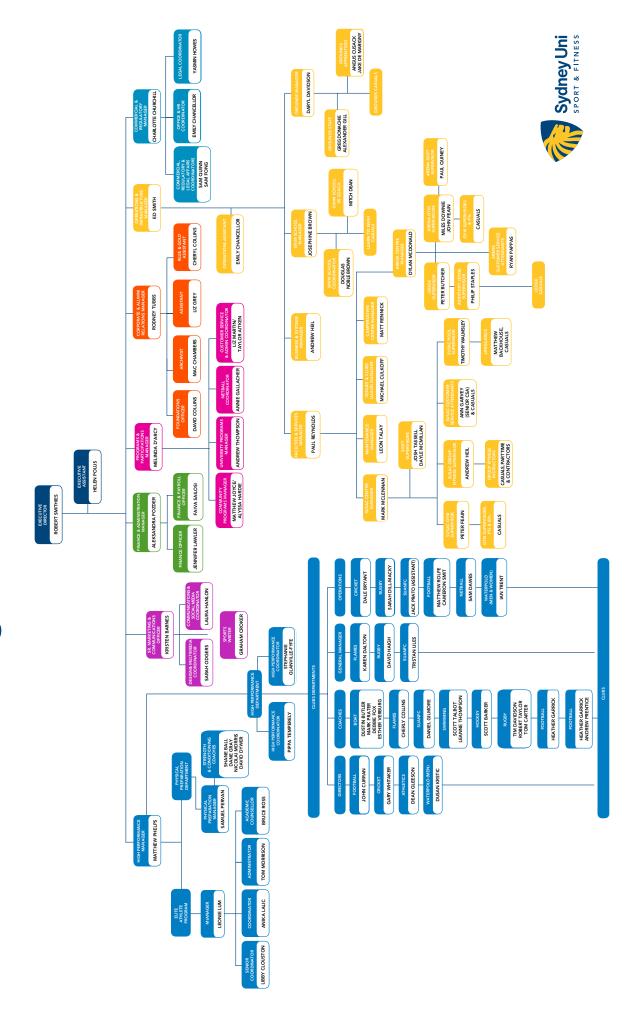
The news was better for Joshua Thien, who won bronze in the men's 58kg Greco-Roman, and Vladimir Ditrolo, who claimed gold in the Cadets freestyle 63kg.

In 2017 we are hoping to host National Championships at Sydney University.

The club is growing in numbers and we now have enough qualified coaches to help with both the children's and adult classes.

**Robyn Soper SECRETARY** 

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Water Polo (Women)

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Wheelchair Flames

Wrestling

# **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Management Committee met On 11 occasions during the year. The Committee consisted of:

Bruce Ross (President)

Rob Smithies (Exec. Director)

Ed Fernon (VP)

Emily Chancellor (VP)

Anika Lalic (VP)

Benn Melrose (VP) Nina Khoury (VP)

Patrick Cunningham (Treasurer)

# **Student Members**

James Spence

Cam Walker

Lavinia Chrystal

**Emily Chancellor** Jin Su Jung

Jemma Griffin

Jacinta Mallon

Liz Grey

Damon Gordon

James Hall

# Senate Representatives

Anne Titterton

Paul Slater

Annie Corlett AM James Flynn

# **BLUES COMMITTEE**

**Bruce Ross** 

Rob Smithies

Anne Titterton

Dean Gleeson

Chris Noel

Liz Grey Anthony Hrysanthos

Denise Wee

# FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Bruce Ross** 

**Rob Smithies** 

Patrick Cunningham

Paul Slater

Aleksandra Pozder

# HONOURS & TRADITIONS

# **ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS 2015**

Club of the Year

Basketball & Kendo

Premier Club of the Year

Water Polo Women

Coach of the Year

Daniel Kovacic (Basketball)

Premier Coach of the Year

Heather Garriock (Soccer) Alicia Smith (Water Polo Women)

Sportsman of the Year

Will Ryan (Sailing)

Sportswoman of the Year

Chloe Dalton (Rugby)

Ann Mitchell AUG Award

Basketball, Soccer & Cricket

Rosenblum - Male Club Admin of the Year

Nathan Richardson (Touch Football)

Pat Sharp - Female Club Admin of the Year

Olivia Warren (AFL Women)

Professional Administrator of The Year

John Curran (Soccer) David Haigh (Rugby)

Female Blue of the Year

Chloe Dalton (Rugby)

Male Blue of the Year

Pit Seng Low (Badminton)

**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 2016 were presented to:

John Boultbee (Boat)

Anthony Gray (Baseball)

Andrew Heil (Athletics)

John Kilford (Cricket)

Phil Logan (Cricket 2015)

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 2016 were awarded to:

Tim Anderson (Canoe)

Robert Andrews (Ultimate Frisbee)

Nicola Barr (AFL)

Marcus Britt (Boat)

Evelyn Chronis (Soccer)

Chloe Dalton (Rugby)

Matthew Dowsett (Athletics)

Conor Patrick Foley (American Football)

Ben Hughes (Rugby)

Christian Kagiassis (Rugby)

Kristina Knezovic (Volleyball)

Alexander Ladomatos (Ultimate Frisbee)

Emma Lewis (Water Polo)

Pit Seng Low (Badminton)

Rohan O'Regan (Rugby)

Georgia Rankin (Canoe)

Courtney Shultz (Athletics)

Alex Silcock (Tennis)

Tavleen Singh (Athletics)

Kimberly Spragg (Ultimate Frisbee)

Tobias Wehr-Candler (Boat)

Clare Woods (Soccer)

# **PRESIDENTS**

Sydney University Sport / Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness

2003 - B. W. Ross

Men's Sports Union	
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 McCreadie
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





# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS	
Vice Chancellor's Scholarships for Academic & Sporting Excellence	
Kathryn Rendell	Basketball
William North	Athletics
Senate Scholarships for Academic Achievement	Outstanding
Stephanie Ambrose	Soccer
Peta Banbas	Soccer
Jack Blair	Rugby
Dominique Carruthers	Soccer
Sholto Douglas	Fencing
Kyah Gray	Hockey
Grace Henry	Soccer
Madison Regan	Touch Football
Kane Townsend	Table Tennis
Erik Van Dooren Swimming	
Senate Scholarships for Outstanding School Leavers	
Andrew Sierakowski	Australian Football
Sarah Tan	Table Tennis
The University of Sydney Business School Undergraduate	
Rebecca Humphris	Rowing
James Matheson	Snowsports
James Palmer	Tennis
Guy Porter	Rugby
Sam Sautelle	Cycling
The University of Sydney Business School Postgraduate	
Matthew Giles	Golf
Matthew Hood	Rugby
Austin Lucy	Australian Football
Kane Murphy	Australian Football
Gabriel Orr	Australian Football
William Sierakowski	Australian Football
Madeline Rosenthal	Water Polo
Mitchell Thompson	Australian Football

Adam Spencer	
Georgia Yeoman-Dale	Soccer
Aleksandra Pozder	
Jenny Blundell	Athletics
Blue & Gold Club	
Austin Lucy	Australian Footbal
Madeline Rosenthal	Water Polo
Blues Association	
Tom Ayton	Australian Footbal
Anthony Hrysanthos	Water Polo
Emma Jeffcoat	Triathlon
Buildcorp	
Callum McIntosh	Rugby
BUPA/MBF Health	
Katie Ebzery	Basketball
Nicholas Hough	Athletics
Michelle Jenneke	Athletics
Collins/Peasley	
Joshua Clarke	Athletics
Jack Pross OAM	
Nicola McDermott	Athletics
Kaye Dening AM	
Rebecca Jones	Tennis
Mollie Dive	
Madelaine Bing	Cricket
Greta Hayes	Hockey
Philip Rundle	
Anneliese Rubie	Athletics
Ralph's Cafe/Panebiano	0
Annobel Starr	Basketball
Ray Hyslop	
Rachael Soutar	Soccer
Ron Rushbrooke	
Alexander Cobb	Baseball

Jasmine Rafiq	Karate	
Warrick Segal		
James Hall	Soccer	
COLLEGE		
Sancta Sophia College		
Xavier Frawley	Cricket	
Dominique Carruthers	Soccer	
Alice Arnott	Hockey	
David Bartholot	Rowing	
Marcus Britt	Rowing	
Rohan Browning	Athletics	
Nicky Craze	Cricket	
Tom Galvin	Cricket	
Jayson Gilchrist	Rowing	
Tahlia Goodwin	Netball	
Harry Johnson-Holmes	Rugby	
Andrew Judge	Rowing	
James Kane	Rugby	
Charles Litchfield	Cricket	
Luke Lough	Rugby	
Jackson McCalman	Rugby	
Angus Robinson	Rowing	
Zac von Appen	Rugby	
Zachary Whitehead	Rowing	
Bradley Wilkin	Rugby	
Mia Willows	Water Polo	
St Paul's College		
Lachlan Argiris	Rugby	
Jack Blair	Rugby	
Dugald Holloway	Cricket	
James Palmer	Tennis	
Guy Porter	Rugby	
Theo Strang	Rugby	
Wesley College		
Joseph Kershaw	Cricket	
William Ridley	Rugby	
OTHER		
Perpetual Limited		
Timothy Barton	Australian Football	

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

SYDNEY UNI SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS	
Rinaldo Gagiano	American Football
Danielle Allen	Athletics
Natalie Archer	Athletics
Angus Armstrong	Athletics
Emily Augustine	Athletics
Jordan Barnes	Athletics
Maddy Bergfield	Athletics
Lachlan Bird	Athletics
Katrina Blackett	Athletics
Joe Burgess	Athletics
Holly Campbell	Athletics
Paige Campbell	Athletics
Miles Cole-Clark	Athletics
Genevieve Cowie	Athletics
Bethany Croft	Athletics
Tayler Currie	Athletics
Tyson Davis	Athletics
Harrison Day	Athletics
Vincent Donnadieu	Athletics
Matthew Dowsett	Athletics
Matthew Fisher	Athletics
Andrew Giltrap	Athletics
Sebastian Gray	Athletics
Ruby Hackett	Athletics
James Jeffery	Athletics
Jin Su Jung	Athletics
Christian Lozada	Athletics
Matthew Mountfort	Athletics
Ella Nelson	Athletics
Josie Nichol	Athletics
Amy Pejkovic	Athletics
Courtney Schultz	Athletics
Tavleen Singh	Athletics
Jess Stafford	Athletics
Nicholas Van Gelder	Athletics
Andries Van Woerkom	Athletics
Georgia Wassall	Athletics
Darcy Baron-Hay	Australian Football
Nicola Barr	Australian Football
Tim Barrett	Australian Football
Bailey Biggs	Australian Football
Daniel Black	Australian Football
Jack Campbell	Australian Football
Allister Clarke	Australian Football
Jacob Derickx	Australian Football

Samuel Fong	Australian Football
Nick Foster	Australian Football
Daniel Frawley	Australian Football
Zachary Fyffe	Australian Football
Lachlan Kilpatrick	Australian Football
Jordan Law	Australian Football
Mitchell Mahady	Australian Football
Michael Manteit	Australian Football
Robert O'hara	Australian Football
Oscar Osborne	Australian Football
Lloyd Perris	Australian Football
Matthew Powys	Australian Football
Matthew Rawlinson	Australian Football
Erol Sertbas	Australian Football
Sam Sleigh	Australian Football
Joseph Stapleton	Australian Football
William Stratford	Australian Football
Will Taylor	Australian Football
Luke Vella	Australian Football
Nick Winmar	Australian Football
Claudia Denise Lam	Badminton
Pit Seng Low	Badminton
Brendan Tieu	Badminton
Toby Wong	Badminton
Robert Dewar	Basketball
Kulvir Grewal	Basketball
David Hazzard	Basketball
Hayley Moffatt	Basketball
Darneka Rowe	Basketball
Aleksandar Spoa	Basketball
Sam White	Basketball
Tim Anderson	Canoe
Keily Dober	Canoe
Simon Mctavish	Canoe
Georgia Rankin	Canoe
Henry Clark	Cricket
William Clayton	Cricket
Jonathon	Cricket
Craig-Dobson	
Jack Holloway	Cricket
Hayden Kerr	Cricket
Ryan Kurtz	Cricket
Jack Maddocks	Cricket
Nicholas Powys	Cricket
Kieran Tate	Cricket
Jason Hotten	Cycling

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Dyona Pottoga Daving	Olivia Ashby	Rowing
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Jacob Bicknell Rowing	Jacob Bicknell	Rowing
Christopher Rowing		Rowing
Fiona Ewing Rowing	Fiona Ewing	Rowing
Jack Hanley Rowing	Jack Hanley	Rowing

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Elizabeth Kell	Rowing
Claudia Lowe	Rowing
Kate McGeoch	Rowing
Matthew Murray	Rowing
Loren Parsons	Rowing
Isobel Payne	Rowing
Alexander Purnell	Rowing
Isobel Sherwood	Rowing
Carina Simpson	Rowing
Laura Triggs	Rowing
Campbell Watts	Rowing
Sam Barclay	Rugby
Jack Bliss	Rugby
Calum Buckling	Rugby
Richard Champion	
De Crespigny	Rugby
Tim Clements	Rugby
Henry Clunies-Ross	Rugby
Nicholas Coaldrake	Rugby
Chloe Dalton	Rugby
Kimberley Davey	Rugby
Will Davies	Rugby
Stuart Dunbar	Rugby
Hamish Dunbar	Rugby
Peter Fenwicke	Rugby
Justin Fish	Rugby
Max Girdler	Rugby
David Hickey	Rugby
Ben Hughes	Rugby
Greg Jeloudev	Rugby
Jack Jones	Rugby
Christian Kagiassis	Rugby
Thomas Kingston	Rugby
Thomas Koerstz	Rugby
Patrick McCutcheon	Rugby
Jock Merriman	Rugby
Matthew Narracott	Rugby
Connor O' Shea	Rugby
Rohan O'Regan	Rugby
Nicholas Phipps	Rugby
Samuel Qu inn	Rugby
Jack Redden	Rugby
Tomas Robertson	Rugby
Matthew Sandell	Rugby
William Skelton	Rugby
Jim Stewart	Rugby

Bronte Stutchbury	Rugby
Callum Styles	Rugby
Lachlan Swinton	Rugby
Christopher Talakai	Rugby
Nathaniel Tamwoy	Rugby
Banjo Travers	Rugby
Jonathan Vaux	Rugby
Barbara Waddell	Rugby
Mitchell Whiteley	Rugby
Lincoln Whiteley	Rugby
Harrison Williams	Rugby
Christian Yassmin	Rugby
Scott Bunch	Rugby League
Dominic Dagher	Rugby League
Myles Fowler	Rugby League
Thomas McCarthy	Rugby League
Charles Slinger	Rugby League
Jake Vrahnos	Rugby League
Jordan Girdis	Rugby League
Alice Tarnawski	Rugby League
Xavier Winston Smith	Rugby League
Jillian Colebourn	Rugby League
Madii Himbury	Rugby League
Annabel Tudhope	Rugby League
Hannah Bacon	Soccer
Nicholas Begaud	Soccer
Trudy Burke	Soccer
Melissa Caceres	Soccer
Anja Cherry	Soccer
Tessa Clout	Soccer
Liana Danaskos	Soccer
Stephanie Davis	Soccer
Ariane Demetriou	Soccer
Oliver Gibson	Soccer
Joshua Ginges	Soccer
Elizabeth Grey	Soccer
Victoria Guzman	Soccer
Amy Harrison	Soccer
Ondrej Holeva	Soccer
Taren King	Soccer
Stephanie Kontakos	Soccer
Simon Leech	Soccer
Harrison McMullen	Soccer
Daniel Mifsud	Soccer
Elizabeth O'Reilly	Soccer

Nathan Preston

Soccer

Georgia Stewart	Soccer
Michael Toscano	Soccer
Jonathan Weinberg	Soccer
Clare Woods	Soccer
Daniella Costaganna	Soccer
Nicola Maitland	Soccer
Lauren Tapp	Soccer
Robert Palmer	Squash
Keelan Bridge	Swimming
Oliver Cox	Swimming
Joshua Hertz	Swimming
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Hyun Woong (Sam) Yang	Taekwondo
Xinran Zhao	Taekwondo
Claudia Furdi	Tennis
John Hu	Tennis
Martina Hudaly	Tennis
Jack Kliner	Tennis
Chantelle Rigozzi	Tennis
Paddy Coelho	Touch Football
Zara Nicholas	Touch Football
Nathan Breen	Triathlon
Emily Kempson	Triathlon
Robert Andrews	Ultimate Frisbee
Alexander Ladomatos	Ultimate Frisbee
Rachel Parsons	Ultimate Frisbee
Sarah Perkins	Ultimate Frisbee
Harrison Revai	Ultimate Frisbee
Kimberly Spragg	Ultimate Frisbee
Dennis Tran	Ultimate Frisbee
Molly Valencour	Ultimate Frisbee
Mathew Wajzer	Ultimate Frisbee
Lachlan White	Ultimate Frisbee
Tahlia Bogg	Water Polo
James Butcher	Water Polo
Andrew Cameron	Water Polo
Wil Cotterill	Water Polo
Elise Gaskell	Water Polo
Emma Lewis	Water Polo
Danielle Morrissey	Water Polo
Michael Rosenthal	Water Polo
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