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2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



2013 will probably be looked back on as the start of Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness' era of infrastructure. As detailed throughout this annual report, our clubs and athletes have achieved spectacular advances in performance but the standard of the facilities in which they train and perform have lagged behind.

Our University's demolition of the unpleasant looking but still serviceable H.K. Ward Gym to make way for the Charles Perkins Centre caused enormous dislocation of our sporting activities and imposed a significant financial burden on our organisation, but it is also proving to be the catalyst for infrastructure renewal. As part of the compensation for the loss of H.K. Ward the University provided most of the funding for the Stage 3 extension of the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC). However, in order to ensure that we had a facility that was both fully functional and aesthetically appealing, SUSF had to contribute a substantial amount of money. This was funded partly by drawing on our cash reserves but also by initiating our first ever effort at a major fundraising campaign – the Finishing Touches Fund. A huge amount of effort resulted in the fundraising target being achieved in

a very short period of time, thanks to the generosity of our sporting alumni, clubs, sponsors and staff.

The successful completion of the SUSAC extension and its associated fundraising sets the stage for a period when our major focus will be very much on new infrastructure development. During 2013 preparations were completed for the transformation of Oval No. 2 into a purpose-built field for rugby and soccer, complete with a large grandstand, function room, elite athlete gym and indoor cricket nets/ training space. The basic build of the project is being co-funded by the University and SUSF, but in order to fully fit out this major facility we will be undertaking a fundraising campaign many orders of magnitude greater than the Finishing Touches Fund.

The Oval No. 2 development will be the precursor to other much needed building works such as the replacement of our boat shed, provision of a hockey pitch, relocation of the baseball diamond, installation of new cricket wickets, the laying of an artificial turf surface on The Square, and increasing the dimensions of the playing area on Oval No. 1.

Already we have received indications that many of our sporting alumni are prepared to dig deep to ensure that the sporting traditions of our University are continued in future generations.

Bruce Ross
PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



If 2012 was a year of bulldozed facilities, floods, and moving out of home, then 2013 was a year of renewal and achievement. Having spent almost 18 months off campus, a large number of our clubs and athletes returned home to new and improved facilities courtesy of the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) extension which was officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Michael Spence on Thursday 15 August 2013. The \$15 million facility houses a group fitness room, a boxing gym, a dojo, a double basketball court facility with 706 seats, new change rooms and bathrooms. It has been a great success story in terms of the quality of facilities we can now offer our users, and the additional space we have to cater for their ever-growing needs.

In early 2012 we held a meeting with our clubs to discuss the demolition of H.K. Ward and the construction of the new facilities at the Sports & Aquatic Centre. The tone of the meeting was adversarial and many thought the new facilities would never materialise or would be sub-standard. SUSF, working in partnership with The University of Sydney and Buildcorp, has delivered on what it promised. 2013 will be remembered as the year our facilities took their biggest step forward and SUSF built quality sporting facilities that were worth the wait.

Our clubs continued to excel in every area of their performance. We are now starting to judge a number of our clubs not by whether they have had a good year, but whether they have had the best year in their history. The level of commitment given by our sport directors, and the many volunteer coaches, managers, officials, trainers, scorers, physios and club committee members is outstanding and one of the driving forces behind the success of our clubs and their athletes – SUSF can't thank you all enough for the time and resources you put in to our club sport program.

On the field, our Football Club completed their 150th anniversary year in style, winning the first grade premiership for the eighth time in the last nine years with a 51-6 demolition of Eastwood in the grand final. This was the most comprehensive grand final victory in the history of the Shute Shield and cemented Sydney Uni's reputation as the premier club rugby side in Australia. Earlier in the day the club also won the second grade and fourth grade major premierships; to add to the first colts and second colts major premierships, and fifth grade's major premiership. Every team in the club won either the major premiership or the minor premiership, and, not surprisingly, the club won the club championship and the colts' club championship, surely their best year ever. The 150th anniversary dinner, held at the Sports & Aquatic Centre on Saturday 13 April, was an enormous event and kicked off the 150th year in style – and the grand final victories finished it in style. Well done to Tim Davidson (now retired), Tom Carter, David Mortimer, Andrew Wennerbom, Chris Malone, David Haigh, Jack Farrer, Baden Stephenson, Tony and Josephine Sukkar and the extended Sydney University Football Club family and friends who have all put in a mountain of effort to make the 150th year a special one and a successful one.

Our Athletics Club had a year to remember – arguably the best in their history. At the time of writing, the club had won every senior domestic title that they competed in – the Summer Premiership; the Winter Premiership; the NSW Club Championships; the open pennant at the Treloar Shield; the medal tally at the NSW Championships; nine out of 12 gold medals at the NSW State Relay Championships; and six athletes had just been selected for the 2014 Commonwealth Games – with the potential for more athletes to be announced. They also won Australian University Games by a record margin and had 12 athletes selected in the Green and Gold team. To put this in perspective, the men's score alone, or the women's score alone would have won the overall point score at the Games for the second consecutive year. Thanks to Dean Gleeson, Bobby Broadhurst and Andy Heil for their work and to all of the athletes for their amazing performances.

Our Baseball Club had the best year in their existence, taking out the NSW Club Championship and having all three teams make the grand final. Seconds and thirds won their grand finals and firsts finished runners up in a breakthrough season for the club. Our Soccer Football Club had a great year with the women's side of the club enjoying finals football, particularly our all-conquering under 12's side, and our men's and women's Cricket Clubs had solid seasons.

Our Hockey Club took out the first grade women's premiership for the second year in a row, and the men's first grade team made the finals for the first time in many years, making 2013 one of the best years in the history of hockey at Sydney Uni and certainly the best year since the men's and women's clubs merged in the early part of last decade.

The support we receive from The University is simply outstanding. Dr. Michael Spence has provided SUSF with a great deal of assistance and his backing was pivotal in the construction of the extension project – thank you Michael for your unflagging commitment to sport on this campus. David Pacey has been a constant source of guidance and wisdom in a variety of matters, and his knowledge of The University and how it interacts with SUSF is critical and always helpful. Richard Fisher, Shauna Jarrett, Tim Dolan, Ann Brewer, Tracey Beck, Marian Theobald, Andrew Potter, and Tyrone Carlin have been great to work with once again. SUSF cannot operate without the support networks that surround it, and The University of Sydney is our best partner in this regard.

Finally, I would like to thank our President for the last 24 years, Bruce Ross, and the SUSF Management Committee that he chairs for their

stewardship of SUSF's resources and infrastructure. In particular, Bruce has been a wonderful source of wisdom and advice and a great sounding board and debating partner for the many ideas and issues. As our organisation becomes more professional and therefore more complicated, having solid leadership becomes increasingly important. Thanks Bruce, and thanks to the Management Committee for providing the steady, unwavering foundation upon which SUSF is built.

I always finish my reports by thanking my wife Tasha, and my children Maddy, Amber, Violet and Daniel for their support and love. This year won't be any different – you are the best.

God bless,

Rob Smithies
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



BLUES ASSOCIATION

REPORT



2013 was a year of trialling new ideas and planning strategically to grow the Association. Efforts were made to appeal to our younger Blue and Gold members while our membership fees were restructured to give more benefits to members.

We added a special reunion to our events calendar this year to introduce new Blues and Golds into the fold, where we invited the last two years' award recipients to attend a National Water Polo League (NWPL) game and supper at the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) on 15 March. It was a great success with about 30 people attending and plans are underway to repeat the event in future years. At the same time, current and renewing members were asked to join the Association as life members to avoid the annual fee each year and to become eligible for invitations and discounts in the future. This new system should add efficiency to the Association's operations as well as making membership more attractive.

We were pleased to sponsor three more scholarship recipients in the 2013 academic year, namely, Tim Barton (Australian Football); Ed Fernon (modern pentathlon and Olympian); and Alicia Poto (captain of the Brydens Sydney Uni Flames basketball team). I congratulate Tim, Ed and Alicia on their achievements during the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Sydney Uni Blues and Golds who received honours on Australia Day 2014: OAM to John "Sparrow" Dowse (rugby union Blue) and OAM to Murray Stewart (canoe/kayak Blue). On a sad note I must mention the passing of two of our long-serving members: Alan Kendall, who was a triple Blue in tennis, squash and table tennis between 1948 and 1951; and Moira Whiteside who was a 1949 hockey Blue. Our condolences to their families and friends.

Our mid- year reunion and cocktail party was held on Friday 2 August in The Grandstand at Oval No 1. It focused on a welcome home by Nicholas Davies to seven of 18 Sydney Uni athletes who had competed in the Australian World Uni Games (WUG) team in Kazan, Russia, where the Unirooms finished in 10th place out of 162 nations overall. Three of our experienced Blues were also interviewed: Jo Carter (ice skating Olympian); Tim Davidson (captain of both the Melbourne Rebels and Sydney University Football Club's first grade team); and Dean Gleeson (SUSF Coach of the Year in 2010 and a Blue and Gold recipient for athletics).

Blues Association pins were again presented, this year to those who had received their Blue in 2013 or those who had missed receiving their pin previously. The giant raffle conducted on the night raised just over \$1,000 towards the scholarship fund. The Committee is planning this function in

the city next year to attract younger members working in the city.

The Association Golf Day at St. Michael's course on 9 October saw about 60 golfers in action, including two foursomes from our Blues Association Committee. My thanks go to Rod Tubbs and his assistants, Ashleigh Walden and Keesja Gofers, for their excellent coordination of the event as well as to Mac and Pam Chambers who sold raffle tickets, which helped raise over \$2,000 for our scholarships.

Finally, the year ended with the traditional Blues Dinner held in the Great Hall on 22 November. It was a great thrill this year to have our new Chancellor Belinda Hutchinson AM in attendance as she did the honours in garbing the new Blues and Golds and presenting the Blue of the Year awards. 26 Blues and four Golds were announced by Senate representative and rowing Blue Anne Titterton with the Blue of the Year Awards going to: Nicholas Hough (athletics) and joint female winners Anneliese Rubie (athletics) and Hayley Abood (swimming).

The highlight of the night's entertainment was the segment conducted by Greg O'Mahoney who interviewed two of our former Winter Olympians, Jo Carter (ice skating Blue) and Michael Dickson (skiing Blue). Their insights into issues such as the new winter sports, the selection processes for the Australian team and the methods used in deciding the medal winners at the Games intrigued us all. Once again the St. John's College choir, accompanied by organist Amy Johansen, led the audience in singing the traditional songs "Gaudeamus" and "The Varsity" followed by their own choice "An Irish Blessing". 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.

This is my final report for the Blues Association as I am retiring after over a decade on the committee. I extend my thanks to the members of the current Committee, namely: Eric Carter, Cheryl Collins, Clive Cooper, Nick Davies, Brendon Hyde, Kyeema Doyle, Gillian Ting, Andrew Wennerbom, Mehmet Yagci (who unfortunately had to resign during the year) and Mac Chambers (archivist) as well as to former committee members Rod Tubbs and Ray Hislop who gave me outstanding support while I was President. Both Mac Chambers and Cheryl Collins have been tremendous Secretaries during the past decade and have performed a lot of hard work to make the Blues Association successful. I owe them a debt of gratitude for their contribution in frequently visiting the SUSF office and keeping our membership data and communications up to date. I also thank both Greg Harris and Rob Smithies for the support they gave from SUSF over this time. So in finishing, I wish the new committee all the best and promise to help out however I can in future.

Ann Mitchell
PRESIDENT



BLUE & GOLD

REPORT

The 'Blue & Gold' Club is all about friend-raising and fund-raising and the first sporting function in 2013 was a new one.

WORLD KINDNESS SPORTING DINNER

On the evening of Wednesday 13th March 2013, a 'Blue & Gold' World Kindness Sporting Dinner was held in The Great Hall, after pre-dinner drinks had been served in the Main Quadrangle.

World Kindness is an international movement that challenges bullying in schools, in the workplace, in sport, in cyberspace and in all other aspects of our lives.

In relation to our differences, World Kindness encourages:

- respect rather than intolerance;
- inclusion rather than exclusion;
- hospitality rather than hostility; and
- gratitude rather than attitude.

The dinner was attended by almost 200 guests who believe that the World Kindness movement is addressing a very relevant issue in today's society.

Greg O'Mahoney – the Sydney Uni Arts/Law graduate, Rhodes Scholar, barrister and media personality – was on hand to moderate two wonderfully entertaining panels of Sydney Uni elite athletes.

The water sports panel comprised:

- Nick Purnell – Australian men's eight rower at the 2012 London Olympics;
- Prue Watt – swimming gold medallist at the 2012 London Paralympics; and
- Thomas Whalan – four times water polo Olympian.

The ball sports panel comprised:

- Stuart Clark – Australian Test cricketer;
- Alicia Poto – basketball silver medallist at the 2004 Athens Olympics; and
- Phil Waugh – Wallaby open side flanker.

Awareness of the World Kindness Movement was significantly increased by this function. Sydney Uni sporting scholarships were the beneficiary of funds raised from generously donated raffle prizes and auction items.



AUSSIE RULES LUNCHEON

The Ivy Ballroom was the new venue for the 2013 'Blue & Gold' Aussie Rules Luncheon.

Adam Spencer's first panel comprised:

- Kurt Tippett – the Sydney Swans' star recruit of 2013;
- Daniel Gilmore – the former Fremantle Docker and current Sydney Uni NEAFL coach; and
- Ryan Silvester – co-captain of the 2013 Sydney Uni NEAFL team.

Adam's second panel comprised:

- Jude Bolton – the 2005 and 2012 premiership player who had chalked up 300 plus AFL games;
- Kieren Jack – another 2012 premiership player and co-captain of the 2013 Sydney Swans; and
- Josh Kennedy – 2012 All Australian, Swans Best and Fairest and another premiership player.

Quite remarkably, all four of those high profile Swans' players (also their teammates, Mike Pyke and Lewis Roberts-Thomson) were undertaking Sydney Uni Graduate Certificates in Commerce in 2013.

SOCCER FOOTBALL DINNER

On the evening of Friday 14th June, approximately 200 Sydney University Soccer Football Club supporters descended on Doltone House for the annual 'Blue & Gold' Soccer Football Dinner.

The principal entertainment at 'Blue & Gold' Soccer Football Dinners is Adam Spencer's panels, which have been renowned for the quality of both the moderator and his panellists over the past eight years.

This reputation was only enhanced this year when Adam firstly matched wits with:

- Lyall Gorman – Executive Chairman of Western Sydney Wanderers and former head of A-League; and
- Tony Pignata – CEO of Sydney FC and former CEO of Wellington Phoenix.

Naturally, the focus was on the Western Sydney Wanderers' stunningly successful debut season and the massive interest created by Sydney FC's signing of Italian superstar Alessandro Del Piero.

Adam's second panel comprised:

- Bonita Mersiades – leading football journalist and Senior Director of Australia's World Cup bid;



- Frank Farina – current Sydney FC coach and legendary player and coach of the Australian Socceroos; and
- Mark McCormick – Sydney Uni Soccer Football Club (SUSFC) men's first grade Head Coach.

This panel produced wonderfully entertaining stories about football at the international, national and club level.

A novel money spinner involved the mass auctioning of 25 Hummel soccer balls signed by SUSFC Socceroo, Michael Thwaite, together with 25 bottles of quality wine – \$140 was the going price for a ball plus vino. All wine bottles were numbered and, the owner of one of them got to win the use of a box at one of next season's A-League games in Sydney.

RUGBY LUNCHEON

The seventeenth consecutive staging of the annual 'Blue & Gold' Rugby Luncheon was held on Friday 21st June at the Four Seasons Hotel.

The entertainment commenced with Adam Spencer dissecting the international, Super 15 and club rugby seasons to that point in time with:

- Chris "Nobby" Malone – a Sydney Uni Football Club (SUFC) Shute Shield-winning captain in 2001, who then played ten years of professional rugby in England before returning to SUFC in a coaching capacity midway through the 2011 club rugby season (now our Head Coach); and
- Tom Kingston – a dynamic outside centre or winger with Sydney Uni and the NSW Waratahs (Tom had played against the British and Irish Lions on the Saturday prior to this luncheon).

After mains, the principal fare of the day was the much anticipated annual 'Blue & Gold' Debate.

First of all, the MC announced that the former Australian Rugby Union President, Mr. PL Harry AM (affectionately known as "Uncle Philthy"), had officially resigned as the annual nonsense debate's totally biased adjudicator, in which capacity he always awarded past debates to the *Gentlemen of Rugby* team.

The MC then advised that this had created a golden opportunity to transform Adam Spencer from debater to adjudicator, given that Spencer had led his *Low-Life Academia* team to sixteen consecutive defeats!

However, at the last moment, stalwart member of the *Gentlemen of Rugby* team, Rob Carlton (aka Kerry Packer in the 'Paper Giants' sequel entitled 'Magazine Wars') was required elsewhere for filming.

The MC announced that this void would be filled by none other than Adam Spencer, who was going to be there anyway in his new adjudicating role. So, as a minor addition to his adjudicating activities, Spencer was selected for the first time ever in the *Gentlemen of Rugby* team!

The debate itself was an absolute cracker – Greg O'Mahoney and Adam Spencer (*the Gentlemen of Rugby*) plus Rhys Muldoon and Scott Dooley (*Low-Life Academia*) were all in superb form.

Then for the adjudication. Spencer suddenly abdicated. The MC called for audience preference by way of acclamation. History was made. The *Low-Life Academia* team won its first ever 'Blue & Gold' annual debate and Adam Spencer was confined to his seventeenth consecutive defeat!

WATER POLO LUNCHEON

On Friday 6th September, the 2013 'Blue & Gold' Water Polo Luncheon was staged at the Four Seasons Hotel.

There were 18 national representatives in attendance – 16 water polo players plus Jarryd Hughes, an alpine snowboard cross sportsman and Scott Nicholson, an Australian beach handball representative.

Jarryd Hughes and Scott Nicholson were members of Greg O'Mahoney's first panel. The audience was intrigued to find out more about these two emerging sports.

The second O'Mahoney panel comprised three Australian water polo representatives:

- Hannah Buckling – the proud owner of a World Championship silver medal from the 2013 FINA World Championships in Barcelona;
- Johnno Cotterill – a London 2012 Olympian and member of the Australian Sharks at the 2013 FINA World Championships (where the Sharks produced their best result of the past decade); and
- Chris Harrison – a Seoul 1988 Olympian and the CEO of Water Polo Australia.

There were plenty of laughs as Greg O'Mahoney, in his wonderfully amusing way, probed for answers on where Australian water polo is heading. The audience was convinced that both the national men's and

women's teams are on track to deliver their best ever Olympic results at the 2016 Games in Rio De Janeiro.

SUSF/BLUES ASSOCIATION GOLF DAY

Wednesday 9th October proved to be an idyllic day for the annual SUSF/Blues Association Golf Day at the wonderfully picturesque St. Michael's Golf Club.

The field of eighteen 4-ball teams was mostly comprised of Sydney Uni sporting alumni and their golfing friends, but also included teams representing the sports administration bodies from Macquarie Uni, UTS and UNSW.

The winner of the main event was the Icons Group, a long term supplier of fundraising items to SUSF. The genial John Barber (a 22 marker from the Warringah Golf Club) had a day out, scoring 45 individual points! The Icons Quartet was very ably captained by Michael Zann – Chris Ward and David Ward-Smith (by their own admissions) merely made up the numbers!

UTS (Liz Brett, Peter Booth, Geoff Brooke-Smith and Colin Le Claire) were not only the surprise winners of the University Sports Administration Golf Challenge, but also the runners-up in the main event on a count back from the Southern Design team (Jeff Epplett, David Levitski, Sam Safi and Anthony Sahyoun).

Former Johnsmen (St. John's College residents) in the field competed for the Archbishop John Bede Polding Cup. The placings were filled by Chris Malone (our Shute Shield-winning coach), Dick Hendriks and Rob McEwen.

Macquarie Uni's Craig Oliver (39 points) was the runner-up to John Barber in the individual event. Sam Safi (36 points) and Waratah captain, Dave Dennis (35 points) recorded the third and fourth best scores of the day.

The Encouragement Award for the "lucky last" combination was comfortably won by Team Cooper, despite Clive's enthusiastic leadership! A fun day was had by all.

CRICKET LUNCHEON

The 19th consecutive 'Blue & Gold' Cricket Luncheon was held at the Four Seasons Hotel on Wednesday 22nd November – the second day of the first Ashes Test at the Gabba in Brisbane.

In this sesquicentenary season of the Sydney University Cricket Club (SUCC), proceedings commenced with tributes to the late Mick O'Sullivan and Dick Mesley. Micko's playing and administrative career with the SUCC over more than four decades was without parallel. Dick Mesley was a stylish batsman and brilliant fielder, who played his entire SUCC first grade cricket career with Micko in the late 1960's and 1970's.

James Rodgers then provided entertaining profiles on the twelve players selected in the SUCC 'Team of the 21st Century' so far. And what a team it was:

Specialist batsmen: Ed Cowan, Scott Henry, Greg Mail (c), Matthew Phelps and Kevin Pietersen.

Principal Allrounder: Ian Moran.

Wicketkeeper/batsman: Shane Stanton.

Fast bowlers: Mark Cameron, Stuart Clark and Andrew Staunton.

Spin bowlers: Stuart MacGill and Greg Matthews.

Many of these players will undoubtedly be in line for selection in the SUCC Living Legends team at the November 2014 'Blue & Gold' Cricket Luncheon, which will be one of the last SUCC sesquicentenary celebrations.

Adam Spencer moderated a very entertaining panel discussion with the previous Australian Cricket Head Coach, Mickey Arthur; renowned cricket journalist, commentator and author, Mike Coward; and the SUCC first grade run-machine, Greg Mail.

Mickey Arthur provided a very candid account of the highs and lows of his time as Australia's Cricket Head Coach. Our luncheon guests received new insights into the so-called 'homework-gate' affair and were very impressed by the dignified manner with which Mickey Arthur accepted his termination as Australia's Head Coach and refused to blame ill-disciplined players for his demise.

Perhaps the best entertainment of all occurred as the 2013 'Blue & Gold' Cricket Luncheon was drawing to a close. On a large TV screen, our luncheon guests witnessed England's remarkable middle order collapse – six wickets for nine runs in the space of one glorious hour of Test cricket!

XMAS HAMPER GOLF DAY

On Wednesday 27th November, 19 teams arrived at the amazingly picturesque St. Michael's Golf Club to do battle in the 17th consecutive 'Blue & Gold' Xmas Hamper Golf Day.

On a pleasantly warm day with only a light sea breeze, some remarkable scores were recorded. Indeed, the winning total of 146 stableford points (from the best three of four scores on every hole) was the highest team score in living memory.

The winners were the Fayn brothers (Greg and David), Paul Lawrence and Adam Sumegi, playing under the unlikely banner of the Lunatic 1 Promotional Clothing team. Greg had the game of his life – only 74 shots for 47 individual stableford points off a handicap of 14!



The profit from this event was considerably larger than usual. This was primarily due to the generosity of 14 of Sydney's leading golf clubs, which provided rounds of golf with carts for the silent auction. All such auction items were purchased by the loyal supporters of this annual event.

FINISHING TOUCHES FUND

At the SUSF Sports Awards Dinner in mid-April, a Finishing Touches Fund was launched in an endeavour to raise \$250,000 towards the best finishes that money could buy for the \$15 million extension to the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC).

Five principal target groups were identified as the principal contributors to the Fund and, in the end result, their contributions to this successful capital fundraising campaign were as follows:

Alumni and friends	\$109,550	or	43.80%
SUSF-affiliated Clubs	\$72,350	or	28.93%
SUSF sponsors	\$27,500	or	11.00%
SUSF staff members	\$22,700	or	9.08%
SUSF tenants	\$18,000	or	7.20%
	\$250,100		100.00%

The responses from all five target groups were exceptionally generous, given that very few of the contributors to the "Finishing Touches Fund" had a specific background in the sports which will most directly benefit from the new basketball stadium, boxing gym, dojo or group fitness room.

The generosity of the above friends of Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness was truly outstanding.

The Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre extension has further enhanced SUSF's credibility within The University. Indeed, at the opening ceremony of the new sporting complex, we were thrilled to hear the Vice-Chancellor commit The University to supporting the Oval No.2 redevelopment, the boat shed reconstruction and a hockey turf feasibility study.

Rodney Tubbs

CORPORATE & ALUMNI RELATIONS MANAGER



COMMERCIAL & REGULATORY

REPORT



In 2013 the Commercial & Regulatory department continued to build on the strong foundations that have now been established to support the legal, regulatory, governance, human resources, and commercial functions of SUSF. Working with nearly every department and with such a broad range of stakeholders including SUSF staff, volunteers, clubs, external sporting bodies and sponsors has resulted in another busy but rewarding year.

With 2013 being the department's first full year in operation, it was an opportunity for many of the policies and procedures that were developed, as well as improvements achieved in 2012, to be fine tuned and to make further advancements to ensure SUSF's compliance function is best practice not only within the sporting industry but also in the broader marketplace.

Human resources and matters related to SUSF's most important asset – our staff – was once again a priority for the year with several key projects to improve both our communication with staff as well as compliance with SUSF policies completed. In November 2013 we launched The Hub, an entirely internally developed staff intranet. The Hub is a key step in bringing SUSF in line with human resources best practice not only in the sport and recreational industry but commercial operations generally. This site serves not only as a database of all human resources and work health safety documents, policies, and procedures but also as a key induction tool for our new staff. A significant part of the year was spent ensuring that not only was the site accessible and user-friendly, but also that a broad and relevant range of up-to-date policies, procedures and information was available for staff. I would like to thank Operations Manager David Shaw who I worked closely with to launch this portal. Over the next year we will continue to improve and develop the site as the authoritative resource of information and guidance for our organisation.

In 2013 SUSF was fortunate enough to recruit a significant number of outstanding new full time and casual staff. To address this recruitment a new comprehensive four week induction program was launched to allow the newest members of our team to become familiar with the practices and operations of SUSF in the quickest and smoothest manner possible.

2013 was an extremely busy year for the legal and compliance function of the department. Employment law matters, litigation management, insurance and contractual, sponsorship, license, and player agreement negotiations were a significant focus.

Ensuring not only compliance but also that SUSF was best practice in terms of key legislative and regulatory requirements also remained a priority for the department. A key milestone achieved during the year was the launch of SUSF's new Work Health Safety (WHS) system. This project involved the development of an entirely new suite of WHS policies, the restructuring of the SUSF WHS Committee, the reporting mechanisms, as well as a comprehensive WHS induction for all new and existing staff and volunteers. SUSF's new system now specifically addresses new legislative requirements as well as the unique health and safety issues that arise in the sporting and recreation industry.

The department also worked hard during the year to address SUSF's compliance with other key legislative and regulatory developments and bodies including the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority; the requirements of the new Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission; the introduction of the new Commonwealth anti-bullying legislation; and the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 for which SUSF underwent several audits and received key approvals.

As one of my department's goals is to improve the financial efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation I am pleased to report that the completion of these milestones and projects was achieved substantially through the hard work, skill and dedication of our internal resources, as well as key relationships we have now built with leading providers. I would like to thank all staff who have been involved in these efforts.

Whilst the broader economic climate as well as the focus on infrastructure development meant that 2013 was a challenging year for the organisation, significant progress was made commercially in a number of key areas. Restructuring of internal departments as well as an increased focus and introduction of staff training, performance monitoring and review, in addition to financial benchmarking and reporting resulted in efficiency gains.

A comprehensive review, and subsequent restructure of the SUSF Swim School was conducted by the department in conjunction with Operations, and has resulted in a significant increase in revenue in one of our key customer facing business units with the program outperforming previous years in terms of financial performance, enrolments, customer retention as well as the quality of the program. In 2013 we also successfully negotiated the purchase of new state-of-the-art Life Fitness cardio equipment in both our gym facilities, making SUSF one of the first gyms in Australia to offer the latest in treadmills, bikes and cross trainers.

My department's goal to make SUSF's legal, regulatory and commercial operations industry-leading and increasingly professional is always a team effort and one that the entire senior management team works on together. I wish to thank them, as well as all the staff and volunteers who have been such a vital part of the organisation's continued development.

There are many opportunities to be capitalised on and progress to make in every component of our organisation and I look forward to working with every staff member, club and volunteer to ensure SUSF continues to progress in leaps and bounds during 2014.

Charlotte Churchill

COMMERCIAL & REGULATORY MANAGER



HIGH PERFORMANCE & CLUB DEVELOPMENT

REPORT



2013 continued the progression of the High Performance (HP) unit and further ensconced SUSF as one of the main providers of athletic talent within Australia.

As a team we identified that we needed to enhance our HP foundations and drive performance standards to ensure long-term and sustained success into the future.

The Elite Athlete Program (EAP) continued to focus on providing best practice support to our athletes. The number of athletes finishing degrees and achieving academic results above the University average is extremely pleasing. Our suite of services continued in 2013 and our focus on athlete welfare brought results on and off the field, of which we can all be proud.

The Physical Preparation staff continued to work extremely diligently in 2013 to provide the highest standard of service to our athletes and clubs. The team focused on long-term physical development of our athletes and providing the basis for individual sustained performance. Given the results of our clubs in 2013, the team can be proud of their efforts.

The Club Development Manager, Tristan Liles, continued to drive administrative standards within our clubs and club compliance with SUSF requirements certainly improved in 2013. Clubs have been more receptive to the demands placed on them by SUSF and are starting to see the benefits of the support provided by our Club Development staff.

Overall, 2013 was a year of enhancing the High Performance environment to enhance the outcomes for our clubs. Continued engagement of SUSF resources, compliance and the expertise of our staff will ensure continued strong results by our athletes and clubs in the future.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The staff in the High Performance department continually display great leadership and work ethic to their members in a bid to create an environment of excellence. Our greatest resource is our staff and they are largely responsible for the accolades our clubs regularly achieve.

After some alterations and structural changes in 2012, 2013 saw continued fine-tuning of roles to gain the desired High Performance outcomes. Overall, minimal change allowed for concerted improvements across the board and stability for strategic long-term benefits.

Baden Stephenson (Executive General Manager) and Gill Elphinston (Marketing & Events Manager) of Sydney University Football Club

(SUFC) announced their resignations during 2013. Sarah Dill-Macky (Operations Manager – Events, Marketing & Administration) started in October and the club is in the process of replacing Mr. Stephenson.

The Sydney University Australian National Football Club announced the resignation of Tim Air (Commercial & Community Operations Manager) and Martin Bell (Football Operations Coordinator) in 2013. After a thorough assessment of club requirements, an advertisement was placed in late 2013 for a General Manager, Football & Commercial Operations.

Chris Holliday (Assistant Coach) announced his resignation from the Sydney Uni Women's Rowing Club (SUWRC) in September 2013. The Women's Rowing Club sourced a replacement for Chris and recruited the experienced Esther Verberg to the role of Assistant Coach.

During 2013, Martin Harland (Exercise Scientist) left the organisation. After a thorough departmental review, Tom Reddin replaced Martin in the Physical Preparation team. Ross Jeffs and Will Proctor (Bath interns) completed their term with SUSF and were replaced by Adam Taylor and Owen Nicholls. Amy Meyer (USYD) and Dane Gray (ACU) also commenced internships in 2013.

At the end of 2013, Sydney University Soccer Football Club announced that Nathan Kosmina had tendered his resignation to take up a role with FFA. The club is in the process of replacing Mr. Kosmina.

At the end of 2013, Sydney Uni Hockey Club announced that Sarah Shehata (Club Administrator) had tendered her resignation. The club is in the process of replacing Ms. Shehata.

During 2013, Geoff de Mesquita left his position as the Sydney Uni Cricket Club Operations Manager and the club is in the process of replacing Mr. de Mesquita.

SUSF welcomed Sarah Harris in July to the role of Sport Administrator. This short-term contract role was to provide support to the Brydens Sydney Uni Flames, Age Group Swimming, Australian Uni Games and Club Development programs.

PHYSICAL PREPARATION DEPARTMENT

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

The department expanded the delivery of highly regarded EDS (Elite Development Squad) programs. Rugby, cricket, rowing, soccer, Flames,

netball, Aussie Rules, swimming and hockey continued to maintain a high quality EDS program; while men's water polo embarked on their first EDS program for their members. Athletes from athletics, surfing, snow sports, boxing, fencing, and many others were supported with an individualised program to assist with their physical preparation.

SUSF provided additional funding to increase the resources available to our staff to supply cutting edge programs. Staff utilised agility poles, squat belts, power bands and medicine balls to prepare specifically for their chosen sport. The department was also able to purchase a new speed gate system to further enhance the development and preparation of our athletes.

The department also engaged third and fourth year Health Science students from Cumberland Campus on internships to assist with their course requirements and testing of athletes. This relationship was fruitful for both parties and will continue in 2014. Additionally, staff continued to develop the relationship with Bath University (UK), which would allow two students to complete a 12 month internship with SUSF. The inclusion of the two interns has resulted in greater delivery of programs to our athletes. SUSF will endeavour to ensure further interns from Bath University support the department.

Our three full-time staff: Tom Reddin, Tim Leahy and Tristan Sharp, must be congratulated for their dedication in assisting athletes meet their strength and conditioning goals. Their expertise and passion for strength and conditioning is certainly reflected in the presence our teams command when they take the field of play. Credit must be awarded to our part-time staff Paul Luchi and Tom Carter, and our interns for their support roles in servicing the growing number of athletes and sports that require the expertise of our experienced Physical Preparation team.

ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM (EAP)

With around 400 elite and talented athletes across over 35 sports being offered a scholarship from SUSF, 2013 was an eventful year for the Elite Athlete Program (EAP). We were pleased to assist our athletes in their concurrent pursuit of excellence in sport and tertiary studies and are immensely proud of their achievements both on and off the sporting field. Proudly, a lengthy and distinguished list of SUSF scholarship holders completed their tertiary studies in 2013; a number of those who were long-standing members of the EAP.

Terrific results in academia were achieved by our athletes in 2013. To recognise their exceptional achievements in 2012, the 2013 Vice

Chancellor's Scholarships for academic and sporting excellence were awarded to Nina Khoury (hockey; B. Commerce/Laws) and Nicholas Hough (athletics; B. IT/Laws). To acknowledge their terrific performance in the HSC, the 2013 Senate Scholarships for outstanding school leavers were awarded to Chamath Herath (athletics; B. Commerce/Laws) and Kathryn Rendell (basketball; B. Science (Advanced)).

The academic average of SUSF athletes enrolled at The University of Sydney came in at around 60.6 after Semester 1 and 62.8 following Semester 2. Eight absent fail grades and 52 fail grades were recorded after Semester 1, while 13 absent fail grades and 38 fail grades were noted following Semester 2. These figures indicate that 2013 was a challenging year for our athletes in comparison to 2011 and 2012, and highlighted some room for improvement in the program, directing greater attention to 'at-risk' and/or first year students.

	Semester 1 2011	Semester 2 2011	Semester 1 2012	Semester 2 2012	Semester 1 2013	Semester 2 2013
Average	59.5	63.1	59.69	64.57	60.6	62.8
Absent Fails	12	7	6	2	8	13
Fails	39	31	25	43	52	38

As in 2011 and 2012, Elite Athlete Program members at The University of Sydney were enrolled in degrees across a broad range of faculties, with the largest number represented in courses administered by the Faculties/Schools of Health Sciences; Business; Science; Arts & Social Sciences; Education & Social Work; and Engineering & IT.

Of the 285 members in Semester 1, 115 were females and 170 were males. For Semester 2, there were 119 females and 175 males in the 294-strong group enrolled at The University of Sydney. During Semester 2, 255 athletes were enrolled in undergraduate degrees, while 39 were engaged in postgraduate studies.

We added to the variety of support services provided to EAP members in 2013 by linking with Athletes in Action to deliver a chaplaincy service. Our private tutoring service, as in 2011 and 2012, was again the most popular resource accessed. Susie Burrell and Paul Penna were engaged as our dietician and sport psychology service providers. Over \$50,000 was provided to Sydney University athletes in international travel grants.



The Elite Athlete Program recognises the ongoing generosity and support of The University of Sydney, as well as our esteemed donors, sponsors and partners in our ability to assist Sydney University athletes to achieve excellence in their sport and studies. With the Commonwealth Games scheduled for 2014 in Glasgow, we look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Leonie Lum

ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM MANAGER

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY SPORT

Eastern University Games (EUG)

Wollongong was the host city of the 2013 EUG and the students competed through rainy conditions over the four-day event.

Sydney University sent a team of 150 students in the sports of AFL 9's, basketball, futsal, golf, lawn bowls, hockey, volleyball, touch football and ultimate frisbee. Wollongong was a great host city as the facilities and ovals were good quality and close together. Our teams had mixed results with the highlights being the women's basketball team winning a gold medal; and mixed touch and mixed ultimate both finishing with silver medals. We are looking forward to heading to Newcastle in 2014 and improving on these results.

Snow Sports

The Snow Sports team were in Thredbo for the 2013 Australian Uni Championships. We had a team of 48 athletes covering all disciplines that ranged from giant slalom to cross country to slope style. Thredbo really put on a show for the first few days of competition with bright blue skies and some fun snow conditions. The weather then turned on us later in the week with miserable conditions on the mountain but the team still had great plans to reclaim the title they lost to Melbourne Uni in 2012. Tom Lewis and Alex Pilat were standout performers for the week with Alex taking out the overall Women's Alpine Champion; first in alpine slalom; and third in both the alpine GS and alpine super G. Eliza Graham had yet another great year coming second in the women's ski slope style and third in the rails. Millie O'Brien took out the silver medal in the alpine snowboard slalom. To round out the great week, Cam McKnight put in a stellar performance to take out the silver medal in the snowboard giant slalom. Sydney Uni won the Overall Male University Champion and took out second overall, narrowly losing to Melbourne. It was a great week and we look forward to 2014 where the team will be back at Mt. Buller.

Australian University Games (AUG)

In 2013 it was back to the Gold Coast, where they hosted the largest multi-sport competition outside of the Olympics and Commonwealth Games. Sydney Uni sent 38 teams competing in 27 different sports with a total of 480 athletes. SUSF provided six staff plus two full-time and one part-time coach to help with the week's activities. The team were bunkered down in the pristine Chevron Towers for the week and were confident in backing up the effort of 2012. Our teams gave it everything over the week and competed with great spirit and integrity. Of the 38 teams who competed, seven of them won gold medals (although women's cycling didn't count in the tally): athletics (men and women), cycling (men and women), women's football, women's taekwondo and women's touch. Six teams finished with silver: women's badminton, women's basketball, kendo, men's T20 cricket, men's water polo and women's water polo. Seven bronze medals were awarded to men's badminton, men's fencing, judo, softball, men's swimming, table tennis and women's volleyball as Sydney Uni continued the medal spree. We were up against very strong Melbourne and Monash University teams who secured first and second respectively. We finished third, with 62 Sydney University athletes being selected in Green and Gold teams, an impressive increase from the 38 athletes named the previous year. The team thoroughly enjoyed the week but will be looking for their 10th



Australian University Games Championship when Australia's largest annual multi-sport participation event heads to Sydney in 2014 for the first time in thirteen years.

Triathlon

Sydney Uni finished runner up in the 2013 Australian University Triathlon Champions in Kingscliff, northern NSW. Our team had some great results across the board and is showing consistency in this event. Let's hope that they can reclaim the overall title in 2014.

Distance Running

Sydney Uni managed to continue the good form of athletics and take out the second spot on the overall ladder in the Australian Uni Championship Distance Running 10km event for men and women. They also performed well in the Sydney Running festival, finishing third overall in the men's half marathon and second overall in the women's half marathon.

Rowing

Rowing had its most successful year in the Australian University Games Rowing Championship. The results speak for themselves with first place finishes in men's eight, mixed eight, men's double scull, women's pair, men's coxed four, men's pair and men's single scull. SUSF had second place finishes in mixed cox four, women's lightweight quad scull, women's double scull and women's eight. The women finished second overall, while the men finished first. Sydney Uni was crowned the overall champion and took home the NSW Centenary Cup. We look forward to repeating this performance in 2014.

World University Games

In 2013 Kazan, Russia hosted the World University Summer Games, where Sydney University was well represented. We had numerous athletes in various sports attend with some great results. The main results to note were Ian Dewhurst securing a bronze medal in the men's 400m hurdles, Katie-Rae Ebzery winning a bronze medal with the women's basketball team and Hayley Abood being awarded a bronze in the women's 200m backstroke. We are very proud of all of our athletes and look forward to another great showing at the next World University Games.

A special mention must go to Thomas Lewis who competed at the World University Winter Games in Trentino, Italy. The event was used as a warm up for the Winter Olympic Games so competition was fierce and Tom did himself and the University proud with his performances.



CLUBS DEPARTMENT

Servicing the vast number of clubs within SUSF has been a highlight during 2013 with many exceptional outcomes achieved by our clubs.

The Sydney University Football Club were once again crowned champions in first, second and fourth grades as well as first and second Colts. Third grade and third grade Colts also reached the grand final but were unable to raise the silverware. This culminated in the club also receiving the club championships in the grade and Colts competitions. An outstanding achievement from the club in their 150th year.

In late 2013, with the support of the NSW Institute of Sport and Swimming NSW, SUSF applied to Swimming Australia to be recognised as a "Podium Performance" Centre. After assessment of our application and meetings with Swimming Australia, we were announced as a "Podium Performance" Centre. Credit must go to Grant Stoelwinder and Scott Talbot for their efforts to elevate the results of our program and program supporters for their commitment to swimming at Sydney Uni.

The Athletics Club completed the greatest year in their history when they claimed every NSW State Championships in 2013. Additionally, 50 athletes competed at the Australian Athletics Championships; four athletes competed at the World Championships; and six at the World University Games.

The Hockey Club women's premier league team recorded back-to-back premiership wins when they defeated Briars in the 2013 grand final. The men's premier league side backed up the successful campaign of the women's program by reaching the finals for the first time since admission into the Premier League in 1989.

The Baseball Club completed the greatest year in their history when they claimed the NSW Winter Competition Club Championship and placed three teams into the grand final. Unfortunately first grade were unable to lift the trophy but second and third grade were successful in their pursuit of glory.

The Velo Club (Cycling) continued their expansion in 2013. As the fastest growing club at SUSF over the past few years, velo have started their foray into professional cycling. The club joined forces with Roxsolt to create

a professional women's cycling team. The team competed in numerous stage and multi-stage races in the later months of 2013 and the team is scheduled to compete in the National Racing Series in late 2013.

Some other highlights were:

- The American Football Club regaining the NSW Championships for the 11th season in a row and also claiming the Australian Club Championship in the same year;
- The outstanding performance of the Women's AFL Club to reach the grand final and successfully win the competition in 2013;
- Funding an AUG team manager's workshop on risk management techniques before the 2013 games;
- Funding presentations to all EUG and AUG athletes to outline the consequences of anti-social behaviour before the 2013 games;
- After starting a development program in 2012, the Netball Club registered in the Division 5 Waratah League and won the competition in their first year. Division 4 awaits these talented group of girls in 2014;
- Congratulations to the Handball Club who again successfully qualified as the Australian representative in the Super Globe handball tournament in Qatar; and
- Congratulations to the Universities Women's Cricket Club (partnership between UNSW and SUSF) who reached the first grade grand final in the Sydney Women's Grade Cricket competition. Credit must go to the club committee for their hard work over the past two years to get the club back in its feet.

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

I must acknowledge all staff for their support in 2013 and especially thank our Executive Director, Rob Smithies and President, Bruce Ross for their guidance during the year.

Matthew Phelps

HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER

MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP

REPORT



2013 was an exciting time to be part of the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) team – a time when so many projects and initiatives were being achieved.

The marketing team are a unique department whereby we have the opportunity to work with many departments and clubs across the organisation. My team comprises Andrew Tilley, Media & Communications Manager; Cameron Nichol, Sponsorship Manager; Costa Popolizio, Graphic Designer; and Graham Croker, Sports Writer, and they continued to work closely together to achieve some amazing results this year.

I was able to continue to work together with Operations staff David Shaw, Paul Reynolds and Andy Heil, who are invaluable for their contributions to our member services and campaigns. We collaborated on all student orientation events, membership campaigns, customer service training, retail areas and general business operations.

There were a number of exciting achievements in 2013, below are just some of the highlights:

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNS

In 2013 we planned for a number of membership campaigns to be held throughout the year, and with the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) extension opening in August, it allowed us to develop some new ideas and execute some new activities.

Free Personal Training when you go Gold

In our continuous effort to create awareness within the community market, the personal training promotion was launched again in January. This campaign had a number of objectives: to appeal to community members, promote the full benefits of the gold gym pass, and to create more leads for personal trainers to build that area of the business.

In 2013 the campaign was a good start to the year, with revenue finishing steady against the previous year.

The Uni Pass

The Uni Pass gym promotion, now in its second year, achieved great results. This promotion is tailored specifically for university students who are on campus for both semesters but not the holiday period – essentially a nine month pass.

The awareness of the Uni Pass promotion was more evident this year, with over 560 passes sold during the two week period, compared to

400 passes the previous year. With a marketing budget of \$5,000, this campaign achieved an incredible return on investment with revenue of over \$280,000 during the two week promotional period.

2 for \$29

In order to attract more customers into the facilities to experience all that SUSF has to offer, the two weeks for \$29 campaign was launched in May, targeting both students and community members. This was an effective promotion, with even more of a focus this year on the conversion of the trial customers to a longer term pass. Overall, the conversion rate was 18% of trial customers converting to some type of gym pass.

Sports & Aquatic Centre Opening

The largest membership drive in 2013 was unquestionably the campaign launched to celebrate the opening of the SUSAC extension. We were able to secure a contra deal with Vanuatu Tourism, Air Vanuatu and Iririki Resort and offer new and existing members the chance to win a holiday and have free months added to their pass. With the extension opening in August and an overseas holiday offer confirmed, we were able to finalise a marketing and communications plan to target our prospective family orientated customer. The marketing budget for this particular campaign supported advertising consisting of outdoor, radio, print media, online, mail drops and social media. The campaign achieved an impressive result, with over 46% of membership registrations being new members, and a 12% increase on overall revenue for the period.

Summer Boot Camp

A new promotion was held in November, with the aim of attracting community members who wanted to get in shape for summer, and to introduce some new customers to our great boot camp program. As a first time offering, the promotion achieved a strong result, with a 23% revenue increase over the same period the previous year.

EVENTS & FUNCTIONS

As historical figures have confirmed, O-Week is the most profitable time of the year for us, and each year we aim to beat the previous year's target. In 2013, my second year of managing our O-Week event, it again rained heavily on Thursday afternoon and most of Friday, with the Union closing the event down at lunchtime on Friday. This did affect our O-Week revenue targets; however with the Uni Pass membership offer, week 1 of semester made up for the deficit, setting a new record for our biggest revenue day ever on Monday 4 March, and enabled us to beat the combined overall revenue target for O-Week and week 1.

One of the highlights of 2013 was the SUSAC Grand Opening event, where the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Michael Spence, officially cut the

ribbon on the new building. This event was unlike any other SUSF had hosted before and it was a privilege to manage the grand opening in cooperation with Rob Smithies and Ed Smith.

SUSF hosted its own Family Open Day event in August, to celebrate the opening of the extension where we showcased all SUSF has to offer to the broader community and their families. The event was a huge success and involved many of our elite athletes including some of our SUSF Olympians, athletes from the Sydney Swans, the Waratahs, the Brydens Sydney Uni Flames, and our Elite Athlete Program members. We hosted a range of fun activities for the kids and held the major prize draw for the Vanuatu holiday, which was won by one of our long-term members.

SUSF also hosted our two marquee events – the annual Sports Awards in April, and the Blues Dinner in November. These events are a fantastic opportunity for Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness to showcase our athletes to our supporters and the University. My thanks go to Helen Polus and Ashleigh Walden for their cooperation and assistance with these events.

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness were also involved in a number of various other events throughout the year including the University's Info Day in January, Open Day in August and Life at Sydney in October. We worked together with the Student Union and the University on O-Week activities, international student events, and Semester 2 Re O-Day activities.

SPONSORSHIP

The transition of the sponsorship area into the marketing team was a natural development, and Cameron Nichol achieved some important milestones in his first full year at Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness.

Whilst Cameron's role is to acquire and manage the Brydens Sydney Uni Flames sponsorship relationships – where he secured a new naming rights sponsor (Brydens Lawyers); retained the previous naming rights sponsor (Southern Design); and sourced a number of other valuable sponsorship deals for the Flames – he was also responsible for the acquisition of the naming rights sponsor for the SUSAC extension, which now houses the new Brydens Stadium, Brydens Boxing Gym, Brydens Group Fitness Studio and Brydens Dojo.

COMMUNICATION

Due to such a diverse audience – members (community and students); potential members (community and students); club members and potential club members; short courses, school holiday camps, first aid courses and participation program customers; and sponsors and advertisers – one of our 2013 aims was to continue to produce quality publications and strive to improve our communication channels, both

internally and externally. We felt this was reflected via the quarterly ROAR magazine and our increased communication to members via enewsletters, the SUSF website and our social media channels.

In 2013, over 358,000 visits were recorded at www.susf.com.au, compared to almost 323,000 the year before – an increase of over 9%. Thanks to the commitment of Andrew Tilley, the SUSF website continues to go from strength to strength and remains an accurate source of news and information.

Our social media presence (Facebook and Twitter) continues to be steadily on the increase. At the end of 2013, we had over 2,250 likes on Facebook, and 470 Twitter followers.

RETAIL

Throughout 2012/13 the need for a profitable retail space at SUSAC became more apparent and was an opportunity that we spent considerable time investigating. At the beginning of 2013 we introduced the Speedo concept to the Executive Director and were able to devote an area to maximise swimwear retail sales. With a strict timeline to have the space installed and operational before the extension grand opening, we accepted the challenge, and the Speedo initiative has proved to have become a successful revenue stream for our business operations. My thanks go to Andy Heil for assisting in the continued management of this area.

CLUBS

One of the areas we continued to develop in 2013 was the engagement with our sporting clubs to ensure they received the marketing, media, sponsorship and design support to achieve their objectives. Having the opportunity to work closely with the Brydens Sydney Uni Flames program and develop 2013/14 season activities for the team's first home game in the new Brydens Stadium was a great project to be involved with.

Due to the constant strive for professionalism in our organisation and particularly by our department, we have seen many more clubs request assistance from marketing which is fantastic because it then improves their professionalism and ability to attract members.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my thanks to the senior management team for their friendship and support; to Andrew, Costa, Cam and Graham for all their hard work and dedication this year; and to the operations and customer service team for their support with sales and marketing in 2013.

Jessica Laycock

MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER



OPERATIONS

REPORT



2013 was a landmark year for the Operations department. We opened the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) extension which allowed us to expand the SUSAC gym and move out of the Australia St. Warehouse. We refreshed our swim school program and delivered several information communication technology upgrades with great success. We also farewelled John Moloney, our much loved SUSAC Centre Manager, who retired after 29 years of outstanding service to Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness.

CAPITAL WORKS

The landscape within Operations and indeed all of SUSF was dominated by the opening of the SUSAC extension. The biggest project ever undertaken by SUSF consumed significant time and resources across our organisation. An incredible SUSF-wide, team effort saw us finish construction; celebrate the opening with aplomb; commence operation without any major glitches; and host our first Flames home game. Our expanded centre will set us in good stead for years to come.

Aside from the extension, we managed to get through a broad range of minor works. Prior to O-Week we upgraded our cardio equipment at both SUSAC and the Arena Sports Centre. We selected the latest equipment from Life Fitness which offers individual screens with a broad range of features including TV, internet access, smart phone access, games and virtual courses.

The University's Abercrombie project necessitated the conversion of the recently renovated Ross St. gate car park and storage area. This meant we had to find new homes for our rowing/boat, canoe and sailing equipment. Thankfully we were able to accommodate them in various locations on campus.

We upgraded the accessibility of SUSAC, particularly the pathway from the main entrance through to the extension. In conjunction with the University we replaced part of the Glebe Boat Shed deck and added non-slip elements to the pontoon to improve safety of use.

We worked with Marrickville Council to repair damaged floor boards and prevent water leaks at the Robyn Webster Sports Centre (RWSC).

The construction of the new group fitness studio in our extension allowed us to expand our existing SUSAC gym into the existing group fitness room. We added a few strength and cardio pieces, but on the whole, took the opportunity to offer members a bigger, less crowded gym with more space for movement and a much larger stretch area. At the same time we also gave our pool-side carpet a much needed refresh.

Out on our grounds, we found the Charles Perkins Centre (CPC) renovation to St. John's fields to be sub-standard. Poor drainage led to multiple issues all season. In addition to our usual works, we regraded the field. We also put more effort than usual into renovations on The Square. At the end of the year, both fields are looking markedly better and we are hoping for better performance from them in 2014.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Cleaning is not a normally a topic for our annual report, but we went through some upheaval in this area in 2013. On the Friday of O-Week our cleaners of many years went into liquidation at very short notice. Our staff did a fantastic job of keeping our facilities clean over the weekend while we liaised with the University to bring their cleaners in on a short term contract. They started the next Monday in an almost seamless transition. When our extension opened we increased their scope. As the University year drew to a close we reduced their scope to manage costs. Again, our staff did a terrific job of maintaining cleanliness.

Our swim school was another area of significant change in 2013. With the departure of Vanessa Smith in late 2012 and Oscar Tootell early this year, we took the opportunity to conduct a thorough review of operations and structure. As a result, we recruited a new staff member, Josephine Brown, as our Swim School and Programs Manager, with a brief to overhaul our program.

The new program was introduced to staff in the second half of Term 2 and included significant induction and training. It was launched for Term 3 and has been building successfully since. Our revenue was significantly behind budget after Term 1, but we turned this around and finished the year with a profit slightly ahead of budget, which is a great result. I'd like to thank Ashleigh Walden and Fiona Gleadhill who oversaw the program while it was in transition and congratulate Josephine on a great result.

FACILITIES BUDGET

The following summary is based on the un-audited financial figures for 2013. For the full story, please refer to our annual Financial Report. In terms of our budget, profit is dominated by SUSAC (our primary profit centre). Our other centres make smaller but still significant contributions.

SUSAC brought in revenue of \$2.393m, up just 11.6% on 2012. However, expenses were also up by 8.7% to \$1.944m. The Centre finished with a profit of \$448.9K, an improvement of 25.6% over last year. Our programs, such as group fitness, personal training and swim school, are accounted for separately. Together, they returned a combined profit of \$237.5K, an improvement of 5.4% over 2012.

The Arena Sports Centre, including The Ledge, had a reduction in profit, reflecting a small shift towards students and athletes. Our other small centres, the boatsheds, the Grandstand Bar and the Robyn Webster Sports Centre (RWSC) all traded similarly to 2012. The RWSC was the pick of the bunch, improving profit by 50.5%.

Overall our total departmental profit decreased by 25.2% when compared with 2012, shrinking from \$438.8K to \$328.0K. While revenue improved significantly, up to \$5.86m from \$5.56m, our expenses also grew to \$5.53m, up from \$5.12m. There are a few primary factors behind this result: the opening of the SUSAC extension consumed significant resources that will take time to deliver a return; the lease payments for our new cardio equipment are more expensive; and the aforementioned changes to cleaning resulted in higher costs. Overall it was a tough year, but we expect to improve on this in 2014 as our investments begin to pay off.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

It was another productive year within ICT as we oversaw the introduction of a new server room and other new systems, as well as hardware and software upgrades.

The major change for ICT was the construction of a new comms/server room in the SUSAC extension. The scope of the extension works included a new comms rack for data, phones and security cameras. After allowing the operation of the extension to bed in, we added a new server rack and migrated all our servers from our existing data room to the new room. They are now housed in an air-conditioned room with significantly less dust which should improve their longevity.

We introduced integrated EFTPOS and PayWave at all our reception point-of-sale systems this year. This has eliminated errors resulting from manually entering EFTPOS amounts and reduced electronic transaction time.

On the software side, we upgraded our mail server from Exchange 2003 to 2010. This has given us increased functionality and performance and allowed us to manage larger e-mail quotas. We also undertook major upgrades of our Gladstone POS/MRM software and Connect (its online component). And finally, we worked out how to take full advantage of our new cardio equipment and its marketing screens,

as well as how to upload logos and other images to our new sports hall scoreboards. These were small items, but ones that add that final, professional touch.

We also launched our staff intranet, The Hub, during the year. We slowly and steadily built content before uploading all our new policies towards the end of the year. This is now live and will continue to develop into a great resource for all staff.

STAFF

Operations staff continued to be relatively stable. For the past four years we have turned over five or fewer staff each year and 2013 was no exception. In January, our swim school administrator Oscar Tootell moved on. It was then not until late in the year that we had more turnover. Kylie Zammit (SUSAC Bookings Coordinator and RWSC Supervisor) and Matthew Kappos (Apprentice Greenkeeper) finished up in November.

Without a doubt though, the biggest change for SUSF was the retirement of John Moloney, our SUSAC Centre Manager. John had been with SUSF for 29 years and left a tremendous legacy behind. We celebrated his 25th anniversary in 2009, awarded him a University Gold in 2010 and wrapped up his career with a very well attended farewell lunch on October 24. He will be greatly missed.

As part of our preparation for John's departure we made some internal changes. Paul Reynolds was promoted to Facilities Manager and Andrew Heil was brought on board as Member Services Manager. Together they are doing a great job of overseeing everything that's happening in our facilities.

Our Grounds team was once again awarded hosting rights for various cricket finals. This is an outstanding effort and Ray Hunt and his team are to be congratulated.

CONCLUSION

My thanks go to all the staff at the University who have assisted with our capital works program. My continuing thanks to CIS staff for all their assistance with facility maintenance, especially Bob Deacon, Joe Bouchahine, Stuart Anderson, David Wiltshire, Martin Ayres, David Dunn and Mark Moeller.

Thank you to all my fellow senior managers, in particular those who I collaborate with the most: Ed Smith (Property & Projects), Jess Laycock (Marketing & Memberships) and Charlotte Churchill (Commercial & Regulatory). Thanks also to Tony Locke and Jim Finikakos of Lockenet who provided our ICT support.

And finally, I am indebted to all our Operations staff for such an outstanding year, in particular: Paul Reynolds, Andrew Heil, Ray Hunt and Leon Talay.

David Shaw
OPERATIONS MANAGER



PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION

REPORT



The Programs and Participation (P&P) team have a great year to reflect upon.

New appointments were made in the roles of the University Programs Manager and the Community Programs Manager which saw us welcome Andrew Thompson and Melinda D'Arcy in to their respective positions and I was internally appointed to the senior management role. The integration with other SUSF departments remains a crucial aspect of P&P's success as we work closely with the marketing, operations, facilities and grounds teams to continue to improve on our ability to engage the community and continue to provide high quality programs.

The financial performance achieved in 2013 was extremely encouraging given the challenges we faced throughout the year. Our major successes for 2013 were:

- The highest number of Emergency Care course enrolments since 2008, including the newly introduced Emergency Asthma & Anaphylaxis Management course (EAAM);
- Record participation numbers for interfaculty sport;
- The highest number of enrolments for the Spring camp period since 2007; and
- Record net income for the School Holiday Program.

We are pleased to have continued to expand our relationships throughout the University, which we believe has been a contributing factor to improved participation in Emergency Care courses as well as our ability to generate revenue across P&P. Strong relationships still remain with the Education & Social Work, Dentistry, Medicine, Business, Agriculture & Environment, Law, Nursing, Pharmacy and Science faculties, as well as the continued support from International House, Residential colleges and the OH&S and CIS departments.

2013 OVERALL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

ITEM	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2012 Actual
Revenue	\$795,326	\$770,353	\$709,027
Expenditure	\$730,880	\$659,326	\$626,372
Net Income	\$64,446	\$111,027	\$82,655

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT

2013 was an excellent year of intercollegiate sport from an

administrative and competitive perspective. The key to the ongoing success of intercollegiate sport are the continued support of SUSF clubs, the SUSF grounds department as well as an enthusiastic and supportive intercol committee, council and college community. The excellent leadership ensured safe, well managed events.

The overall level of competition between the colleges remains extremely strong and was tighter in 2013 than seen in previous years. Congratulations to St. Andrew's College for winning both the Rawson and Rosebowl competitions for the fourth year in a row.

The year was rounded out with the Intercol Sports Dinner held at Wesley College. James Larkin (St. Andrew's College) was named Convenor of the Year for tennis; Dani Lotzof (Women's College) was named Sportswoman of the Year; and Cameron Beech (St. John's College) was named Sportsman of the Year.

AFFILIATED CAMPUSES

SUSF again committed to providing funding to faculties in 2013 but unfortunately we didn't see an increase in involvement from 2012. However, medicine continued to be the most active, hosting their annual rugby, swimming and soccer events. SUSF made facilities available for yoga and pilate's classes, inter-school competitions, as well as providing funding for refurbishment of gym equipment for off-site faculties.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Education Programs, overseen by Kate Gould, comprising of first aid, CPR and the sport and exercise science programs for high school students had an excellent year. With the introduction of the Emergency Asthma and Anaphylaxis Management (EAAM) course, Kate successfully surpassed previous first aid participation records with the exception of 2008, which is a great result.

In 2013 we were fortunate to renew our relationship with Parasol EMT due to our previous agreement expiring. In May we signed an annual agreement with Parasol allowing us to introduce online testing capabilities, access online resources, and make online workbooks accessible to our participants. With this we saw a reduced administrative burden and improved efficiency in our online enrolment and communication processes.

Unfortunately, due to high expenditure that wasn't forecast, such as the purchasing of equipment necessary for the continual improvement of our programs as well as facility hire, costs saw us fall behind in our net income comparison to 2012.



ITEM	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2012 Actual
Revenue	\$131,452	\$130,185	\$126,939
Expenses	\$88,898	\$97, 953	\$81,974
Net Income	\$42,554	\$32,592	\$44,965

EMERGENCY COURSE PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

Course	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2012 Actual
FA	673	478	502
CPR	165	230	211
EAAM	0	64	0
TOTAL	838	772	713

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

School Holiday Program

The Community Programs, overseen by Melinda D'Arcy, comprising of the school holiday program, school sport and special events, had a very successful 2013. While venue capacity was still reduced during three of the four school holiday periods due to the closure of H.K. Ward, overall participant numbers and net income were significantly increased from 2012.

Administratively, the role of the Community Programs Manager is continuing to evolve. The introduction of the National Framework has meant a lot of time has been spent ensuring SUSF comply with relevant legislation. This has included a large focus on our staff recruitment, induction and training, implementing all the policies and procedures, as well as ensuring SUSF staff and parents are aware of their role in ensuring the health and safety of participants. A positive result of this has meant that we have had to create our own Quality Improvement Plan which requires systematic reflection and assessment of the

program, and a clear understanding of our strengths and where we continually need to improve.

In 2013, we started to work more closely with other areas of SUSF to cross-promote programs and allow for mutually beneficial outcomes. Namely, we were able to cross-promote with the swim school, sparking increased interest and resulting in a much stronger swimming camp.

Overall the school holiday camps recorded 3,052 enrolments, compared with 3,011 in 2012 and an unaffected 3,425 in 2011. Taking into account the loss of facilities for most of 2013 similarly seen in 2012, these current numbers show a steady increase which we can expect to further build on in 2014. In addition to this, the opening of the new Sports & Aquatic Centre facility in August saw an increase of 198 participants in the 2013 spring camp period alone.

We should also recognise the important relationships we continue to maintain with our key sponsors Kingsgrove Sports and Sydney Markets.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM ATTENDANCE COMPARISONS

	2011	2012	2013
Summer 2012/13	938	967	897
Autumn	836	672	627
Winter	927	692	744
Spring	724	586	784
TOTAL	3,425	3,011	3,052

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2012 Actual	2011 Actual
Revenue	\$468,607	\$480,729	\$398,204	\$534,256
Expenses	\$323,704	\$283,464	\$291,382	\$398,613
Net Income	\$144, 866	\$197,265	\$106,822	\$135,643

School Sport

School sport in 2013 involved three secondary schools and two primary schools. These schools included St. Mary's Cathedral School, Sydney Secondary College - Balmain, Ascham School, Bede Polding College, Bridge Road School and Paddington Public School. Each school participated in a variety of chosen activities including cheerleading, kickboxing, archery, rugby, badminton, yoga, handball and judo.

Two of these schools committed to weekly school sport while two attended School Activities Days in Term 4. This involved each school bringing roughly 80 students rotating through various activities. Positive feedback was gained from both schools and the experience days continued to be a strong way to generate revenue for school sport.

Special Events

Our level of involvement in community programs and special events, in particular the Social Inclusion Unit increased again in 2013. The Social Inclusion Unit continues to expand their program to students aged between nine and 18 years. Contributions from our specialist staff, fencing club, facilities staff and rock climbing facilities allow us to continue to provide popular activities for these events. Our strong relationship with the Australian Institute of Teachers (AIS) and the staff in the Health Science faculty at the University of Sydney's Cumberland Campus allows us to continue to assist with the PDHPE teacher's professional development day. We continued to run enjoyable and successful sports activities days for schools such as Ascham, while also coordinating a corporate sports day for employees of Buildcorp.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The University Programs comprising short courses, lunchtime social sport and interfaculty sport was run by Johanna Way and later replaced

by Andrew Thompson during August 2013. The University Programs was hardest hit with the turnover in staff at a key time of the year. However, the interfaculty sport program has proved its importance in the University community by recording the highest participation number, with over 1,500 participants in 2013.

Even though participation numbers were down for lunchtime social sport and short courses this year, financial figures were on par with previous years, and shows that expenditure was closely monitored and kept in line with income received.

Looking forward, we are expecting to make considerable improvements to our administrative processes in 2014 with enrolments across all programs solely handled through our online system; this will lead to an improved experience for customers, database management and reporting of trends.

Short Courses

Short courses suffered a decrease in overall participation numbers in 2013, recording 535 enrolments, compared with 605 achieved in 2012. Previously popular courses such as zumba, yoga and pilates all had reduced enrolments across the year as trends shifted. However, the introduction of xtend barre was a great success with both semesters being extremely popular and selling out.

Future developments will include streamlining the enrolment process to be exclusively entered into our online system, increasing courses offered to University staff only, restructuring the prices in order to reduce the gap between SUSF members and community customers, as well as improving the monitoring of current trends in the sport and fitness market.





Lunchtime Social Sport

Lunchtime social sport saw a reduction in team registrations in 2013 compared to 2012. In Semester 1 we had 61 teams registered; this was a loss of 12 teams from the result recorded in Semester 1, 2012. We continued to offer sports such as netball, touch football, and futsal. Dodgeball was launched in Semester 1, attracting four new teams. However, when it was offered during Semester 2 it failed to attract enough teams to run. With the completion of capital works at the Sports & Aquatic Centre prior to the commencement of Semester 2, basketball was put back into the lunchtime sports schedule, with six teams registering. Budget was not met for 2013 for lunchtime social sport although it remained stable with a final net profit of \$13,010, compared to \$13,056 in 2012. This result can be attributed to the fact that fewer resources, including officials and equipment, were required to run each competition.

Interfaculty Sport

Interfaculty sport had great success in 2013, exceeding previous participation records with 1,501 participants. The increase in participation rates can be attributed to key constitution changes continuing on from 2012 as well as the introduction of AFL 9's to replace table tennis/badminton. The final 5km run event attracted a record 250 participants, 95 more than the previous year and the three touch football events also attracted well over 100 each day. Trevor Yiu (Semester 1) and Terrence Kwok (Semester 2) both held the position of interfaculty intern in 2013. Terrence will continue in the interfaculty internship role for semester 1, 2014.

The highlight for interfaculty sport in 2013 would have to be the success of the 5km run, the final event on the interfaculty sport calendar. This event was well promoted by SUSF and supported by each faculty rep and societies. A special mention should go to the Law faculty for their strong presence at the 5km run, with over 100 runners representing Law on the day. The Emily Small Shield was won this year by the Law faculty.

	2013	2012	2011
Semester 1	620	652	579
Semester 2	881	606	545
Full Year	1,501	1,258	1,124

Customer Service and Administration

The Customer Service and Administration (CSA) role within P&P continues to evolve with increased attention placed on social media and marketing as well as a thorough assessment of our current administration systems, to add to the customer service and program administration responsibilities of the role. This year, the role was shared by Edwina Hay, Clementine Churchill and Lucy Rennick.

The move towards online communication as well as the continual improvement of our website information has meant that phone bookings are continuing to decrease. The movement towards online bookings has also contributed to the evolution of this role and to give us time to reflect upon current issues and where we are able to improve the efficiency of our communication systems. The CSA now writes a report on any major issues or breakthroughs each month to update the department.

Kristee Arkle

PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION MANAGER

PROJECTS & PROPERTY REPORT



In 2013 Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness took a very big step into the future with the completion and occupation of the \$15 million Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) extension.

The extension includes:

- Two new air conditioned indoor multi-sports courts (including the new home court for the Brydens Sydney Uni Flames);
- 706 seat grandstand;
- 310 square metre group fitness studio;
- 230 square metre dojo (martial arts room);
- 170 square metre boxing gym;

- Two new change rooms; and
- Associated storage and referee's rooms.

In addition to working with the University's Campus Infrastructure Services and Buildcorp in the delivery of the base build component of the new sports complex, the SUSF project team managed and funded the fit-out of almost all of the new extension (including the court markings, group fitness room, dojo, boxing gym, entry foyer and change rooms) and, together with the Marketing and Operations team helped to coordinate the very successful opening ceremony.

Once it was completed, SUSF then negotiated and entered into a 50 year occupation licence with the University for the new building. This achievement alone goes a long way to ensuring the long term future of the organisation.

Apart from the SUSAC extension, in 2013 SUSF also received a firm commitment from the University to construct the Oval No. 2 Grandstand and developed SUSF's brief (principal project requirements) ready for



the tender of the building to go out in February 2014.

Other 2013 achievements in the projects portfolio include:

- Relocating the Australia Street Warehouse gym occupants back onto campus and coordinating the delivery of the premises back to the landlord;
- Overseeing the delivery of the Linley Point Development Approval;
- Advising, assisting and negotiating with the University on the upgrade of Grose Farm Lane and numerous other major projects that impact upon SUSF's facilities;
- Developing a business case for the artificial turfing of The Square; and
- Commencing the feasibility study for the extension of Oval No 1.

On the property front, the team also had a good year featuring the following highlights:

- We brought in 100% of SUSF rent roll;
- We finalised an agreement with Ralph's Cafe for a new deck overlooking the Square (subject to final design approval);
- Initiated and finalised the agreement for the Poolside (Bistro) Cafe refurbishment (which was completed by February 2014);

- Finalised the agreement with the Grandstand Restaurant to achieve its upgrade;
- Facilitated the sale of the Mint Cafe to our newest tenants, Carol and George Sklias; and
- Executed the sub-lease for the Boathouse at Blackwattle Bay Restaurant.

All of the above achievements would not have been possible without the guidance of our Executive Director, Rob Smithies, and the help from David Shaw and his talented Operations team, the stylish nuance of Jess Laycock and her Marketing team, and the support of all of the other departments (especially the fundraising efforts of Rod Tubbs and his brilliant Corporate & Alumni Relations team).

On a very sad note, in May of 2013 we said goodbye to one of the University's most popular figures, Ralph Panebianco, who died after a brief illness. Ralph operated Ralph's Cafe in The Arena Sports Centre since 1984 and was a most generous and welcoming host – famous for his booming voice, his gourmet focaccias and quality coffee. While he will be greatly missed, his wife Rosa and his children Daniel, James and Rebecca have stayed on in the business and are as much a part of the SUSF family as the many clubs they support.

Ed Smith

PROPERTY & PROJECTS MANAGER



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Association of Heads of
Independent Girls Schools

Australian Badminton Academy

Boston University

Buildcorp

Christian Brothers Lewisham

Cricket New South Wales

Darlington Public School

Fitness Passport Pty Ltd

Indoor 5's Futsal Incorporated

International House Member's
Association

Kambala Girls High School

Little Kickers

North Newtown Public School

NSW Brazilian JiuJitsu Federat

St. Brendan's Catholic
Primary School

St. Mary's Catholic School

Sydney Shuttle

Sydney Secondary College –
Balmain

University of Sydney, OHS

St. Mary's Cathedral College

Waverley College

The Ascham School

Monte Sant Angelo Mercy
College

Association of Independent
Schools of NSW

CUSTOMERS



COLLEGES & HOUSING

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Architecture, Design and Planning

Arts and Social Sciences

Business (Business School)

Dentistry

Education and Social Work

Engineering and Information Technologies

Health Sciences

Law (Sydney Law School)

Medicine (Sydney Medical School)

Nursing and Midwifery (Sydney Nursing School)

Pharmacy

Science

Sydney College of the Arts

Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Veterinary Science



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MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP

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

OPERATIONS

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

HIGH PERFORMANCE & CLUB DEVELOPMENT

ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

AFL (M)
AFL (W)
American Football
Archery
Athletics
Badminton
Baseball
Basketball
Boat
Boxing
Canoe
Cricket (M)
Cricket (W)
Fencing
Golf
Gymnastics/Cheerleading
Handball
Hockey
Judo
Kempo Karate
Kendo
Mountaineering/Rockclimbing
Netball
Rowing

CLUBS

Rugby League
Rugby Union (M)
Rugby Union (W)
Sailing
Soccer
Softball
Squash
Swimming
Sydney Uni Flames
Table Tennis
Tae-kwon-do
Tennis

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SPONSORS



UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SPORT FOUNDATION

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

STRATEGIC PARTNERS



TENANTS

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

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

CORPORATE & ALUMNI

Blues Association
'Blue & Gold' Club
SUSF Sponsors

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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

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AFL – MEN

The 2013 season proved to be a year of great improvement across the Sydney University Australian National Football Club (SUANFC), on and off the field. While there were no fewer challenges, SUANFC once again proved that its greatest strength is in its people and their ability to pull together to push the club onto greater honours.

The introduction of a sixth grade platinums side, which in their inaugural year played finals, was a great achievement. The formation of a Sydney Uni NSW AFL Masters Club – known as the greys – who took home every cup available in NSW, was another win as the club looked to re-engage with past players and alumni.

The golds finished runners up in the 2013 division five grand final, an outstanding effort from Gus Stephenson and his team. The Rubbish Taxi reds went out in their first final, however they showed that 2014 presents a massive opportunity to push for a premiership.

For the second consecutive year all lower grade sides made finals. After taking the long road to the big dance, the blues were alone in raising a 2013 Sydney AFL premiership cup. Blues Coach, Iain Loughnan, also a debutant, was a stand out through the club's coaching panel.

SUANFC's U18's made the finals for the fifth consecutive season since inception in 2009. The club recognises and thanks Rod Carter, as well as Vice President Junior Football, Kevin Hall and his team of volunteers, without whom the Colts program would not exist.

Second grade showed resilience to take the club to eight wins in a year that, at one stage, gave a hint of finals football.

In 2013, Daniel Gilmore become only the second SUANFC North Eastern Australian Football League (NEAFL) Senior Coach and in doing so accepted the tremendous challenge of elevating the clubs State League Program to becoming exactly that, a program aimed at developing a state league football club environment.

This group, backed by a player-lead training standards group and Gilmore's uncountable extra hours of preparation, delivered a vastly improved approach to game day – a platform from which the club can return to expectations of finals football in 2014.

MILESTONES, INDIVIDUAL HONOURS & LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

While Col Keeble holds the club's record for most games played (more than 400), in 2013, fellow SUANFC Life Member, Leigh (Lethal) McWirther played his 250th game with his beloved blue and gold.

The club congratulates 2013 Colts Co-Captain Matt Vicic, who received the U18 division 1 Keally Medal for the player judged to be the Best & Fairest Under 18 footballer in Sydney AFL. This backed up a spot in the victorious 2013 Sydney Swans' Reserve Grade NEAFL premiership side, where Matt was joined by the club's future stars, Yarran Jaffer-Williams, Jack Hiscox and Jordan Weir.

The club also congratulates Callum Kennedy, who was elevated from the 2012 lower grades, to play premier division, to then be selected in the Sydney AFL representative side and later earn Green and Gold honours at the 2013 Australian University Games.

Blues' grand final Best on Ground, Jarryd Boyd is recognised, while the club congratulates Tim Barrett and 2013 NEAFL Co-Captain Tim Barton for their selection in the 2013 Eastern Conference NEAFL Team of the Year. Tim Barton is also recognised as the 2013 SUANFC first grade Best & Fairest – receiving the Timothy Driscoll Trophy.

Tim Air was the deserved winner of this year's Cec and Bunty Champion Clubman of the Year. While Tim was a SUANFC fulltime employee, like any other past clubman, Tim's contribution went over and above the call of duty.

Finally, the club formally recognises, congratulates and welcomes new Life Members; Michael Higgins (University Blue) and Doctor James Edwards. Both have made indelible contributions on and off the field, each having held the role as club captain and various committee positions amongst multiple other roles – on behalf of all at the club, thank you Bubs and Doc.

In closing, SUANFC would like to recognise the extraordinary contribution made over the past four years by SUANFC Life Member (2012), Wil 'Dub' Honner. Dub has contributed countless hours, made his home and offices available to the club for meetings, attended multiple club meetings on almost a daily basis, coached, played (the odd game), acted as a game day volunteer as well as dealing with the aforementioned multiple stakeholders in executing his role as SUANFC Treasurer, 2010-2013.

In 2014, Dub will hand the baton to Ryan Marchant, although he will act as a mentor and advisor to the club treasury over Ryan's first year as part of a planned succession.

Chas Wilkinson
PRESIDENT



AFL – WOMEN



2013 was an incredibly successful year for Sydney University Women's Australian Football Club (SUWAFC).

SUWAFLC began the year by welcoming new Head Coach Yucel Celenk. Coming from a background of semi-professional soccer coaching, Celenk raised the level of professionalism within the club and inspired fantastic sportsmanship on and off the field. Celenk's coaching style was pivotal to the team's success and his achievements were recognised by AFL Sydney, who named him Coach of the Year.

The team finished the home and away season on top of the women's division one ladder to win the minor premiership. This was followed by the team enjoying its first premiership win since 2007 after defeating the Balmain Dockers 7-9-51 to 3-7-25 in the women's division one grand final held at Blacktown International Sportspark. The dominant win against the reigning premiers capped off a fantastic year for the club. Sydney Uni's Jennifer Lew was named best on ground in the grand final.

In July, six members of SUWAFLC represented NSW at the Women's National Championships in Cairns (Libby Sadler, Jennifer Lew, Lara Creber, Una MacKay, Stephanie Walker and Jessie Hogan). Jennifer

Lew was also selected by the Melbourne Demons at pick 35 in the first ever women's national draft. On 26th June she played in a women's exhibition match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

The team's successful season was recognised at the AFL Sydney Awards Night, with Stephanie Walker receiving the Women's Rising Star Award; four players were named in the AFL Sydney Team of the Year – Jennifer Lew, Ashlee Morgan, Libby Sadler and Rachael Stack; and Yucel Celenk being named Coach of the Team of the Year.

Awards at Club Presentation night:

- Players' Player – Jennifer Lew
- Best & Fairest – Emma Yuen
- Rookie of the Year – Alice Wood
- Golden Boot – Ashlee Morgan
- Club Member of the Year – Victoria Pye and Alex Roberts
- Coach's Player – Lara Creber
- Most Improved – Ashlee Morgan

Ashlee Morgan
PRESIDENT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

2013 was another very successful year for the Sydney Uni American Football Club (SUAFC).

The club achieved the following, in chronological order:

- The club was awarded the 2012 Club of the Year at the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Sports Awards;
- The clubs colt's team, the Cubs, had another strong year by making it into the Gridiron NSW semi-finals;
- The clubs men's division one team, the Lions, won everything available to them thanks to an undefeated year; winning the ACT's 'Capital Cash' 7-a-side competition, winning the inaugural National Club Championship by beating the Gold Coast Stingrays, and winning their 11th straight Gridiron NSW championship after an undefeated season.

The club is clearly the benchmark team in Australia which is a credit to not only the coaching of Andrew Ogborne and his support staff, but also to all the coaches past and present that have worked to model the Lions over past 14 years.

Special thanks goes to Head Coach Andrew Ogborne, who has been with the club since its inception and throughout the years holding many key roles in the club both on and off the field; including team quarter back, captain, Club President, and Head Coach. In 2013 Andrew was instrumental in driving and staging the National Club Championship.

The Cubs coaching staff need to be congratulated for developing the young players with sound techniques and good game knowledge,

which resulted in a number of Cubs players selected in representative sides. It is through the Cubs that the club sees the future of the Lions come through with many of today's core playing units starting in the Cubs.

While 2013 was another successful year on the field, the club has been able to consolidate a strong 2012 financial carry over to invest into the club. The club had over 40 Cubs players and almost 60 Lions players which resulted in good income of registration money.

The club is very thankful to SUSF as the club continues to receive funding support (a club allotment and capital grants) and continued access to grounds and facilities.

The club invested in football gear in 2013, renewing and expanding its levels of gear. In addition, funds were spent on uniforms to ensure adequate levels of various team uniforms were maintained.

The Lions had an inconvenient season draw which saw the club miss out on some sponsorship opportunities which was unfortunate.

2014 will present the club with some new challenges as key players, coaches and executive members leave the club, or their executive positions, for a variety of reasons. While SUAFC will miss them and their contributions, the club will always be bigger than any individual and as such it will collectively need to rise to fill the void. The club has done this in the past and it will need to do it now – this is what has made the club so strong. So SUAFC is calling on you all to find new ways to support the club and the sport that everyone loves.

David Allen
PRESIDENT



ARCHERY

2013 proved to be a stable year for the Sydney University Archery Club (SUAC). The club continued to teach and promote archery to Sydney University students and staff, as well as community members.

O-Week and the first week of Semester 1 provided the club with its usual influx of members. The first four-six weeks were therefore dedicated to teaching the new members until it slowed down.

The main issue faced by the club in 2013 was the construction on St. Paul's Oval. The club kept shooting at St. Paul's because there was nowhere else on campus to shoot and store equipment. Due to the construction the club was limited to a quarter of St. Paul's, rather than the usual half. There was some confusion in the beginning, mainly on the issue of people walking behind targets and people using the gym equipment, which was in shooting range. However, the club adapted quickly to the new space. The gym equipment was relocated and the grounds keepers at St. Paul's assisted the club by providing SUAC with a fence to rope the area off to allow safe shooting.

During Semester 1 the club held its AGM to elect new executives and discuss what was needed to improve the running of the club. In Semester 2 a GM was held for a similar purpose. In 2013 SUAC's funds were mainly spent on equipment and its repair, and maintenance on the storage shed. In Semester 1 the club had a clean-up day to re-organise the shed, and complete inventory on equipment. This took time but is

always necessary. Unfortunately this wasn't repeated in Semester 2, but will most likely be achieved in 2014.

A fundraising cake stall event occurred in Semester 1. It was a lot of fun and many members got involved and helped out. The event raised \$300, which helped the club to buy a new target. SUAC hopes to have two fundraising events in 2014.

In 2013 the club trialed some new equipment. First trialed was the damage target. It is lighter than the clubs other targets, but it proved to have a weaker core. The club learned that the core could be replaced with harder ones. This is very important due to the increased members who use compound bows.

The other piece of equipment was the target frames, which the club is designing and building. SUAC has one up and running, but the club is making another four in 2014. The club will adjust some of these target frames to suit the strength of compound bows.

In 2013 the club introduced some children's short courses. Although SUAC still runs the adult short courses once per semester, the children's short courses occur four times a year. Generally these were run well, with the only issues occurring due to rescheduling because of bad weather. These courses were met with positive comments and will continue in 2014.

In conclusion, many archery tournaments were suggested to club members, but few entered these tournaments in 2013. This will hopefully improve in 2014. It was another fun year of archery that the club hopes to make even better in 2014.

Charlotte Beardmore
VICE PRESIDENT



ATHLETICS

2013 was arguably the best in the history of the Sydney University Athletics Club (SUAC). The club won every senior competition it competed in; had a record number of participants at the National Championships, and 13 club records were broken. In addition to this, the club celebrated its 135th anniversary with a large dinner at Wesley College; launched the inaugural SUAC Golf Day; and had another successful trip to Queensland with a victory over the University of Queensland.

SUAC won the following competitions in 2013:

- Athletics NSW Club Championships – men and women;
- Treloar Shield – open pennant;
- NSW Open Championships – overall medal tally;
- Athletics NSW Winter Premiership – men and women;
- Australian University Games – men and women (a record 12 athletes were selected in the Green and Gold team); and
- NSW State Relay Championships – won every track running event in both the men's and women's divisions except for the men's 4x1,500m (finishing with silver).

At the National Championships SUAC had more than 50 athletes qualify to compete – by far the largest contingent the club has ever had – and a testament of the strength of the club. James Nipperess (3,000m steeplechase) and Angie Ballard (wheelchair) took out national titles,

while Alix Kennedy (discus), Justin Merlino (110m hurdles), Lara Tamsett (10,000m), Ian Dewhurst (400m hurdles), Anneliese Rubie (400m) and Emma Rilen (5,000m) all took home medals.

At a state level SUAC had a number of champions. Over the summer Joshua Ralph (400m), Anneliese Rubie (200m/400m), Milly Clark (3,000m steeplechase), Justin Merlino (110m hurdles) and Angie Ballard (100m/200m/400m wheelchair) all won NSW titles. In the winter season the club's individual state champions were Milly Clark (short course cross country/half marathon), Jack Colreavy (half marathon), Alex Matthews (marathon), Heidi Smith (marathon), Hugh Williams (Fernleigh 15km) and Nat Archer (Fernleigh 15km).

Internationally SUAC also had one of its strongest years with four athletes selected to compete at the World Championships in Moscow – Lara Tamsett (10,000m), Jarrod Geddes (4x100m), Nick Hough (4x100m) and Joshua Ralph (4x400m). At the Universiade (World University Games) the club was also strongly represented by James Nipperess (3,000m steeplechase), Alix Kennedy (discus), Nick Hough (100m/200m) and Ian Dewhurst (400m hurdles). Ian performed admirably taking home the bronze medal.

On the social front the club also had a successful year. The highlight was the 135th Anniversary Dinner held at Wesley College in November. More than 200 guests attended the event with Nick Hough and Anneliese Rubie crowned the male and female athletes of the year. One of the highlight's of the night was a rap performance delivered by club stalwart Ben Liddy – well received by a very appreciative audience.

SUAC launched its inaugural Golf Day, which was held at Woollahra Golf Club. Current athletes and former greats enjoyed a great day which is sure to grow into a major fixture on the SUAC calendar.

2013 was a wonderful year for SUAC. Many thanks go to all the athletes involved and to the tireless SUAC committee without whom none of this would have been possible.

Dean Gleeson
DIRECTOR



BADMINTON



2013 was a fantastic year for the Sydney Uni Badminton Club (SUBC), with strong financials aligning with club membership growth.

With the demolition of H.K Ward and the renovation to the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC), the Robyn Webster Sports Centre (RWSC) provided a temporary home. Club membership numbers took an initial decline but steadied once RWSC became a regular fixture. The club moved back on campus on Sunday August 18, and despite a few initial mishaps with bookings, sessions on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights brought about an increase in numbers, with more and more new members signing up.

The club raised more revenue in 2013 via new and continuing members, however received less profit than 2012 due to a one-off donation of \$5,000 towards the SUSAC facilities and an equipment cost exceeding the budgeted cost due to a change to a more expensive shuttle brand.

2013 brought about a new sponsor, Victor, who provided the club with merchandise for its annual tournament and a new supplier of shuttles. Furthermore, Adidas was kind enough to sponsor the club shirts and offer their further support in years to come.

The club's annual team tournament, held on the last weekend of August, brought together a wide range of badminton players from all over Sydney. Entries filled up early, with 34 teams, comprised of three men and two women, playing in four different difficulty grades and competing over two days. Competition was particularly fierce this year, and the club was pleased to see strong community involvement and all players displaying their common love for the sport. The money raised from the tournament went to supporting the University Games badminton teams.

The club achieved excellent results in both the national and international arenas. These achievements included:

- Two athletes competed in the World University Games held in Kazan, Russia;
- Women's badminton team winning silver at the Australian University Games;
- Men's badminton team winning bronze at the Australian University Games; and
- Two athletes were presented with Green and Gold awards at the Australian University Games.

An eventful 2013 concluded with the club's annual dinner, a fun-filled night with games and laughter. It was held at Watermoon Restaurant in Potts Point and was a fine way for the club's members to celebrate the end of the year and to thank them for their invaluable support and enthusiasm.

The club would also like to thank and acknowledge all of its sponsors, as well as the SUSF staff. Without them, the club would not have thrived as it did. The club looks forward to an even greater year of success in 2014.

Michael Dempster
PRESIDENT

BASEBALL

2013 was an incredible season for the Sydney Uni Baseball Club (SUBC). With two grade premierships, all teams reaching play-offs, and the coveted Sydney Winter Baseball League club championship trophy in hand, 2013 goes down in history as the club's most successful season ever.

The third grade squad started grand final weekend in fine style for the Cynics, with an elegant and clinical dismissal of the minor premiers, UNSW. The final result – a 13-3, eight innings mercy-win – was a fair reflection of the gulf between the two sides. Uni's pitching staff throttled the UNSW offence, with Simon Borchardt's quality start (pitching into the fifth and allowing just one earned run) and Jasper Odgers' dominant relief (taking things the rest of the way) far more than UNSW's bats could handle. On the other side of the ball the offense was rampant, with multiple hit games sprinkled through the line-up. Alongside an excellent, patient approach that yielded five walks, that was more than enough to ice the win. Strong games were tendered by Warnock, Gray, Franklin, Patterson, Turnbull and Giallombardo, while Liddle delivered three hits and a walk in the sixth hole to consistently keep the line-up turning over. Jasper Odgers was the deserving MVP, with his pitching efforts allied to a classy hitting display (highlighted by a majestic triple to deep right centre), leaving the voters in no doubt. Mitch Liddle was terrific behind the plate, the infield defence was tight enough and the outfield handled what little was required of it.

In the second grade grand final, the lads once again showed their mettle to grind out another nail biter. The early innings had Marrickville

posing the greater threat to score, but the Cynics defence scrambled effectively. Scott Moran showed his class on the mound, repeatedly executing quality pitches in key counts in key at bats. These qualities were on display in the first, when Scotty pitched around some sketchy defending to win the key at-bat. In a 2-1 final score, that at-bat turned out to be massive. Down a run with nine outs left, Coach Moir went into overdrive when the lead-off hitter, Wade Shipard, got on base. Three consecutive pinch hitters then came to the plate, resulting in two strikeouts and one triple – in that order. Benny Warnock delivered the killer hit, with some moderate assistance from the Marrickville right fielder, who under-estimated the carry on Benny's crisply hit line drive. Wade jogged home, Benny ended up on third, later scoring on Junior's RBI fielder's choice. Scotty handed this one run lead to Wade with four outs left and the tying run on base (noting a huge caught stealing assist by Mitch to get the second out of that innings). He got a strike out to end the threat and three ground balls to set Marrickville down in order in the ninth – cue mayhem.

The first grade grand final saw the Cynics enter as underdogs against three time defending champions Marrickville. Sadly, that streak is now at four, with the Penguins posting a 5-2 win. There was little game changing controversy and no real cause for complaint. Marrickville played a sound offensive game (12 hits, four base on balls) and received 8.1 innings of shutdown pitching from Korean superstar Dae-sung Koo. In reply, the Cynics battled, supported by a superb crowd, but on the day we were unable to get anything going as Koo put on a master class of control and variation. The bittersweet presentation ceremony saw the cup passed to Marrickville, but the club had the great joy of lifting the club championship trophy for the first time, while James Miller was named both Pitcher of the Year and Rookie of the Year.

Huw McKay
PRESIDENT



BASKETBALL

The Sydney University Basketball Club enjoyed a successful year with its on-going teams and programs, while simultaneously facilitating the growth of its operations through external club affiliations and select player development.

The club offered a variety of options for players of all skill levels; from the high level, representative Eastern University Games (EUG)/ Australian University Games (AUG) teams; to the competitive social teams spread across a variety of established competitions in Sydney. New to the club in 2013 was a partnership with the Hornsby Kuring-gai Basketball Association (Spiders), resulting in the formation of a division two youth league team, as well as the insertion of Sydney Uni athletes into the high-level representative Australian Basketball Association (ABA) team. Although experiencing some limited initial on-court success, the new partnership with the Spiders provided immense opportunity to the club. With the continued support of Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness' (SUSF) Elite Athlete Program and facilities, the club will continue to grow in both membership numbers and quality of athletic output into the Sydney University community and beyond.

The men's representative team experienced a disappointing year in intervarsity tournament play, finishing fourth at both EUG and AUG. However, they were redeemed by the outstanding play of the women's

team, who lost only one game in both campaigns, finishing first and second at EUG and AUG respectively, under the expert coaching of former Sydney Uni Flames standout Ellie Manou. The women's team was hugely strengthened by current Brydens Sydney Uni Flames representatives Chloe Dalton and Kathryn Rendell, which should ensure future success for this very talented team.

There were both men's and women's social teams entered into the externally run competitions in Alexandria and Glebe, which focused on increasing member participation in basketball for those who missed out on the representative teams, whilst simultaneously reinforcing the social side of the clubs agenda. The club understands the importance of social basketball and is currently in the process of organising a more streamlined competition, which will, court availability permitting, be run at the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) by current and former club members.

To round out our program, the club conducted open pickup sessions two mornings a week at the SUSAC courts, with the aim to provide any of its members with the opportunity to train, play and meet with similarly minded people. While in previous years the club experienced significant decline in the numbers who attend these sessions as the year wore on, the opening of the brand new SUSAC facility was a major drawcard and ensured that there was a club presence at SUSAC almost every day of the week.

Josh Collier
EXECUTIVE



The Sydney University Boat Club (SUBC) began 2013 with the annual training camp at Taree, which ran from January 4-24. The camp allowed a significant block of final preparation for the main competition phase of the season which ran from February to April.

The club won their ninth Elite Men's Eight Championship of NSW in succession, with club stalwart Fergus Pragnell having been a member of eight out of the nine winning crews.

In 2013 the National Championships and Interstate Kings Cup Regatta were held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC), Penrith in conjunction with the Rowing World Cup 1.

Highlights of a great performance from Sydney University at the National Championships in Sydney included a win for SUBC's U23 men's eight, making it back to back victories in this event. The club also won gold in the U23 men's double and silver in the U23 men's quad. In the open ranks, Sasha Belonogoff won the men's single scull – the first ever win in this event for an SUBC sculler. Combined with the women's club, Sydney University achieved seven gold, four silver and two bronze medals.

In the Interstate Regatta, the NSW King's Cup eight achieved its record-equalling sixth consecutive victory. Six of the nine crew members were from Sydney University. NSW also won the Interstate men's and women's youth eights, claimed silver in the men's single scull and bronze in the men's lightweight coxless fours.

The Nationals were followed by a final selection regatta for the 2013 Junior, U23 and Senior World Rowing Championships. Sydney University had three male athletes selected in the Senior team, six in the U23 team and one in the Junior team.

As winners of the men's eights in 2012, the club was invited to participate in the Gallagher Great Race on the Waikato River, New Zealand in early September 2013. Despite a valiant effort from a strong crew, Sydney University was unable to repeat their 2012 performance,

being beaten into second place by the local Waikato University crew.

The Australian Boat Race for 2013 was held in Melbourne on the Yarra River with a different course selected from the one raced in 2011. This time the crews raced over approximately 4.5km from Loys Paddock down river to the Princes Bridge in the heart of Melbourne. Once again the event was widely marketed and televised on Fox Sports, Sky New Zealand, The Australian Network and on ESPN Asia, reaching 32 countries with 420 million home subscribers. The men's race was tight with Sydney University gaining the better start, but with Melbourne University in close pursuit. Unfortunately a combination of aggressive racing and the tight twisting course resulted in a collision between the two crews at around the half way mark, from which Sydney University lost critical position and momentum. Melbourne University surged to the lead and was never headed, crossing the line first to secure the Edmund Barton Trophy for the first time. The race will return to Sydney in 2014, with both Sydney University crews already eagerly awaiting the opportunity to reverse the 2013 results.

The club continued to operate throughout the year from the University of NSW boatshed at Tarban Creek, Gladesville and wishes to record its thanks to the UNSW Boat Club for its assistance in making space for the club to train. SUBC is pleased to report that the development application for the new boatshed on the Lane Cove site of the one destroyed by fire in 2006 was lodged and received Council Approval, which is a significant milestone. The club is now working with SUSF and the University to determine construction program and funding, with a view to having the new sheds completed by late 2015.

SUBC's coaches for 2013 were Rowing Director Mark Prater, Senior Coach Rick van Hooydonk and Development Coach Alistair Matthews. The club was fortunate to have assistance and advice from former national coach and Olympian Harald Jahrling through the year.

The club would like to thank the many people who supported the club in 2013, especially the support team at SUSF and the clubs alumni and parent group. SUBC also thanks SUSF, the University of Sydney, and Vice Chancellor Dr. Michael Spence, who continued to provide vital support to the University rowing program.

Tom McCann
PRESIDENT



BOXING



The Sydney Uni Boxing Club (SUBxC) started 2013 at the Australia St. Warehouse, in its 100 square metre area with a lot of enthusiasm by the boxers and dedication by the coaches. The club enjoyed some 19 months stay at The Warehouse. It took its toll on numbers with college participants all but ceasing. Numbers had grown back to some 140 members by mid-year, with boxers coming for the strong sessions being undertaken by Joel Davis, Dennis Moffatt, Ashgah Ali Shah, Greg Stanton, Rocky Cavalalro and George Plellis.

SUBxC moved to new premises at the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) in August 2013 and were able to enjoy some greater space. The club wishes to thank Leon Talay, Michael Culkoff and Ed Smith for their assistance with the move. The new boxing area has proven popular with members given its clearer light and opportunity for fresh air. While the club has most equipment in, SUBxC are still missing essential small weight equipment which is considered critical for strength, power and conditioning for competition Olympic boxing.

Four boxers took part in the NSW State Novice Titles in October, in a large field with over 200 boxers at Richmond. Kim Son Nguyen (64kg light welterweight) and Balwayn Thkondakindi (60kg lightweight C division) were eliminated in the first round after being overwhelmed

by muscle bound opposition. The clubs more seasoned boxers James Kwa Seng Robinson (64kg light welterweight) and Beau White (69kg welterweight) both won their respective divisions using not just superior fitness but judicious use of strength and power.

Aleksandr Martynenko, the clubs highest ranked boxer, sought to defend his 2013 81kg light heavyweight title at the Boxing NSW Elite Titles, which also served as a selection process for the Boxing Australia national titles. Aleks had to fight three nights in succession against very willing and aggressive opponents, each opponent with a different style. The first bout turned into a brawling encounter of stand and deliver, while the second allowed a more athletic display. The final bout allowed Aleks to give a clinical display of controlling the physical space and rhythm of the match. Again Aleks won the Elite State Titles 81kgs, with a unanimous decision in each bout and was voted best boxer of the tournament. Unfortunately, as Aleks was on a student visa without Australian residency, he was ineligible to proceed to national titles.

On the last weekend in November, Coach Greg Stanton, James Kwa Seng Robinson (64 kg) and Beau White (69kg) set off on the eleven and half hour train ride to Bendigo for the ABL national titles. Both Beau and James went the distance of four rounds and came away with bronze medals from the tournament.

The club would like to offer a special thanks to coaches Joel Davis and Dennis Moffat for their enthusiastic work with the novice boxers. Joel has led a resurgence of numbers at the 6.15pm classes, providing for new and novice boxers. Joel has had the impact of inspiring and preparing members to graduate up the level to sparring and competition under the competition coaches Ali Shah, Greg Stanton and George Plellis who now run groups of eight-ten at any one time. The necessary nursery has produced the greatest number of competitive boxers the club has seen for many years.

Patrick Cunningham
PRESIDENT

CANOE

The Sydney University Canoe Club (SUCC) is in its strongest position in memory of the current club members. The success of 2012 has been improved upon again with increasing membership numbers, income and trips in 2013. This success is offset by great loss. This year the club remembers the passing of Pete Harvey, the elected Whitewater Convenor.

Membership is currently over 110 members – 75% of those are students. The increase in membership allowed for more equipment to be purchased, replaced or repaired. In 2013 the club purchased a number of whitewater boats, helmets and paddles for the boatshed. This complimented the sea kayaks, creekers and repairs to the racing kayaks in 2012.

FLATWATER

The club started the year with the longest trip ever conceived, crossing Bass Strait in January 2013. Club members Richard Barnes, Peter Edney and Andrew Pratley made the 450km paddle over 15 days from Tasmania to the mainland. They were accompanied by John Duffy from Lane Cove River Kayakers.

Harbour trips ran from the boatshed continue to be the most popular activity for the club with over 100 trips run in 2013. The club guided a number of members to be competent trip leaders for the harbour. The new trip leaders were ably assisted by a number of regular trip leaders from 2012. The club thanks all those who committed their time.

A new committee position was created in 2013 for racing and events. This role was held by Peter Edney, who has been focused on developing the skills of club members to use the variety of TK1, TK2, K1 and K2 boats at the boatshed. A number of Friday morning distance training sessions were run. Peter competed in two of the Marathon 10

series events and partnered with Neil Raffan, Jack Kesby and Merrick Underwood in the 2013 Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. Richard Barnes entered his 33rd consecutive event, an outstanding achievement unlikely to be bettered by any club member anytime soon.

WHITewater

The year started well with three senior club members undertaking a whitewater course in New Zealand, picking up some great skills to make the rest of the clubs members keen to brush up on their technique. There was also an influx of members buying their own paddles, after a large number of broken club paddles.

There was a good mix of paddling in 2013, with a few whitewater beginners trips (Barrington, Kangaroo and Nepean Rivers just to name a few), mixed in with some more intermediate and harder trips, on rivers including the Shoalhaven, Nymboida, Snowy, Thredbo and the Goodradigbee, just to name a few. Highlights included the Easter safari on the Nymboida River, the Barrington beginners trip, paddling the flushing flow on the Snowy River, and the winter safari (including the magical trip on the Upper Snowy River from Charlottes Pass to Guthega that ended up with an injured shoulder, badly pinned boat, two people walking out, a broken paddle and a lost GoPro video camera!)

Club members continued to build on their skills, with rolling sessions at Victoria Park starting up again, three members undertaking a swiftwater rescue course in Canberra, practice at Penrith Whitewater Stadium, and more whitewater courses in New Zealand.

The remainder of the clubs 2013 club allocation will be spent on much needed helmets for the whitewater paddlers, and paddles for the harbour boats. In 2014 the club has budgeted for a new fleet of lightweight cruising boats that will replace the much loved boats from the early nineties.

The club looks forward to another great year of whitewater for paddlers of all standards. Check out the club videos on our web page to get a taste of what you can expect!

Mic Cavazzini

PRESIDENT



CRICKET - MEN



The 2012-13 season began on the back of great success from 2011-12, in which the Sydney University Cricket Club (SUCC) won both the first and second grade premierships. Despite a poor showing in first grade, SUCC still qualified for two grand finals – with second grade emerging victorious over minor premiers Parramatta.

Strong individual seasons from Mark Faraday and Tim Ley could not push the first XI any higher than 12th on the table. It will be back to the drawing board in 2013-14 for a team that know they underachieved.

To win the second grade premiership for the fourth time in six seasons was a remarkable effort given the team was placed 10th going into the final round. There was an element of luck that got them through to the finals series, but from that point on it was a clinical display from a determined outfit led by Ben Larkin. Special mentions must go to Nigel Cowell who took 49 wickets at an average of 10.61 and Jack Hill who consistently rose to the occasion, making two centuries in crucial games and going on to make his first grade debut. The highlight of the season was Ben Larkin's 498 ball stay at the crease in the grand final – grinding Parramatta into the ground on his way to an incredible 151.

Third grade had an excellent season, led by veteran Peter Murray. Gordon proved to be too strong in the grand final, trouncing SUCC on its own turf at Sydney University No. 1 Oval. A disappointing finish shouldn't overshadow fine efforts from Alex Logan, Brendan Pryke and Steve Hobson with the bat; and Peter Murray as a fine tactician and leader of men.

Both fourth and fifth grade finished in the bottom half of the table, but again, some strong performances from younger individuals bodes well for more fruitful seasons ahead.

The Greenshield campaign was extremely successful, an area in which SUCC has traditionally struggled. Brilliantly coached by Beau Casson, SUCC's U16 side lost in the semi finals, the club's first appearance in the finals since 2001. Jonte Pattison, who also made his first grade debut, had a record breaking season, compiling 331 runs and snaring 14 wickets, going on to be named as captain of the combined Greenshield side.

SUCC would like to thank the continued support of SUSF and the wider Sydney Uni sporting family. Ray Hunt and his grounds staff yet again provided quality playing and training facilities for the club's players and opposition.

SUCC's generous sponsors and board members ensured that all off field matters continued to run smoothly, and the club looks forward to continuing and fostering these relationships as it approaches its 150th season.

With great sadness the club must mention the loss of club legend Michael O'Sullivan, who passed away after a battle with cancer. Micko's contribution to SUCC cannot be understated – a brilliant performer on the field and passionate supporter in his role as Chairman of the club. All at the club will remember Micko and strive to make him proud in the club's efforts in 2013-14.

Nick Larkin
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CRICKET - WOMEN

The Universities Women's Cricket Club (UWCC) completed its ninth season and preparations are underway to celebrate its upcoming tenth. 2012 was arguably one of the clubs busiest and most successful both on and off the field. Being a summer sport the seasons cross over the calendar year and UWCC is happy to say the momentum established in season 2012-13 was built on and will carry the club through the 2013-14 season.

UWCC continued to enter a full complement of teams in the Sydney Women's Grade Competition – first, second, third grade and Brewer Shield – but decided not to enter teams in the junior competition as participation levels have dropped considerably. However, the majority of the players made the transition from Juniors to Brewer Shield quite well and even though UWCC boasts one of the youngest teams with an average age of 14, in an U/17 competition, the team has been remarkably successful only losing one match since they started playing together in October 2012.

Season 2012-13 and the start of the 2013/14 season was not easy for the club, as so many players missed club games because of state and national commitments. Players from lower grades were promoted in their absence each week in order to get a full first grade side on the park and the club is very proud of how these members performed and supported each other so that first grade could qualify for the finals. By the end of the 2012-13 season first grade were awarded the T20 minor premiership and were runners-up to Bankstown in the Limited Over's competition.

The club congratulates Alex Blackwell and Rachael Haynes, who played significant roles in Australian victories at the T20 and ODI World Cups. They were also part of the touring Australia side who were unfortunately unsuccessful in their attempts to retain the Ashes on English soil. Both of these players, together with Kara Sutherland, were also members of the winning NSW Breakers teams that created history with victories in both the WNCL and T20 competitions during the season. Kate Blackwell, a Sydney University Blue, returned to the club in October 2013 having retired three years earlier to focus on her career as a physiotherapist. She also played for Western Australia

in the WNCL. Other club members who represented in the WNCL in 2013 were Sara Hungerford, Kate Owen and Alison Parkin (ACT) and Erin Burns (TAS). Unfortunately just prior to the start of the 2013-14 season Erin transferred to Bankstown, while Alison decided to focus on completing her Masters and was not available for state or club duties until around November.

There were several younger members selected for state and city teams in 2013. Clara Iemma represented NSW at the U15 National Championships, while Sarah Darney, Maisy Gibson, Rachel Li and Emily Mifsud all played in the U18 City and Country teams. Sara and Maisy went on to represent ACT and NSW U/18's respectively.

The main problem at the end of the 2012-13 season was finding coaches for the lower grades and Brewer Shield. In this situation Head Coach James Walsh did what he could to help out, as did the clubs senior players and some guest coaches. UWCC thanks all those who stepped in to fill the coaching breach, including Maryanne Germanos who did a great job looking after junior teams every weekend.

The clubs fortunes changed in the second half of 2013 though, with the appointment of Nicholas Stappleton (Brewer Shield Coach) leading them to a T20 premiership.

The big positive of the year has been UWCC's improved financial position – the result of constant research and application of grants by Secretary David Mifsud. David secured grants from: Commonwealth of Australia – Federal Government Australian Sport Commission; Women in Sports Leadership Grant; Cricket Australia/Sydney Cricket Association Clubs Grant; and is waiting on approval of a few others at State level. In addition to this, David renegotiated the existing sponsorship with Scolarest for an additional year.

UWCC's thanks again go to Josephine and Tony Sukkar of Buildcorp for their continued support and advice. The club also thanks Mizone for the supply of sports performance drinks.

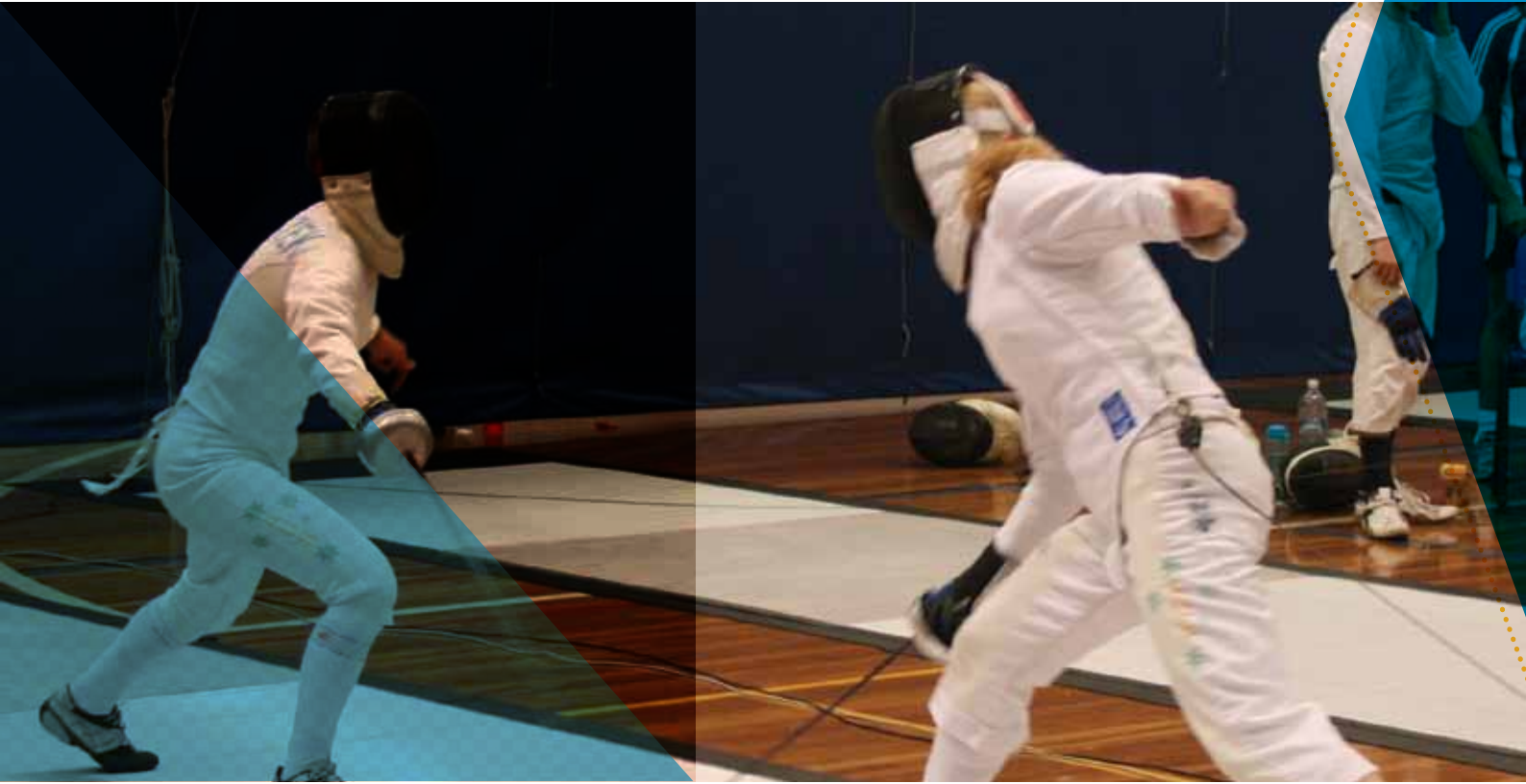
UWCC thanks SUSF and UNSWSA, together with their respective men's cricket clubs for their assistance, and the club also takes the opportunity to thank the SCA Women's Committee and Kate Evans at Cricket NSW for their efforts in conducting the grade competition.

Finally, the club thanks all of its members and their families for their involvement, especially those who managed or scored for the teams and the committee members who helped with the various administrative and policy matters. Without volunteers, there would be no club!

David Mifsud
HONORARY SECRETARY



FENCING



For the Sydney University Fencing Club, 2013 was another successful year with many of its members achieving outstanding results in state and national level of competition.

Matthew Donald won the U23 State Championships in the men's foil and took home a bronze medal in the U20 Championships, while Sam Mooney-Grand received silver at the Open State Championships. Katherine Kwa won gold in the U20's and bronze in the U23 State Championships in the women's foil. In epee, John Downes won the U23 Championships, while Damien Costello received a bronze. Sydney University finished second in the men's foil, women's foil and women's sabre team events, concluding the year in fourth place in the New South Wales Club Grand Prix rankings.

At a national level, club fencers also achieved strong results. Katherine Kwa finished second in the U20 National Championships, while Matthew Donald came sixth and Sam Mooney-Grand ninth in the men's event. The Open National Championships were similarly successful. John Downes finished seventh in the men's epee, Katherine Kwa was eighth in the women's foil event and Harriet Jordan won the women's veteran sabre event. Moreover, 11 club members were selected to represent New South Wales in the team events.

Club members were also present on an international level. In 2013 John Downes represented Australia at the World Universiade in Kazan.

Patrick Daley won silver at the Scottish Open and has been selected to represent Australia at the 2014 Junior World Championships. Marina Carrier qualified to compete in the pentathlon at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

From an operational perspective, the club has worked throughout 2013 to differentiate itself from other training facilities in inner Sydney. Over the past few years the number of alternative training venues to Sydney University has grown and it is clear that unless the club provides a valuable service to its members, it will not be able to maintain the success it has enjoyed in the past. Among these initiatives has been a restructuring of the club's training schedule and an introduction of a focused fitness session run weekly by Bill Ronald. This has attracted new members to the club and prompted some of our old members to return to the club after several years of absence.

The club has also been working in partnership with the New South Wales Fencing Association in order to raise awareness about opportunities available to dedicated high school athletes about to start university. The club believes this has already borne fruit, as the number of young fencers enquiring about the club and possible scholarship options at Sydney University has more than doubled from the previous year.

The club's progress in 2013 leaves it well placed to meet the challenges of the coming year. As ever, the club will be working to provide the best possible training for its elite level athletes and a welcoming environment for its novice fencers.

Margarita Sokolovskaja
PRESIDENT

FLAMES

The Sydney Uni Flames enjoyed a successful 2013 on and off the court and continue to play a key role in the provision of elite basketball opportunities to student athletes and players from and throughout New South Wales.

Competing in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL), the Flames narrowly missed the 2012-13 WNBL play-offs, finishing sixth. The team fielded 10 players from NSW, including five players who were completing studies at The University of Sydney and a further three engaged in tertiary study.

The Flames played 12 games at the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) and despite missing the play-offs, were able to increase both season ticket sales and general admission numbers during the course of the year.

The Sydney Uni Flames continued to have a strong involvement in community basketball, through a series of camps, clinics and development activities. The Flames players and coaching staff conducted development activities in centres such as Hornsby, Liverpool, Shoalhaven, Moss Vale, St. George and Bathurst, as well as camps and activities based at various venues around The University of Sydney campus.

In February 2013, the Sydney Uni Flames launched their Indigenous

program. Thanks to the support of SUSF, the Flames commenced the Indigenous program which included camps and training weekly with local Indigenous youth. The Flames will be looking to expand this program in 2014.

2013 provided many highlights individually for Flames players. Guard Katie-Rae Ebzery capped off a successful 2013 by being named in the Australian Opals squad and in the World University Games team in Kazan, Russia, where she played a key role as the team claimed a bronze medal.

Rising stars Tahlia Tupaea, Casey Samuels and Vanessa Panousis all played key roles in the bronze medal winning Australian U/19 Gems team that competed in the World Championships in Lithuania.

One of the highlights of 2013 was the opening of the new extension to SUSAC. The extension is a start-of-the-art sports centre comprising a number of multi-sport facilities, including the Flames new home for the 2013-14 WNBL season and for many seasons to come. In addition to being air conditioned, the Flames new home also has a brand new grandstand and top of the line wooden court and scoreboard equipment.

The Sydney Uni Flames would like to thank and acknowledge all our sponsors and corporate partners, the generous support of Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness, and all the SUSF staff that assist the program in various ways.

Karen Dalton
HEAD COACH



GOLF

2013 marked an impressive year for the Sydney University Golf Club (SUGC), both in terms of social and competitive events, which as a result, saw the membership base increase dramatically.

Throughout 2013, the club implemented a series of member development programs which aimed to not only strengthen the clubs current members, but also to engage and provide a platform to reach new ones.

Beginning in early March, the club ran several driving range clinics at Moore Park, catering to all skill levels and abilities from seasoned golfers to novices. The range days, which were ran by the clubs lowest markers (a NCAA division 1 college golfer and a NSW state medal winner), saw great success in giving new members much needed confidence to actively participate in regular club events, as well as enabling the club to assemble its strongest Australian University Games (AUG) team in years.

The successes of the range days were later mirrored at the AUG held on the Gold Coast, where SUGC completed a white wash of the women's events, seeing Bec Mathews, Gisela Finke and Katherine Yang take home the women's scratch, net and teams events. In addition to the wins at AUG, the SUGC men's team was successful in recapturing the 'Sandstone Cup', defeating UNSW in the biannual grudge match for the first time in three years.

With a successful 2013 now behind the club, the outlook for 2014 is promising. The club has recently secured regular discounted games at one of Sydney's highest ranked courses, St. Michael's Golf Club, in addition to an ongoing partnership with Moore Park Golf Club, which enables members to access some of the best facilities in Sydney to practice and play.

The SUGC executive would like to thank the club's patron, Rodney Tubbs, for his continued work and support of SUGC, Eric Webber (Moore Park Golf Club) and outgoing President James Flynn for the success of the 2013 year.

Shaun McKeon
PRESIDENT



GYMNASTICS & CHEERLEADING

The Sydney University Gymnastics & Cheerleading Club (SUGCC) had a very eventful 2013.

The club ran coached gymnastics classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays which proved to be extremely popular and catered for beginner to advanced levels. In 2013 membership numbers increased from 2012 and the club was able to purchase new equipment (in conjunction with the Faculty of Education) including new crash mats, a new mini trampoline and a new air board. SUGCC also replaced one of the uneven bars that had splintered due to over use and general wear and tear.

The club is looking at the possibility of purchasing more new equipment and replacing old equipment in 2014.

2013 was the first year that the cheerleaders had two teams – a level two all-girl team, and a level four co-ed team. Both teams competed throughout the year at various competitions, including World Cup Cheer (WCC) state and national competitions, Battle of the Beaches invitational at Narrabeen, and the Australian All Star Cheerleading

Federation (AASCF) state and national competitions. They competed twice interstate (in Brisbane for WCC nationals and Melbourne for AASCF nationals). The results were as follows:

- WCC state – first (level two state champions) and second (level four)
- AASCF state – second (level two) and second (level four)
- Battle of the Beaches – both teams won their divisions
- WCC – first (level two Asia Pacific national champions) and third (level four)
- AASCF nationals – first (level two national champions) and third (level four)

It was a year of firsts for the cheerleaders – first year to have an all-girl team, first year to have ever won nationals, and the first year any Sydney University team has won two national titles in the same year.

The club hopes to continue these successes in 2014, both in gymnastics and cheerleading.

Elisabeth Andrews
PRESIDENT



HANDBALL

The Sydney University Handball Club (SUHC) continues to set the benchmark when it comes to the sport of handball in Australia.

After qualifying for Super Globe World Club Championships, as Oceania Champions in May, the men's team dominated the local NSW State League, going through undefeated but losing the final to Hills in overtime 25-24.

The women's team made up for this by winning the women's state league in a tense struggle against UTS/Hills, eventually winning 34-27.

The men went on to Qatar in August for the Super Globe and even though they lost all of their matches, they gave credibility to the 'minnows' from Oceania.

SUHC men's Super Globe results:

- Sydney University v HSV Hamburg (European Champions) – lost 15-35
- Sydney University v Al Sadd (Qatar) – lost 20-33
- Sydney University v El Jaish (Qatar) – lost 14-38

- Sydney University v Al Sadd (Qatar) – lost 18-30

It was a long and tiring campaign and the men were proud of their efforts, as was everyone associated with this sport in Australia. The club hopes that the men can qualify for the Super Globe again in 2014.

At the National Championships held in Adelaide, the club was well represented in the NSW teams. This included SUHC's women's coach and managers, as well as eight women's players and four men.

In addition to all of this, Alice Keighley and Ben Fogerty represented the Australian junior team in Mexico for the Intercontinental Challenge Cup.

The highlight of the handball year for all Australians was the women's sixth place finish at the World Games in Columbia. This was Australia's best result in any international event. Representing Australia were SUHC players Emma van Bussel, Alice Keighley and Daniella Cook.

Australia again qualified for the World Championships in both the men's and women's events. SUHC representatives Emma van Bussel, Daniella Cook and Aminta Thomas were all selected.

Pascal Winkler
VICE PRESIDENT



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HOCKEY

With the 2013 season now over, it's time to reflect on the season that the Sydney University Hockey Club (SUHC) had and how exciting the next few years will be.

SUHC women's teams proved that they are one of the premier hockey clubs in Australia. The club's first grade team won back-to-back premierships in Sydney's elite women's competition. The fourth grade team won the top grade in SNWHA, which is Sydney's next strongest competition. Eight of the club's 10 women's teams made the finals in their divisions, and SUHC's teams are full of representative players.

This success has not come about by chance. It has taken about 10 years to build. Over the last decade, the club has focused on developing stalwart players from its own juniors as well as building a professional and focused coaching infrastructure. SUHC is now seeing the rewards from this work.

SUHC's future as a premier hockey club looks even more assured because this same approach is starting to pay dividends with the men's teams. In 2013, our men's first grade team hit off in their first final in well over 20 years. They outplayed the mighty Moorebank team in every aspect of the game; except unfortunately the scoreboard (going down 4-3). Moorebank then went on to be worthy grand final winners by thumping the remaining finalists 6-0 and 5-1. No other team tested them

at all, and no other team had the spirit, talent or drive to take the lead back once Moorebank got ahead.

That game left the club with an overwhelming sense of pride and a real sense of excitement for the things to come. With Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness' help, SUHC already have an elite coaching structure and elite coaches. SUSF has unmatched gym, trainer, nutrition, rehabilitation and training facilities freely accessible to our members and even provides access to academic assistance so players can better meet the requirements of sport and study. Hockey is ultimately an amateur sport, so even SUHC's elite players need to focus on building a career outside of hockey if they are to make an ongoing contribution to society. Most importantly, the University of Sydney and SUSF provide a huge social and professional community of men and women that is unmatched anywhere in New South Wales, if not Australia.

The next few years will be critical for SUHC. With continued hard work and dedication, a bit of luck and plans for a new hockey synthetic turf, the club will undoubtedly be a permanent finalist in Sydney's men's and women's hockey competitions.

SUHC congratulates all of the players on their contribution to the club in 2013, and looks forward to seeing them again in 2014, along with our new friends. Together the club will continue this journey and reshape the future of hockey in Sydney.

Ben Chiarella
PRESIDENT



JUDO

2013 has been a very successful and productive year for the Sydney University Judo Club (SUJC), marked by the club's relocation to its permanent dojo at the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) in the latter part of the year; a strong performance in many local, state and international tournaments; its contributions in both running kids school holiday judo classes; and volunteering referees at local judo tournaments.

While SUJC has maintained a strong and steady membership base and attendance over the course of 2013, this was assisted by the club's transition to its brand new SUSAC dojo. The new dojo's convenient proximity to both the university main campus and Redfern station, and its improved facilities for members (including new training mats and a significantly larger space to train) has led to a considerably improved training experience for all members, as the scope of skills developed during classes are no longer hindered by the smaller training space of the club's previous Australia Street dojo.

Over the course of 2013, SUJC has been a keen and active participant in numerous judo tournaments, including at the Australian University Games (AUG), three Kyu-grade tournaments, four opens tournaments,

team competitions and one BBR Kosen Ne-Waza tournament. The club's strong performance was reflected in its medal tally for the year of 26 gold, nine silver and 13 bronze, including claiming gold in both the senior men's and women's open divisions for the 2013 team championships. In addition, SUJC was a strong presence at the 2013 AUG with multiple placing's across the board, including gold and silver medals for men's U100kg; bronze in men's and women's teams; and also silver and bronze in women's 70kg+.

Apart from consistently running training sessions five times a week over the duration of the year, the club also successfully introduced monthly internal club competitions on the first Tuesday of each month. This provided members with the opportunity to further improve their technical skills, and physical and mental fitness for competitions in a friendly and supportive environment.

For the success of the club over the past year, SUJC would like to thank Coaches Randall Jones and Kristof Frankowski, and Assistant Coach Andrew Roberts, for their hard work and generosity of spirit. They offered meticulous instruction and support to all the club's members and cultivated judo philosophy within the club. Many thanks also go to Eddy Wong, for his diligent contribution in supervising and running kids school holiday judo classes throughout the year. SUJC would also like to acknowledge the consistent efforts of the club's executive team in overseeing the administrative activities of the club, from managing club finances and organising club events such as the AGM and annual dinner, to liaising with both SUSF and Judo NSW.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



KEMPO KARATE



The Sydney University Kempo Karate Club (SUKKC) has had a most interesting and varied year in 2013.

Shi-Fu Serge Martich-Osterman, head teacher and founder in 1965 of the club, has faced many dangers and challenges in life but none have been more threatening than the one he faced this year.

By autumn 2013, Serge was close to full recovery from a serious back injury incurred from a fall in 2011 whilst doing home renovations, when neurological symptoms began reappearing. An MRI investigation found that a cancerous growth had developed, primarily at the point of injury, with some smaller growths in other places.

Serge actively investigated approaches to therapy for such conditions, accepted the recommended surgery and the series of radiotherapy and chemotherapy sessions but, to maximise their efficacy and minimise their drawbacks, and combined this orthodox approach with the dietary protocols recommended by Dr Valter Longo of the University of Southern California.

These series of treatments were completed in mid-spring, with Serge officially declared in remission a few weeks later. He is now leading training again, gradually building up the exercises and routines to full demand, taking along those new members fortunate enough to have come in during the easy times and allowed them to build up gradually with him.

Serge still came to training whenever he could in those months, sometimes even leaving the hospital for a few hours. The times when Serge was absent allowed other seniors to shine as they took over the training and shared their skills and experience.

Tony Henshaw, the most senior with over 40 years of training; Colin Lan with over 30 years; and John Di Giorgio with over 20 years, all brought something new to the training sessions, revealing through their different ways of communicating and practice, different perspectives and approaches.

Three workshops were held in 2013. Two weekend workshops for short-stick fighting skills saw a number of old students returning, along with a few new ones, most of whom have continued with the regular Friday night stick training sessions.

A workshop on "Controlling depression and negative states of mind through body-mind meditation" was held in November with over 30 participants, around half of whom were first-timers.

Attention has been given to maintaining a good online presence. The club has a revamped website at body-mind.net.au, a busy "Shaolin Australia" Facebook page with currently 195 followers, and on meetup.com/Sydney-Shaolin there are 99 members staying in touch with events and who participate, actively or passively, in discussions.

Terry Constanti
PRESIDENT

KENDO

2013 marks another great year for the Sydney University Kendo Club (SUKC). Once again, through hard work and dedication, the club received medals in every competition of the year, held a state competition, and secured a second international coach for the coming year.

At the state level, SUKC took the top title for the women's team at the DHDMK Championship. While competition was tough, the club took silver (Dan Teams) in several state competitions throughout the year including the Korean Kumdo Championships (KKC), Founders Cup and DHMDK Championship.

Individual championship titles were also achieved, starting with Tomonori Hu claiming the Kyu Division A title at UTS Shield. At the KKC, Kim Avina secured the Kyu women's title against fellow member Julie Tran. In the Dan event, Daichi Fujisawa made it to the finals without losing a point, securing the title. In October at the DHDMK Championships, SUKC Kyu women's took out the competition sweeping up all the medals with Ioana Levins claiming the title. The men's side did not fall behind with gold secured by Walter Chung. Finally, at the State Championships, the women's Kyu individual finals came down to Julie Tran and Kim Avina, with Kim clinching the title.

Determined not to stop at state level, Tomonori Hu represented the state at the Australian Kendo Championships. Tomonori brought back the Kyu Team gold alongside his fellow teammates.

The Australian University Games (AUG) results were no small feat either. In the mixed Kyu Individuals, Kim Avina finished third out of 56 competitors. In women's Kyu individuals, the final came down to members Julie Tran and Ioana Levins, with Julie claiming the title. In the Dan individuals, SUKC's Tomonori Hu and Kelvin Tran missed out on the gold, securing bronze and silver respectively. In team events, the Kyu team fought well but settled for the bronze medal. The open teams went all the way strongly to the finals; however the gold could not be secured. Ten prestigious Green and Gold awards were given, with SUKC bagging five (half) of them (Julie Tran, Ioana Levins, Kim Avina, Kelvin Tran and Tomonori Hu).

Outside of competition results, the club was also active in promoting kendo. Once again SUKC hosted the USYD Charity Cup. This cup is held annually as a symbol of the generosity of Kendo players in NSW and the event's proceeds are pledged to a charity. In 2013 proceeds were donated to the Australian Pancreatic Cancer Genome Initiative.

At the end of the year the club was pleased to sign newly appointed Assistant Coach, Daichi Fujisawa (fourth Dan). Fujisawa, a highly regarded competitor and coach from Japan, brings his experiences and training methodologies to assist Head Coach, Katsuhiko Takayama, in raising the club to an unprecedented level of competitiveness.

In 2014 the club is looking forward to further spreading the name of the club through marketing activities. The club also wishes to continue demonstrating the high level of achievement and dedication which truly embodies a Sydney University sportsperson.

Kim Avina
PRESIDENT



NETBALL

The Sydney Uni Netball Club (SUNC) is part of the Netball NSW State League – the premier netball competition in New South Wales. The competition offers weekly competition for the state's most talented netballers, coaches, umpires and administrators. The DOOLEYS State League is the primary region one competition.

The State League began in 1984. Since that time, it has taken many forms and most recently the State League division one competition has been renamed the Waratah Cup; the waratah flower is a symbol that has been synonymous with elite netball in NSW for years.

There are seven regions of State League in NSW, with the DOOLEYS State League Region 1, played at the Anne Clark Centre, Lidcombe.

In division five, the City of Sydney (CSNA)/Sydney Uni 43 defeated Hills District 34. Nothing could separate the two sides during the opening 15 minutes, going goal-for-goal to finish the first quarter eight goals apiece. It wasn't until a couple of minutes into the second quarter that Hills District was able to open up a small three goal lead, using their speed through the midcourt to deliver possession for their shooters to capitalise.

But CSNA/Sydney Uni weren't going to sit back, working hard to pull back the deficit on the scoreboard. Soon they had opened up their own three goal lead; however a goal in the dying second from Hills District saw them trail CSNA/Sydney Uni, 18-16 at half time.

CSNA/Sydney Uni picked up where they left off in the third quarter, moving the ball quickly while their shooters had their eye in with accurate shooting under the post. Hills District pushed hard to win back

possession and close the gap, but the closest they could get was within three goals as CSNA/Sydney Uni were composed under the pressure. Enjoying a strong finish to the third quarter, CSNA/Sydney Uni pushed out their advantage to five goals at the final break, leading Hills District 30-25.

All the momentum was with CSNA/Sydney Uni as they continued to move the ball quickly to their mobile shooters who soon had pushed out their lead to eight goals. Hills District dug deep with players throwing everything into the contest to win possession. But CSNA/Sydney Uni held tight, holding their composure to finish nine goal victors and be crowned the 2013 champions.

CSNA/Sydney Uni's division six team narrowly missed out on a semi final spot after finishing fifth.

At the State Age Championships, CSNA/Sydney Uni State Age U14 division two team were crowned champions. Across three days of action, CSNA/Sydney Uni won 17 games, drew one and lost one. CSNA/Sydney Uni scored 443 goals, the most goals scored by any team across the tournament.

This season also saw major developments in the social netball competition, with an increase of 140% from social player registrations for the SUNC.

The Netball Australia NetSetGO! program has been extremely successful with junior development and had a successful sixth year in 2013. The club aims to encourage young players to participate in sport and stay fit for life.

SUNC would like to acknowledge the fantastic support of all officials and support staff from SUSF, CSNA, SUNC coaches, team managers, bench personnel, umpires, executives and supporters. Everybody works tirelessly to provide netball for its members.

Sam Dawes
OPERATIONS MANAGER



ROCKCLIMBING & MOUNTAINEERING



In 2013 the Sydney University Rockclimbing & Mountaineering Club (SURMC) was focused on re-establishing good foundations for the club. One of the clubs more pressing concerns for the start of 2013 was in relation to membership numbers.

The club was aware that a large number of senior members were leaving and reducing their active participation, and as such SURMC were in a position where it was necessary to encourage greater engagement by returning members – helping them build on their strengths and improving any weaknesses. As a result of this principal objective, the year was viewed as a great success in facilitating the overall growth of the club by encouraging and supporting personal initiative for the benefit of the club.

SURMC started the year off on a high with a strong flow of membership to the club as a result of promotional activities prior to the start of semester. To keep the momentum moving, trips were scheduled to occur every second weekend throughout the semester to the Blue Mountains, Nowra, and various popular spots around the Sydney region to help novice climbers gain the necessary experience to be more proficient in the sport. As evidence of our focus in maintaining the highest level of safety and care for members, SURMC have continued to maintain our strong history of being incident free for 2013.

In continuing the growth and progress of the club, several projects were taken on by individual members as experiments to see whether they could be successfully integrated into the clubs yearly events. One such experiment was the women's training program, which aimed at providing a different approach to climbing for women that isn't focused purely on strength. The program went for four weeks to help train female climbers to become more reflective and accurate with their climbing and helped them see the incremental personal progress even when there are no major improvements. This was viewed to be quite successful in both encouraging greater participation for female climbers and helped spot any individual talents.

2013 was also the year where the club tested out weekend-long climbing camps at both Nowra and the Blue Mountains, which aimed at helping new climbers test their limits in well supervised locations. The camps took the approach of helping climbers assess their weaknesses in outdoor climbing by providing feedback which they would then reflect upon and apply the following day. At the same time the camps helped climbers to appreciate and respect the natural environment and how to better cooperate with their fellow climbers.

Finally, the year would not be complete without a quick mention of other numerous trips that the club held, including the reintroduction of ice climbing at Blue Lake, canyoning in the Blue Mountains and traditional climbing at Arapiles.

SURMC still holds the underlying goal of fostering competitive climbers, but the clubs main goal and hope for 2014 will be to continue bringing new climbers to the sport and to help provide climbers with an environment for social and sporting pursuits.

Bon Ng
PRESIDENT

ROWING

The Sydney University Women's Rowing Club (SUWRC) consists of three specifically targeted programs – high performance development, club/novice and masters.

The club had a successful 2013 season, including the following highlights:

- NSW State Championships – one silver medal (WU214x) and two bronze medals (WEL1x, WU/212-).
- National Championships – one gold medal (U21/2-), two silver medals (U23LW4x, U23LW2x) and one bronze medal (U21LW1x).
- Five SUWRC members represented NSW – Holly Lawrence, Nicola Metcalfe, Candice Williams and India Evans finished fifth in the eight, while Joanna Wood came third in the women's lightweight quad.
- In July, SUWRC was represented at the 2013 University Trans-Tasman series held in Adelaide by the W8+. Also in July, Holly Lawrence, India Evans, Candice Williams and Coach Chris Holliday were selected into the Australian U21 team to compete against New Zealand in September. The team was victorious and secured the Rusty Robertson Trophy.
- SUWRC was also invited to compete in the Great Race on the Waikato River, Hamilton, New Zealand. SUWRC raced against Waikato and Melbourne Universities, placing second behind a strong Waikato crew.
- The 2013 Australian University Games (AUG) were held in Ballarat in September. SUWRC performed well bringing home two gold medals (W2-, mixed 8+) and four silver medals (W8+, WLW4x, W4+, mixed 4). SUWRC finished second in the overall women's point score.
- On Sunday October 27 the annual Sydney University v Melbourne University Boat Race was held on the Yarra River. A great race was run by the SUWRC crew, who finished second to Melbourne University.
- At the annual Blues Awards in November, India Evans and Emma Thomas were awarded a Blue.
- The Australian Masters National Championships were held in Canberra in April. All crews performed well against very strong competition. SUWRC won one silver medal and two bronze medals. Sarah Holey and Pip Cumming were selected to represent NSW in the Interstate Challenge in the W8+. They came third to Victoria and Queensland.
- The NSW Masters State Championships were held in Sydney at SIRC on May 11 and 12 and SUWRC came home with four gold medals, six silver medals, and four bronze medals.
- After the State Championships, six SUWRC masters trained and travelled to Turin, Italy to compete in the World Masters games. Results from Turin included three gold medals (WB4+, WF4-, WF8+) and one bronze medal (WE4-).
- The year wound down again with preparation for the Head of the Yarra held in Melbourne on November 30. SUWRC boated two eights, coming second and third in their respective divisions.

Thanks must go to all of the clubs coaches – Debbie Fox (Head Coach), Chris Holliday, Robyn Geelen, Phillip Titterton, Lizzi Chapman and George Bawtree – who all put in enormous efforts to ensure all of the clubs rowers have the best possible chance of achieving their goals.

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) and the University of Sydney are key supporters of the club and SUWRC gratefully acknowledges SUSF's finance, operations and sports staff who help to run the club. Rowers and their families appreciate the contribution SUSF and the University of Sydney funding makes to coaching, athlete scholarships and extra assistance to athletes and coaches representing Australia.

Thanks should also be extended to the alumni and community members who support the club in fundraising for equipment, representative travel and in campaigns to keep the waterways safe for rowers.

SUWRC look forward to 2014 as the club continues to grow the high performance development program, as well as its club/novice programs.

Jo Pollett
PRESIDENT



RUGBY LEAGUE

Rejuvenate. Makeover. Reinvent. These are words not typically associated with rugby league, but in this case, they're very appropriate. In September the Sydney University Rugby League Football Club (SURLFC) began a transformation.

One of the cornerstones of success is constantly striving for improvement. This is a founding principle of the new face of rugby league at Sydney University. While SURLFC has held a distinguished place in the history of NSW rugby league since its inception in 1920, the club thinks that it can do better. The club is taking its commitment to improvement very much to heart.

So what's changed? Short answer: everything. Long answer: everything. The club has new leadership, new staff, new goals, new affiliations, and new possibilities for student players who want to advance their sporting and academic objectives simultaneously. What's the plan? Be better. Be visible. Be involved.

COMMITTEE

The club's new leadership committee is spearheaded by Brian Smith, former NRL and UK Super League Head Coach. As the club's patron, Brian lends his vast knowledge and decades of experience to guide the club overall. Other key members of the committee and coaching staff are past players.

An honorary advisory committee has been appointed to provide external support to the club. The honorary committee brings together a group of respected past players comprising a number of SUSF rugby league Blues, whose talents and assistance will bolster the leadership committee.

AFFILIATES

Reconnecting with the local community is a major aim for the future.

The club has become affiliated with the Newtown Jets Rugby League Football Club. This is a huge development in terms of visibility and it's the first of many the club has planned. 2013 also saw a number of new partnerships in place with local and national organisations including Rockwell Olivier, deVries Tayeh, EA Financial, Subway (University of Sydney), Kass Smash Repairs, Classic Sportswear, Kobe Jones and United Prestige.

STAFF

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. New coaches are on the way, to ensure players get the best support available.

OPPORTUNITIES

Perhaps the most exciting possibility, looking ahead, is the potential for student players to benefit academically from their participation in the club. The SUSF Elite Athlete Program (EAP) is the 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.

FOCUS

Visibility. Engagement. Development. These are the foundations of the new vision for the club. In just three short months, there's been coverage from Phil "Buzz" Rothfield (Daily Telegraph) and Matt Logue (Rugby League Week), and the club is fast approaching 500 followers on Facebook. Regular updates and social events are prioritised as an important element of the club's growth; the BBQ Balcony Bash event held on 11 December 2013 – combining nostalgia, information and motivation – was just the beginning.

SURLFC is coming back, and the club is confident that this great start is just the beginning.

Chris Kintis
PRESIDENT



RUGBY - MEN

For the Sydney University Football Club (SUFC), 2013 was a year that will long be remembered for the range of highlights that the club achieved both on and off the field.

In recognition of the historic milestone of reaching its 150th year as a club, SUFC hosted a plethora of celebrations, with each allowing the club an opportunity to remember and reflect upon the many moments that made its impressive history. This included a remarkable first class black tie ball, held on University campus, where many of the clubs past and present members, players, supporters, volunteers and staff gathered to commemorate SUFC's outstanding past achievements. Furthermore, SUFC was involved in the curtain-raiser for the British and Irish Lions test in Sydney, where the club played against the World University Barbarians XV, and also showcased a re-enactment of SUFC's first ever game, against Newington College at halftime of the Wallabies versus All Blacks Test match. However, despite the many off-field events, it is on-field that SUFC really proved itself again to be the premier rugby club in Australia.

2013 saw some major changes to the clubs coaching staff, with the progression of Chris Malone to Head Coach, Jack Farrer to the Director of Rugby and David Haigh to the Director of Colts. Although this was a significant shift from the 2012 coaching team, the transition was seamless, with all three embracing the opportunity to build on the platform that was in place and evolve the rugby program.

The start of the club rugby competition was a little rocky for SUFC's first grade side, who lost three of their first four games, including a comprehensive defeat to Eastwood in front of a large home crowd. Eastwood were building a strong lead in the club championship, and the club was under pressure and struggling with the performance expectations. To the coaches and players credit however, they did not

panic. They simply made some adjustments, and worked hard to made a big statement two weeks later, when they comprehensively defeated Norths.

This performance and attitude set the tone for the rest of the season. Without question the team took on the challenge and stepped up. And that night was a hallmark for first grade and for the whole club for the remainder of the season.

Five months later and SUFC had set a new club and competition record by winning the following trophies:

- Laffan Cup
- Australian Club Championship
- Sir Roden Cutler Shield
- Club Championship (10th consecutive year)
- Colts Club Championship (ninth consecutive year)
- Six minor premierships
- Six premierships – first grade, second grade, fourth grade, fifth grade, colts first grade and colts second grade

All eight SUFC teams either won a minor premiership or premiership, which truly is a remarkable achievement.

There are simply too many people to thank for the successes that SUFC achieved this year. All that can be said though is that without each sponsor, volunteer, board member, staff member, player, member and supporter, the club would not be where it is today – so the club thanks you all.

And now for another exciting year – bring on 2014. Up the Students!

Baden Stephenson
EXECUTIVE GENERAL MANAGER



RUGBY - WOMEN



The 2013 season saw another remarkable year for the Sydney University Women's Rugby Club (SUWRC).

Despite only losing two regular season games throughout 2013, the club finished third overall, losing to Warringah by only five points in the semi-final. While the season did not produce the end result desired, 2013 marked the beginning of changes and new developments in the club. In 2013, six young women joined the club, aged between 16 and 18. Of these, five were selected to play for the NSW U18 squad – Mikayla Baker, Ianeta Baker, Sera Naiqama, Narmeen Mohamad and Jade Fonua.

Beyond the 15's season, the club competed in and made the finals of several rugby 7's tournaments – including Crescent Head, Central Coast, Byron Bay, Queanbeyan, Mudgee and Sydney Sevens. SUWRC were crowned as back-to-back winners of the Crescent Head 7's.

The success of the club continues to be displayed with extensive representation of Sydney Uni players in a number of representative teams. Over the course of 2013, Iliseva Batibasaga, Alexandra Hargreaves, Caroline Vakalahi, Wellie Clark, Ash Hewson, Tuaine Inamata, Michelle Bailey and Kim Davey were selected to play for either Sydney, NSW or Australian Defence representative squads. From this selection, four women were selected in the extended

Australian Wallaroos squad (Caroline, Ash, Tuaine and Michelle), with the final team to be sent to the 2014 Rugby World Cup to be named in March 2014. Sydney University's breakaway Roisin McNulty has been employed as the Wallaroos physio.

With the introduction of the 7's to the 2016 Olympic Games and the establishment of the first Australian Rugby Union (ARU) 7's Nationals competition, 2013 was an exciting time for women's rugby with the club seeing an increase in the number of girls interested in playing.

In 2013 Alexandra Hargreaves and Iliseva Batibasaga were selected to play for the NSW 7's team. Iliseva was also selected to play for Australia during the Women's Rugby 7's World Cup held in Russia. Following the World Cup, Kim Davey was also selected to be part of the Australian 7's squad. Lastly, 2013 marked the first year of Sydney University entering a 7's team at University Games, further demonstrating the growth of sport.

While 2013 saw the departure of Rod Cutler and Sally Carter as coaches, 2014 is looking to be an exciting year as former Wallaroos Lou Ferris and Alex Hargreaves take on new coaching positions. The bitter and unfortunate end to an overall remarkable season has left the club with a great desire to win back their premiership title in 2014. The club would like to deeply thank its sponsors who have helped SUWRC get through the past seasons – Buildcorp and the Nags Head Hotel.

Marjorie Spooner O'Neill
PRESIDENT

SAILING

2013 was once again a busy year for the Sydney University Sailing Club (SUSC), both on and off the water. An increase in membership from 2012 and strong results in various regattas was reflective of a hard working and dedicated committee.

The year started off with O-Week, a period where the club opens itself up to prospective sailing and non-sailing members. SUSC has always prided itself on being able to cater to a large spectrum of ability, from those with decades of experience to those who have never been on a boat before. The welcome regatta in March saw an enormous interest from all these skill levels. These social days were run almost weekly during the semester, proving to be a great success.

SUSC's legendary trips were once again back and proved to be more popular than ever. This proved to be a great way to showcase some of Australia's best kept secrets – Hawks Nest and Jervis Bay – while improving the skills of the clubs members. Everyone who attends these trips is guaranteed an amazing time with sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and bonfires. These trips have always been a major part of how SUSC runs and will no doubt continue for many years to come.

The clubs new committee in 2013 saw a transition from more older and established members to a young and energetic executive. It's always tough to carry on the momentum of previous years but a successful

year with a satisfied membership base and upgraded gear shows a bright future.

SUSC put up some very strong results throughout the year in different formats of the sport. The NSW State Teams Racing Title held in April saw Alex South's crew narrowly beaten in the finals. The form was carried into the Australian University Games (AUG) in October where the clubs crew came fourth in its toughest competition to date. In the Australian Universities Yacht Racing Championship, the premier university match racing event of the year, a crew led by Jadian Stevens and Milly Bennet took out first place – earning themselves qualification into the Student Yachting World Cup in France. The strength of these competitions shows an increased interest in university-based sailing around the country, a positive sign for the sport.

All the hard work and results couldn't be achieved without the help of the committee and the continuing support of Woollahra Sailing Club. SUSC offers huge thanks to all members who gave time to progress the club, enjoyed what it had to offer in 2013, and everyone in-between. Particular mention has to go to Elgar Welch, Yvan Paquot and Antoine Sabourin, who have provided so much time and dedication to the club. Without their help over the years the club wouldn't be even close to where it is today and SUSC wishes Yvan safe travels.

Every year the club tries to raise the bar and with 2014 being SUSC's 50th year in operation it will be exciting to see the hard work of previous years continue into more regattas, bigger trips and stronger friendships.

Edward H.B. Smith
COMMODORE



SOCCER

The 2013 season has been another successful period for the Sydney University Soccer Football Club (SUSFC).

On the field it was perhaps the clubs women's teams that stood out this season. Four teams from five in the FNSW Women's Premier League made the semi-finals, the Premier League reserves made the grand final, while the NSW Women's All Age divisions one and two won grand finals. The outstanding success story of the season was the Premier League U12's, who not only took out the minor premiership and the championship, but came away as winners of the Cheryl Salisbury Cup mid-season tournament.

SUSFC's boys Premier League teams once again showed consistency, and process breeds success. Second in the club championship and four out of four teams in the semi-finals – including a grand final appearance for the U12's and U15's – is just the latest in a run of outstanding seasons. Congratulations to Stan Stamatellis and the team.

Perhaps the most significant achievement of 2013 has been the building, from the ground up, of the SUSFC Skills Acquisition Program (SAP). The SAP is an elite development program targeted at boys and girls aged nine to 11 years old and aims to equip participants with the necessary skills to become individually outstanding players for the club, and perhaps more importantly, the national team. The addition of SAP has seen the club take on six new teams, 60 new players and their parents, and a whole new set of logistical challenges. A massive congratulations needs to go to Nathan Kosmina and Craig Sharpley.

In 2013 SUSFC employed a part-time All Age focused Operations Co-ordinator who has not only improved the support and service for the clubs managers, but has allowed the clubs full time staff to focus more of their time on larger more complex club building projects.

In 2013, SUSFC were able to provide a full playing kit to all our members as part of the registration fee, which lead to everyone in the club taking to the field wearing the same high quality, professional looking outfit.

The clubs eighth Blue & Gold Dinner was once again a marvellous success and continues to be SUSFC's window to the NSW Football community. This year's guests – Tony Pignata (Sydney FC CEO), Lyall Gorman (WSW CEO), Frank Farina (Sydney FC Head Coach) and Bonita Merciadès (football journalist) – are a testament to the regard in which the function is held.

The final words for 2013 should be saved for outgoing Vice President Emma Schiller and Operations Manager Nathan Kosmina.

Emma has played for our club since 2005, a total of nine years. For the duration of those nine years, Em has been a stalwart of our women's first grade premier league side – surely making her SUSFC's most capped elite female footballer. Emma's role within the women's program extended to player mentor, Coach, Manager, team captain and club captain. For the majority of her time at the club, Em has been an elected member of the Executive Committee – filling the roles of Publicity Officer and more recently Vice President, with skill, integrity and distinction. Emma's enthusiasm, passion and knowledge will be missed, however, the example she has set will be a standard to which all members should aspire to.

Nathan joined SUSFC at the beginning of 2011. With Nathan, the club got much more than it bargained for as he exhibited an immediate aptitude for the set tasks and an exceptional diligence in their performance.

A list of Nathan's achievements of the club could fill a number of pages, however what he will be most remembered for is really what all clubs are built upon and that is the giving of his time above and beyond what was expected, simply because he enjoyed what he did, enjoyed working with similar minded people and took genuine pleasure from the clubs success at all levels.

Nathan leaves the organisation in a better place than when he arrived and his service and legacy will be long remembered by all of the clubs members. SUSFC look forward to liaising with Nathan in his new role at the FFA.

Andrew Bray
PRESIDENT



SQUASH



During 2013, the Sydney University Squash Club (SUSC) participated in the NSW Squash Autumn and Spring Pennants. The club had 10 teams in the Autumn pennant competition and eight teams in the Spring pennant competition in divisions 1-12. A total of 110 players participated in these two competitions throughout the year.

Nine out of the 10 teams that played in the NSW Autumn pennant reached the finals. Six of these teams made it to respective grand finals and four of those teams won their grand finals. The club congratulates the winning teams and all who made the finals.

Six out of SUSC's eight teams played in the NSW Spring pennant finals. Three of these teams made it to the grand final and one team won the grand final. The club congratulates the winning team and all who made the finals.

The 2013 Alkhub Cup Championship had 27 players take part in it. The final saw Elki Sanchez and Dirk Anderson fight out an intensely close match, with Dirk Anderson prevailing on the day. The club congratulates Dirk.

The club caters for all levels of play, from anyone wishing to be introduced to the game at the grassroots level, to those who are contemplating a return to the sport after a spell, or those wishing to join SUSC from another club. All are welcome.

The club offers many benefits to its members – these include low membership fees, practice times between 5pm and 7pm on weekdays and on Saturdays, exclusive use of the Manning Squash Courts, entry into SUSC's Club Championships, and a great social atmosphere during practice sessions and after pennant matches. Students at the higher level are also encouraged and eligible to compete at the Australian University Games (AUG).

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

The club looks forward to welcoming all newcomers, and gaining strength through membership during 2014.

Mohammed Alkhub
PRESIDENT

SWIMMING

Swimming clubs are cyclic in nature – membership builds up over time then goes through natural attrition as members move into other sports, retire or move out of the area. For Sydney Uni Swimming Club (SUSC), 2013 has been a year of rebuilding and consolidating what the club means to its members and support network.

Leanne Thompson, ably supported by Tim Halliday and other squad coaches, have been working closely with the Age swimmers to strengthen the squad. Swimmers, under their guidance, have progressed through the ranks, regardless of whether they aspire to nationals or want to maintain their fitness. There were too many great results throughout the year to mention them all, but here are a few: nine swimmers at NSW State Age LC and three qualifying at Open level; six at Metros; two at Age Nationals; in addition to Paige Burland qualifying for the Australian Open. In short course, there were 11 swimmers at Metros, leading to three swimmers qualifying for State Open; eight swimmers at NSW State Age, with Paige Burland qualifying for Australian Short Course Championships.

Under the leadership of Grant Stoelwinder and Scott Talbot, the High Performance Squad has flourished. Well represented at national, state and interstate events, special mention must go to multi-class swimmer Sarah Rose, who set a new world record for the S6 100m SC butterfly (1:30.91) at the Australian Short Course Championships.

Matthew Abood made the FINA World Championships squad; Andrew Abood, Keiran Qaium and Hayley White represented Australia at the World University Games; while Stoelwinder was appointed as National Team Coach and Talbot was appointed to one of the four coaching positions. Sarah Rose and Sarah Hilt were members of the MC Australia A Team German Open. Matthew Abood was a gold member of the

2013 Australian National Squad; while Andrew Abood, Sarah Rose and Sarah Hilt were bronze members; and Keiran Qaium was part of the 2013 GHSF National Youth Squad. To wrap up the year, the High Performance Squad participated in an intensive training camp at Flagstaff, Arizona, USA during December.

The club hosted a number of technical official theoretical workshops, including Inspector of Turns, Judge of Strokes and General Principles. SUSC club nights provided opportunities for technical officials from other clubs to gain valuable practical on-pool deck experience, with some people being assessed at the meets, or using it as an opportunity to perfect their skills. The clubs technical officials volunteered at MetSEA and Swimming NSW meets, bringing back learnings to SUSC's own club nights. SUSC regularly provides the most technical officials on a per club basis at Area meets.

With the support of SUSC parents, coaches and technical officials (all parents of swimmers), the club nights are held up at Area as examples of well-run meets. The club always has three timekeepers per lane, and follow best practice with its recording. SUSC's club nights provide a great first step for swimmers progressing from learn to swim to racing, as the clubs technical official volunteers replicate as close as possible the experience of racing at interclub and Area meets.

The club congratulates Sarah Hilt, who organised the 2013 Access Multi Class meet, including sponsorship, volunteers and directing the day. Her fellow High Performance Squad members, including Coach Scott Talbot, helped out on land though those timekeeping still got wet!

Finally, the club wouldn't be what it was without the support of SUSF. SUSF provides the excellent coaching staff for all levels of swimmers, as well as administrative functions. During 2013, Matthew Phelps stepped in as the Acting Club President when there were no parent volunteers for this position.

In 2013, the club continued to promote swimming to all levels of competitors, whether aspiring Olympians or people who swim for enjoyment and fitness. SUSC has something for everyone who loves to swim or supports the sport as coaches, parents and technical officials.

Samantha Gardner-Wade
PRESIDENT



TABLE TENNIS



The Sydney Uni Table Tennis Club (SUTTC) experienced a very good year in 2013.

There was a significant increase in the number of participants since the venue moved from Australia St. Warehouse (off campus) to the renovated Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (on campus). Additionally, members from the club benefited from the club's expenditure on five brand new tables.

The club sent a very strong team – including national representative Kane Townsend – to the Australian University Games (AUG). The team performed incredibly well in the men's events, winning four out of nine medals – achieving gold in doubles, silver and bronze in singles and bronze in men's team.

September's annual Sydney Uni Open attracted a large number of participants, which included some of the state's top junior players and Australian National players, as well as intermediate and novice players. The event not only showcased the calibre of players, but also allowed players to become more involved with the sport socially and competitively. It was a good quality tournament overall and the feedback suggested that participants are looking forward to competing at next year's event once again, which the club hopes to further improve.

Overall, the club has done very well in 2013, especially with the convenient change of venue, which will hopefully encourage more new members to join in 2014. The club would like to thank all its members for their support and aims to provide a better club environment for all members in 2014.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TAEKWONDO

With the re-settling of the Sydney Uni Taekwondo Club (SUTC) into the new dojang at the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC), the focus for the club in 2013 was to revitalise its training spirit, expand the member base and foster stronger ties with old and new members of the club.

The relocation to SUSAC proved a welcome relief for many members due to its convenient location on campus and the new amenities. With a new dojang comes new opportunities, and in 2013 the committee worked hard to open up an additional night class to allow old graduated members or members with busy university timetables to train back at the club. The regular training sessions continued to provide a break from the monotony of work and study life, and the students found the classes fun, if challenging at times.

SUTC's demonstrations at O-Week and Re-O Day continue to be the clubs most successful opportunity for recruitment, particularly with the wooden board-breaking segments. The clubs infamous 'BBQ and Jelly' fundraisers on campus made a lively return, which went a long way to supporting a team of 20 at the 2013 Australian University Games (AUG). The fundraisers were also a fantastic opportunity for members to bond,

and I'm proud to say that the team spirit in 2013 has been one of the strongest ever, with many members enthusiastically participating in events throughout the year.

Competition-wise, there was a consistent stream of members competing in state, national and even international tournaments. This year the club revived participation in technical taekwondo (poomsae) whilst honing skills in sparring, and these efforts definitely paid off. Faced against strong competition from other university teams, many whose numbers are more than double that of SUTC's, the club held its own at this year's AUG, finishing third with an incredible 10 gold medals (four in poomsae and six in sparring), seven silver medals and 13 bronze medals. A notable mention goes to the women's team for coming first overall.

For 2014, SUTC hopes to expand its member base even further, encourage greater participation in competitions at all levels, and improve its results. With next year's AUG to take place in Sydney, SUTC is determined to put up its strongest fight yet and go for gold.

All in all, it was a solid effort from the club in 2013, both in terms of sporting achievements and the memories made together as a team. Next year looks to be even better, with the SUSAC dojang being available for members from the get-go, and an enthusiastic member base to carry the club forward.

Yunsi Feng
PRESIDENT



TENNIS

Much of the modern development of the Sydney University Lawn Tennis Club (SULTC) may be attributed to the extraordinary efforts of Rob Jackson, under whose stewardship the club achieved. The club owes Rob a great deal of gratitude, particularly given that a good deal of the organisation of the clubs affairs was undertaken by him almost singlehandedly.

Rob's unexpected departure at the end of 2012 presented some serious challenges for the club. In some respects, the continued viability of the club depended upon some urgent steps being taken to fill the breach. That burden fell principally upon Michael Power, now one of the clubs two Vice-Presidents. He deserves considerable praise for his efforts, particularly in maintaining an effective presence for the club in the Autumn Badge competition for 2013.

This somewhat shaky start to the 2013 tennis year was not, ultimately, reflected in the clubs fortunes for that year. All in all, the clubs achievements for the year were considerable: a meritorious participation in the Autumn and Spring competitions; the efficient and financially rewarding conduct of the Sydney University Open; and a very successful entry into the Asia-Pacific Tennis League competition, including hosting a tournament for the first time. To those achievements may be added the establishment of improved arrangements for social tennis, with the introduction of the Sunday social tennis, together with the maintenance of mid-week social tennis. It would be remiss not to mention the restoration of a fully functioning governmental structure; a good start to rebuilding relations with Tennis NSW, the Badge administrators and SUSF; together with the establishment of a reasonably substantial cash balance for the end of the year which will be reflected in the Financial Report (the club acknowledges the efforts of the Treasurer, Warwick Lynch, who has masterfully chartered the improved financial standing of the club).

The club fielded nine men's teams and four women's teams in the Autumn Badge competition. Sydney Uni eight, captained by Alex Holmes, reached the semi-finals. Sydney Uni three, captained by

Wilson Liu, and Sydney Uni five, captained by Craig Boyce, reached the finals. Shane Thamrin's men's side won division one-five. The division two-two women's final was the local derby between Mia Price's team and a team captained by Nanako Ogaswara, with Mia's team being successful on the day.

Given the start to the year, which has been previously mentioned, these results are quite remarkable. The club congratulates and offers a hearty thanks to its badge delegate, Rouna Daley.

The Spring competition proved equally successful. The club entered a record number of sixteen teams.

The club conducted a very successful Sydney University Open from September 16-19 with record entries and adherence to budget and scheduling. The tournament was managed by the Club Captain, Mark Curzon. He and his committee, consisting of Bianca Partington, Anthony Lark, Jack Kliner, Nanako Ogaswara, Michael Power and Michael Williams are to be commended for their stewardship of the tournament. The winner of the singles men's competition was Brandon Emery-Kwo. The women's title was taken out by Deon Mladin. The men's doubles was taken out by SULTC's Jack Kliner and Peter Tramicchi. It should also be mentioned that Jack was a Green & Gold medallist at the Australian University Games (the men's team was organised by Wilson Liu and the women's team by Mia Price).

SULTC's teams, appropriately known as the Sydney Uni Lions, consisted, in the women's team, of Hayley Ericksen, Bianca Partington, Cassandra Chan, Rebecca Jones, Lara Picone, Martina Hudaly and Benita Milenkiewicz. The men's team was Stephen Goh, Kris Balakrishnan, Alex Silcock, Jurek Stasiak, Michael Power, Dane Propoggia, Gavin Levy, Anthony Tuong and Jack Kliner.

SULTC's teams fared well in the Asia-Pacific Tennis League (ATL) competition, held on November 6. The opening session of the competition at the Manning Grass Courts was an enormous achievement for the club, one recognised by the Tennis NSW and Badge senior representatives that attended on the day.

The club completed the year with a significant growth in membership. Much of that growth came from the Badge competitions and the very successful O-Week. It is also a reflection of the improved standing of the club in the tennis and university communities.

Michael Walton
PRESIDENT



TOUCH FOOTBALL



At the beginning of 2013, the Sydney Uni Touch Football Club (SUTFC) farewelled four of its long standing executive members (in particular Paul Hickey, who was granted a life membership with the club), leading to a new committee, who faced a challenging learning curve.

The club is notionally divided into the following key areas – the student league competition which is run as a social competition exclusively for Sydney University students, and the Monday night competition run at Jubilee Park in Glebe which services the local community and University Games, which is the key representative outlet for the club.

This year, with the continued support from SUSF, the club was able to run a student league competition in both Semester 1 and 2, which has not been done before. Additionally, the scale of the competition was able to grow to accommodate 16 teams, totaling 224 students each semester. Each of the 16 teams was coached by two current Eastern University Games (EUG) and Australian University Games (AUG) players, which allowed for the identification and development of talent for representative competitions. Indeed, most of the new recruits for EUG and AUG teams were drawn from this pool of players.

Unfortunately Sydney City Council re-turfed Jubilee and Federal Ovals, which resulted in the inability to run a Winter competition for

2013. Given unexpected delays to the process, it was looking as if the Summer competition would also be cancelled, however Nathan Richardson was able to secure Federal Reserve to run a “Super Six” competition, which featured six teams of past and present EUG/AUG representatives. It is expected that the club will be able to run a full strength Winter competition in 2014.

Both the main campus and Cumberland campus were able to send three teams each to Wollongong to compete at the EUG. The main campus mixed team took out the silver medal in a golden point drop off final to UTS. However, this was sufficient enough to qualify the club for a mixed team for the AUG. The Cumberland campus also had great results, with a bronze for the women’s team.

Three teams, composed of both main and Cumberland campus students, were taken to the Gold Coast for the AUG after an enormous turn out at trials. The teams taken were incredibly strong, reflected by the women taking out the gold in division one, the mixed taking out the silver in division two and the men’s team coming fourth in division one, marking it one of our most successful campaigns in recent years. SUTFC had three Green and Gold medalists – Michael Petrie (men), Gabrielle Chiu (women) and Saweng Lam (mixed).

Given the young squads that were taken to the EUG and AUG in 2014, it is expected that the club will be able to increase its retention and build on this for an even more successful year. With The Square at Sydney University secured for the Student League and the return of the Winter competition, the club is expecting a very strong 2014.

Chris McNamara
PRESIDENT

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

The Sydney University Ultimate Frisbee Club (SUUFA) experienced mixed success at Eastern University Games (EUG) and Australian University Games (AUG) in 2013.

Despite the absence of three players due to international commitments, the club sent a strong team to the EUG in Wollongong and came home with a silver medal, falling in a nail biter to Macquarie University on Universe point! Led by an experienced core, the new players on the team stepped up throughout the week and showed the continuing strength of SUUFA. The team won bronze at the AUG. Although the team performed admirably throughout the week in challenging and windy conditions, SUUFA were ultimately outplayed by a superior University of Queensland team in the semi-final. The club will use this experience as motivation for the coming year.

2013 marked a new chapter in the club's history, as SUUFA sent a team to compete at the Australian Mixed Ultimate Championships for the first time. The team, composed mostly of current students and a few alumni, qualified for the tournament by placing ninth out of 16 teams at the NSW Mixed Ultimate Championships. Relatively inexperienced compared to the opposition, the team maintained a positive attitude and grew in stature over the weekend, culminating in victory over local rivals UNSW to clinch 19th place amongst 24 teams. The enjoyment and success of this team means that qualifying for the Mixed Nationals will be a developmental aim moving forward and represents a unique opportunity for club bonding with the EUG and AUG gender split approaching.

Despite the graduation of a large portion of the club's experienced players, membership levels remained relatively stable, with around 70 members signed up this year and last. Recruitment, especially of women, was a key goal for 2013 and will be for 2014 as well with EUG and AUG changing to gender split competitions from 2015. It was pleasing to note that attendance at training was improved on previous years and continued right through to the end of semester.

The strong social scene of the club continued throughout 2013. New Directors Sam and Monique admirably assumed control from outgoing

stalwarts Janek and Hayley. Highlights included the legendary Scavenger Hunt; a whole spit-roast pig at SUUFA's end of semester dinner; and bidding farewell to valued members in Newtown at the club's end of season dinner. The success of these nights has led to strengthened friendship and camaraderie among club members, which is key to maintaining interest and participation in the sport.

The club continued to compete in local competitions, such as the Northern Suburbs League, and training days offered by top Australian and international coaches. SUUFA has also started offering subsidies for players to compete in leagues and training camps in order to foster participation, which will continue throughout 2014. As a sign of the club's growth, SUUFA were able to enter two teams into the NSL and remain a constant fixture there.

The club continued its strong tradition of hosting successful tournaments, which provided much needed revenue and also an opportunity for players to develop their skills and tactics against outside opposition. The Sydney Uni IV, held in May, was attended by 14 teams from across NSW. The IV allowed a number of newer players to experience a tournament for the first time and was invaluable in the clubs EUG preparation. Further, the Gnarly 9's tournament entered its third year. In 2014 the club is again aiming to run two tournaments, possibly expanding the IV to be a two day tournament and include a gender-split hat as preparation for 2015.

2013 was incredibly successful for the club's players outside of university ultimate. Four players competed internationally at the World U23 Ultimate Championships in Toronto, Canada. Phil White, Alex Ladomatos, and Andy Wood won a bronze medal with the open team, while Tamara Schai was a key defensive player on the women's team which finished seventh.

The main focus for SUUFA in 2014 will be the continued growth and development of the club to enable us to smoothly transition to two teams when the gender split is introduced next year. SUUFA are also seeking to secure a return to division one at the AUG by winning division two in Sydney this year.

Andy Wood
PRESIDENT



VELO

Having ended the third year of operation in 2012 with 276 members, the Sydney Uni Velo Club (SU Velo) finished 2013 with 345 financial members and a continuation of the positive momentum which has been characteristic of the club since its inception.

SU Velo has become the club of choice for many of Sydney's best-performed cyclists, and a club that is known to give all its members the best possible opportunity to develop their cycling skills and fitness.

SU Velo has, and always will have, racing and development of its riders at the heart of its philosophy. Members are encouraged to track their performance, and the club's weekly ride program is designed to improve performance, with dedicated weekly training sessions.

2013 marked the second year for SU Velo racing, but it also marked the first year of operation for our SU Velo women's race team. The men's and women's teams selected elite groups from within the club and competed at the very highest level within Australian domestic ranks, the National Road Series. Brad Hannaford and Tom Petty and Kelvin Rundle spent many hours organising and ensuring the riders had the best chance of success. SU Velo thanks them all for their tireless efforts.

Another competition highlight for the year was the success of the Roxolt Sydney Uni Velo women's team at the Mitchelton Bay Cycling Classic. The team mixed it with the very best riders Australia has to offer in both the Sydney Grand Prix Series and the Mitchelton Bay Crits and came away with victory at the Geelong leg of the Mitchelton Series, as well as creditable performances in the Sydney GP series. The team also took victory in Australia's richest bike race at the Logie-Smith Lanyon Super Criterium in Melbourne.

Other notable results included victories at NSW State Masters Road Championships for Amber Jenkins and the overall MMAS1 state title to Ronald Visser. Lisa Antill claimed the overall classification victory at the Canberra Women's Tour and Patrick Sharpe finished eighth at the National U23 Road Championships. Alex Wong was crowned the SU Velo Men's Club Champion, and Amber Jenkins was the Women's Club Champion.

SU Velo members also constituted a large majority of the Australian University Games (AUG) team sent to the Gold Coast by Sydney Uni that finished as overall combined winners, with the women's and men's teams scoring victory in the teams' category.

The club sent a large contingent to timed 'races' at venues across the country, including the Amy Gillett Gran Fondo in Lorne, to the Blayney to Bathurst Cyclosporitif, and to the Three Peaks Challenge in the Victorian Alps.

SU Velo's own racing calendar now holds monthly races. The club regularly saw total fields of up to 150 riders across four men's and two women's grades. SU Velo remains one of the few clubs to offer women-only grades – something that has laid the foundations for an influx of women members in the club's ranks.

SU Velo had the good fortune to retain all existing sponsors for 2013. Hedloc, Sports Focus, Clifford Chance, Staminade, Malaya and Pave Way all made significant financial contributions, while Clifford Chance also provided the infrastructure and funding of the club's 'Ride For Amy Gillett' – an organised ride to raise awareness for road safety for cyclists. Contributions from these key supporters, together with material assistance from SUSF, as well as an expanding membership base, have ensured that SU Velo has remained in a strong financial position. Indeed, the club was able to purchase a van for the purposes of transporting riders and equipment in early 2013.

The club sees continued membership growth in the year ahead as the SU Velo brand and identity becomes further established within the cycling community as Sydney's premier club.

Race team activities will be expanded to include more participants and more high-quality NRS-level races, while the club will be adding increased focus to development teams for both men and women. Local monthly races will remain a staple, while the club will be adding variety through the use of different venues and racing formats such as hill climbs and time trials.

In summary, 2013 was a successful year of growth in which SU Velo built upon its solid performance-based foundations. The club sees a continuation of that momentum as it approaches the 2014 competition season.

Andrew Best
PRESIDENT



VOLLEYBALL



2013 yielded some mixed results for the Sydney University Volleyball Club (SUVC).

Some pre-season injuries and important departures took their toll on the women's side of the program. This was unfortunately felt throughout the season and created some tough obstacles for the honors team to overcome in the State League. The women's division one side produced some strong results to reach the finals. The men's honors program showed some promising signs and demonstrated composure with a relatively young team winning the honors plate division against UTS. The division one men's team also had a strong showing, reaching the finals and just missing out on medal spots.

UTSSU – a partnership between Sydney Uni and UTS volleyball clubs – faced a tough year.

Against their interstate rivals (many of whom were bolstered by returning international-level players), UTSSU narrowly missing out on the finals. The program has undertaken a new level of management and professionalism and this will create a more sound structure to achieve results moving forward.

This year's Australian University Games (AUG) were held on the Gold Coast. Both the men's and women's team played with determination. The women's team followed the medal success of previous years, coming away with a bronze medal. As always, it was a fun week.

2013 social trainings had a slightly diminished turn out, which was to be expected given they were held off campus. Despite this, the social

competition stayed strong with a consistent turnout. This serves as a strong platform for participation and is an important aspect and area of growth for the club.

SUVC had numerous players coaching in both boys and girls schools throughout Sydney in 2013 – many of whom took their respective teams to the Australian Schools Cup in Melbourne. This represents a strong link to junior development and will provide a secure pathway for future players.

Honorable mentions go to Erica Schultz for receiving a SUSF Blue for her achievements of the previous season. Chris Barton received his SUSF Gold for his numerous years of service to the club as a player, coach, administrator and board member. His help has been greatly appreciated as he is involved in so many aspects of the club, from junior development through to coaching the honors team, and being involved in the National Volleyball League program. A special mention also goes to Gabrielle Woodhouse for her many years of service, dedication, and positive attitude towards the club and the team.

The club has a positive outlook for 2014 with the availability of the new facilities at the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) and the shift of some of the clubs programs back to main campus. This should once again renew the student base of the club and result in a more accessible and stable club. SUVC would like to thank all of its volunteers, members, players and coaches, as well as SUSF, for the support throughout the last few challenging years. SUVC is looking forward to the year ahead.

Antony Rowda
COACH

WATER POLO - MEN

The Sydney Uni Men's Water Polo Club (SUMWPC) continued its tradition of being one of the largest water polo clubs in Australia, in terms of club members.

The culmination of the Summer 2012/Winter 2013 year saw the club finish with 173 registered members. The recent Summer season saw an increase on those numbers, with club registrations growing to 185.

The club also continues to maintain a focus on the development program within the club, boasting a healthy number of kids under 12 years of age within the program. The program ran over the four terms in

2013, averaging 22 boys a term, peaking at 35 boys.

As an amateur club, with no paid administration, SUMWPC continues to try and build culture and involvement from club members and parents. The club ran its first ever players and parents forum following Summer season 2013, where the club gathered valuable feedback from its members about the training programs, competition approach, culture, coaching structure, and selection policies, and are implementing changes as needed.

Things are looking good for the 2014 season and the club looks forward to building on its achievements in 2013, and having a strong year ahead.

James Young
PRESIDENT



WATER POLO - WOMEN

2013 saw a continuation of change and development within the Sydney Uni Women's Water Polo Club (SUWWPC).

The clubs National Water Polo League (NWPL) team performed capably but finished just outside the finals. This can be attributed to a changing playing roster.

Major losses were representative players Hannah Buckling and Georgia Clark. Buckling spent the season studying and playing in the NCAA competition in the United States, winning a national title with University of Southern Carolina. She was also named in the NCAA division one second All American team. Unfortunately Clark succumbed to a severe shoulder injury just before the NWPL season commenced, leaving a gaping hole at the pivotal centre-forward position.

Alicia Brightwell also decided to continue her studies at Arizona State University, where she had achieved All American first team honours and was also named in the second All American team.

In a harrowing NWPL season, SUWWPC played in an unbelievable seven drawn matches, all of which were decided in penalty shootouts with two wins, two draws and three losses for a 10-2-10 record to miss out on the finals by just two points. Under the circumstances it was a great effort from a team playing without a recognised senior centre forward.

Keesja Gofers was named NWPL MVP after an outstanding season. She was also a member of the Australian Stingers team that finished second in the World Championships in Barcelona. Lea Barta and Hannah Buckling were also members of the silver medal winning lineup. Barta was voted Lions MVP, and Bronte Halligan Rookie of the Year.

Halligan was part of the Australian Born '93 team that played in the World Junior Championships in Greece, whilst young left-hander Kristy Donkin was part of the Australian Born '96 team that toured Holland, Hungary and Greece. Born '95 representatives Tahlia Bogg and Emma Lewis also toured with the national team to Canada and California.

Late in 2013, Barta, Buckling and new recruit Sarah Harris were part of the Stingers team that participated in the annual Holiday Cup in California.

All of the above were members of NSWIS elite squads and most represented in the National Training Centre tournament.

Having so many representative players proved to be a poison challis

as far as the Sydney L1 premiership was concerned. Representative commitments and injuries meant the Lions had to field six second grade players in the semi-finals, and although competitive, the sheer number of missing players proved too much of a weight on the remaining team members.

Many thanks go to manager Anne Scott, Assistant Coach Sue Trent and Club President Simon Lewis for their hard work in assisting the running of the NWPL and L1 programs.

The club also had good representation in the Australian Junior Residential Camp at the AIS in Canberra over three weeks in December with Halligan, Donkin, Bogg, Lewis Georgia Rossettin and Lauren Brennan all attending.

SUSF Elite Athlete Program (EAP) scholarship holders were Buckling, Clark, Bogg and Emily Scott. The club thanks Leonie Lum, Nick Halliday and Anika Lalic for their support of the girls via the program.

SUWWPC fielded an inexperienced team at the Australian University Games on the Gold Coast, but finished runners-up with Buckling and Clark named in the prestigious Green & Gold team.

The club entered grade and junior teams during the NSW Water Polo Summer and Winter competitions, with most success coming in the winter where the U14B team won the gold medal and the U16B team finished runners up.

The club thanks its group of talented coaches during the year – Ivana Drakulic, Jo Whitehorn, Hannah Brisbane, Gabby Wikman, Michael Caryannis and Daniel Trent – as well as team managers Rob Harding, Paul Richardson, Jon Bissett and Eduardo Aravena. The clubs hard working committee also needs to be commended – President Simon Lewis, Secretary Joanna Chojnacki, Treasurer Robin Allen, Vice President Leanne McKee and Website Manager Robert Allen.

The club also wishes SUSF's John Moloney all the best in his retirement. John has been untiring over the years and has been a great support to the club, as has his intrepid staff. The club also acknowledges SUSF President Bruce Ross, Executive Director Robert Smithies, High Performance Manager Matthew Phelps, Club Development Manager Tristan Liles, Corporate Alumni Relations Manager Rodney Tubbs, and Media & Communications Manager Andrew Tilley for their continued support of SUWWPC.

Ian Trent
DIRECTOR



WATERSKI & WAKEBOARDING



2013 has been a good year for the Sydney Uni Waterski & Wakeboard Club (Usydwake) with a changed committee providing a new spark to events, the management of the club, and the processes in place for its members.

There has been an effective 'changing of the guard' over the last two years, and the outlook for the club is extremely positive.

Overall the clubs finances have been steady, membership has grown, and the number of boat captains has also increased. All of these achievements are goals that were set out by the new President at the 2012 AGM.

The clubs new Treasurer has ably taken over the management of Usydwake's finances. Using the custom data collection it's clear to see exactly how efficient and effective the boat has been for Usydwake's members. Usydwake strives to achieve \$1 for every one minute of engine hour time, which covers the clubs annual costs for fuel and maintenance, with the allotments from SUSF providing the subsidy for equipment and fuel, as well as the annual depreciation on the boat.

The clubs general attendance has been up – more notably by repeat members as opposed to beginners. Overall community member's attendance has been stronger this year and the word is growing that Usydwake presents a fantastic opportunity to learn the sport and enjoy the beauty of Sydney's waterways. The goal for 2014 is to build on this great long term community base, and offer a greater program for students.

In 2013 the club had to purchase additional equipment, which replaced the old equipment that in some cases was up to ten years old. The goal is to increase this spending in order to ensure that the club has quality equipment for all users of the boat to enjoy.

The club has been incredibly lucky over the last few years to be able to roll through a changeover of management that culminated in 2013 with the final election of new committee members to vacant positions. Usydwake was able to have a working bee over the Winter – which allowed vital tasks like website updates, data management sheets and membership records to be overhauled – and the club is in a great position because of it.

Prior to the Christmas break in 2013, the club was able to introduce two more 'sub-committee' members who have the skills, enthusiasm and desire to be on the committee, but without the available positions being open. All of the committee positions are occupied by long term members of the club – ensuring long term stability going into 2014 and 2015 and the new boat target date of 2016.

Alex Wilson
PRESIDENT

WHEELCHAIR **FLAMES**



2013 was an eventful and productive year for the Sydney Uni Wheelchair Flames, who competed in state tournaments – the Autumn Wheelchair Basketball League (AWBL) in February and the Spring Wheelchair Basketball League (SWBL) in November.

The club also entered a team in the annual national club tournaments – SLAM Down Under in NSW and Spinners Sunnyside tournament in Queensland. In all of these tournaments the Wheelchair Flames finished in the top four – winning its division in SWBL and Spinners, coming second in AWBL, and fourth in SLAM.

The club's main focus is the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) season. The team did well to play as well as it did despite its relative youth, inexperience and injuries. The Flames, under experienced Head Coach Alan Cox, made its 14th straight national finals – its fourth straight under the Sydney Uni banner. Flames captain, manager and three-time Paralympian Sarah Stewart was personally honoured to the 3 Point MVP and All Star Five. Unfortunately the club's other experienced player Katie Hill – a two-time Paralympian – had to spend most of the season out with injury, so the team spent a lot of time developing other players, who have been rewarded for their commitment with Australian squad selections.

The Flames hosted the finals weekend of the National Championships on the brand new Brydens Stadium at the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC). The Flames would like to mention how fantastic Ed Smith, David Shaw and the SUSAC staff were in setting the stadium up and making sure everything ran smoothly with the scoreboard and access points for the weekend. Also, Ashleigh Walden and the

reception staff were fantastic at printing out the posters and programs. The Flames would also like to give thanks to Trish Fallon for her help over the past four years in setting the team up at Sydney Uni and continuing to assist with set up for each of the home rounds and finals – she was missed this season.

Luke at Disability Sports Australia (DSA), Basketball Australia (BA), and the team received a lot of great feedback over the weekend and there were a lot of happy fans and family who appreciated that the national event was in the new venue. It also looked fabulous on the telecast and was certainly a fitting venue for the National Championships. The event was greatly appreciated by all who attended – athletes, officials, the TV crew, the national sporting bodies of DSA and BA, family, and the fans.

The Flames have regular training sessions – weekly for the local team members and monthly at SUSAC for all team members so regional athletes can join in and train. The Flames also encourage junior and developing athletes to attend these sessions to help build the club's future.

There are now five Flames athletes in the Australian squad, three athletes in the Australian Under 25 squad, and two athletes also competing in the National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) – which is a mixed, but mostly men's league – for the Sydney Uni Wheelkings, with a number of other athletes also invited to train on the team for future development.

Sarah Stewart and Caitlin de Wit (both Sydney University students) won gold as a part of the Australian team in the Asia Oceania Qualifier in Thailand in November. They are continuing to train hard, along with the extra members of the team in the Australian squad, working towards possible selection in the Australian team for the World Championships in June next year.

Sarah Stewart
PRESIDENT

WHEELCHAIR **KINGS**

The Sydney Uni WheelKings compete in the National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) and are the only NWBL team in Sydney. The club provides the opportunity for men and women to play wheelchair basketball at the highest level in Australia.

2013 was a testing year for the WheelKings. The team narrowly missed the play-offs for the first time in 10 years – finishing fifth. Mid-season, seven WheelKings players were selected for the Australian Wheelchair Rugby League team that competed in the World Championships in England. This led to the team being under strength for five games.

The team's six home games were well attended. The club held a fundraising night for the Tears in the Jungle project to save Orangutans in Borneo and raised over \$5,000 for this project.

Off the court the WheelKings attended the opening of the UTS Wheelchair Basketball Competition. UTS have bought ten wheelchairs

and play a lunchtime competition with both able bodied and disabled players.

The club attended MDS's (a player sponsor) fundraising day at Minto. Jam and Slam raised over \$10,000 for their organisation.

2013 individual highlights for the WheelKings included Michael Allprince and CJ Grogan picking up a bronze medal for the Spinners at the World Under 25 Championships. Michael Allprince earned a spot with the Australian Rollers team in the 2013 Asia Oceania Championship – a qualifying event for the 2014 World Championships.

Kylie Gauci, Sarah Stewart and Katie Hill all represented Australia at the 2013 Asia Oceania Championships. They came away with gold and earned the right to play in the World Championships in July in Canada.

The club would like to thank the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness staff that assisted the program in various ways. The WheelKings would also like to thank and acknowledge its major sponsor Wenty Leagues Club and player sponsor partners MDS, Peter Warren Kia, Freedom Motors, 360HR, SDL, WSNSW, Bright Sky, AVA, GTK Rehab and Club Liverpool.

Gerry Hewson
PRESIDENT



WRESTLING

2013 has been very tough for the Sydney University Wrestling Club (SUWC) and with all the changes over the last two years the club is currently in a re-building phase.

With the temporary venue, and then the change to the new venue, the club has lost the majority of its core membership group. Despite these hardships, SUWC has had some success in 2013 – notably Jayden Lawrence and Arzhang Janipour. Jayden represented Australia at the World Junior and Senior Championships and also placed second at the Commonwealth Championships in South Africa. Jayden and Arzhang both won the 2013 National Championships and are very strong

contenders for the Australian Commonwealth Games team in 2014.

Some of the clubs other members have also had good results at national events. The SUWC are still training at the usual times and trying to expand. In 2013 a guest coach from Mongolia has been helping out. He is an accomplished international wrestler and the club is very fortunate to have him here until June next year. With his wealth of experience, he brings a different and unique training experience.

SUWC is again looking to rebuild the club to our previous state and beyond. The club is on the lookout for new members. SUWC caters to all standards and offers a unique opportunity to mix with all types of wrestlers – from beginners to the elite – to all train together.

Leonid Zaslavsky
COACH





SYDNEY UNI SPORT & FITNESS

10 YEARS YOUNG

By Bruce Ross & Robert Smithies

On 1 January 2003 the Men's Sports Union (which started in 1890) and the Women's Sports Association (which started in 1912) officially merged. After almost 100 years of separate and distinct operations and identities, these two organisations came together to pool their resources, facilities, teams, athletes and expertise.

The period since that merger has been one of the golden ages for sport at Sydney University and has been a time of significant progress on many fronts.

Some of the major highlights (and a couple of lowlights) from each year are listed below – our apologies if we have omitted some achievements but we had to make some choices between a very large number of excellent successes across the board. Enjoy the trip down memory lane.

2003

1 January 2003 – the Men's Sports Union and the Women's Sports Association merge and begin operating as Sydney University Sport (SUS).

Men's and women's hockey clubs merge.

Men's cricket wins the first grade premiership for the first time in 89 years.

Men's water polo successfully defends their national title.

The Sydney Uni Flames franchise begins.

SUS enters the rental agreement for the Robyn Webster Centre in Tempe.

Sydney Uni wins the Australian University Games.

2004

18 Sydney Uni Olympians and one coach attend the Athens Olympics and Paralympics.

Men's rugby wins the club championship.

The Sydney Uni Flames finish runners up in the WNBL.

Men's boat wins the Oxford-Cambridge trophy.

Universities women's cricket club begins.

Light towers added to St. John's Oval.

2005

Men's and women's soccer football clubs merge; women promoted to Super League.

Men's water polo wins the national title.

The Sydney Uni Flames finish runners up in the WNBL.

Men's cricket wins first grade premiership and club championship.

Men's AFL wins the first grade premiership.

Boat and women's rowing win the NSW State Championships; boat wins the Oxford-Cambridge trophy.

Jacqui Bonnitcho and Robin Bell win world titles in sailing and slalom canoe respectively.

Athletics wins the NSW men's and women's State Championships.

Men's rugby win first grade premiership, club championship, colts' club championship.

December – \$1.5 million pool refurbishment including installation of air handling units, a new ceiling, tiling and installation of pool deck showers.

VSU legislation passes the Australian Parliament.

2006

Men's boatshed at Linley Point is burnt down by an arsonist.

Men's rugby wins first grade premiership, club championship and colts' club championship.

Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) and Arena Sports Centre memberships merge.

Rowers Liz Kell and Brooke Pratley become world champions.

Boat wins the Oxford-Cambridge trophy.

Three Sydney Uni athletes compete at the Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

Seven Sydney Uni athletes compete at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

Grandstand Bar fully refurbished.

Men's and women's tennis and basketball clubs merge.

2007

Men's rugby wins first grade premiership, club championship and colts' club championship.

RPM group fitness studio built; and swim school pool platform constructed.

The Sydney Uni Flames finish runners up in the WNBL.

Men's AFL promoted to Premier Division.

Bronwen Watson wins world rowing championship in the lightweight quad.

Facility commercial revenue breaks \$4 million to finish at \$4.05 million.

Women's soccer wins club championship and promotion to Premier League.

2008

Sydney University Sport rebrands – new logo and name change to Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF).

New lights on Oval No. 1 switched on, super sopper and new grounds machinery purchased.

ROAR magazine launched.

Directors of Soccer, Cricket and Hockey established.

Men's rugby wins first grade premiership, club championship and colts' club championship.

Women's volleyball wins national championship.

The Sydney Uni Flames finish runners up in the WNBL.

18 Sydney Uni athletes compete at the Beijing Olympics and two athletes compete at the Paralympics.

Facility commercial revenue hits \$4.2 million.

2009

SUSF's largest ever maintenance program begins – SUSAC and Arena upgrades, new Glebe boatshed roof, grandstand seats.

Facility commercial revenue hits \$4.6 million; semester two pass introduced.

Large growth in facility entry and record surplus achieved.

Programs & Participation department established.

Men's rugby wins first grade premiership, club championship and colts' club championship.

Swim Club wins National Swimming Club of the Year.

2010

Arena gym and cardio upgrade completed; new lights installed at The Square.

Men's rugby wins first grade premiership (making it six in a row and equaling the record), club championship and colts' club championship.

Facility commercial revenue hits \$4.8 million.

Women's rugby wins premiership for the first time.

Women's wheelchair basketball club formed and wins national title.

Director of AFL established; Football Club Operations Manager established.

Australian Boat Race against Melbourne University re-launched – boat wins men's title.

High Performance department established.

Swim Club wins National Swimming Club of the Year.

Velo Club established.

2011

Men's cricket wins first grade major premiership, minor premiership and one day premiership.

Men's rugby wins club championship and colts' club championship.

Women's rugby wins premiership.

Facility commercial revenue hits \$4.98 million.

Commercial & Regulatory department established.

Sydney Uni wins summer and winter Australian University Games titles.

Major increase (from nine to 17) in named sporting scholarships donated.

Sydney Uni Wheelkings club established.

Demolition and excavation work begin for the SUSAC extension.

Student Services & Amenities Fee introduced.

Lachlan Renshaw wins gold in 800m at the World University Games.

2012

H.K. Ward Gym vacated and demolished after 45 years of operation.

Oval No. 1 floods to a depth of one metre, and The Arena Sports Centre basement floods.

Uni Pass initiated.

Men's cricket wins first grade premiership again.

Director of Athletics position established.

AFL club promoted to the 2012 NEAFL competition.

Property & Projects management position established.

24 Sydney Uni athletes attend the London 2012 Olympics and seven attend the Paralympics.

Murray Stewart wins gold in the men's K4 1000m at the Olympic Games.

Angie Ballard wins 3 Paralympic medals.

Men's rugby wins first grade premiership, club championship and colts' club championship.

Women's hockey win premiership for the first time.

Director of Women's water polo established.

Elite Athlete Program exceeds 400 athletes.

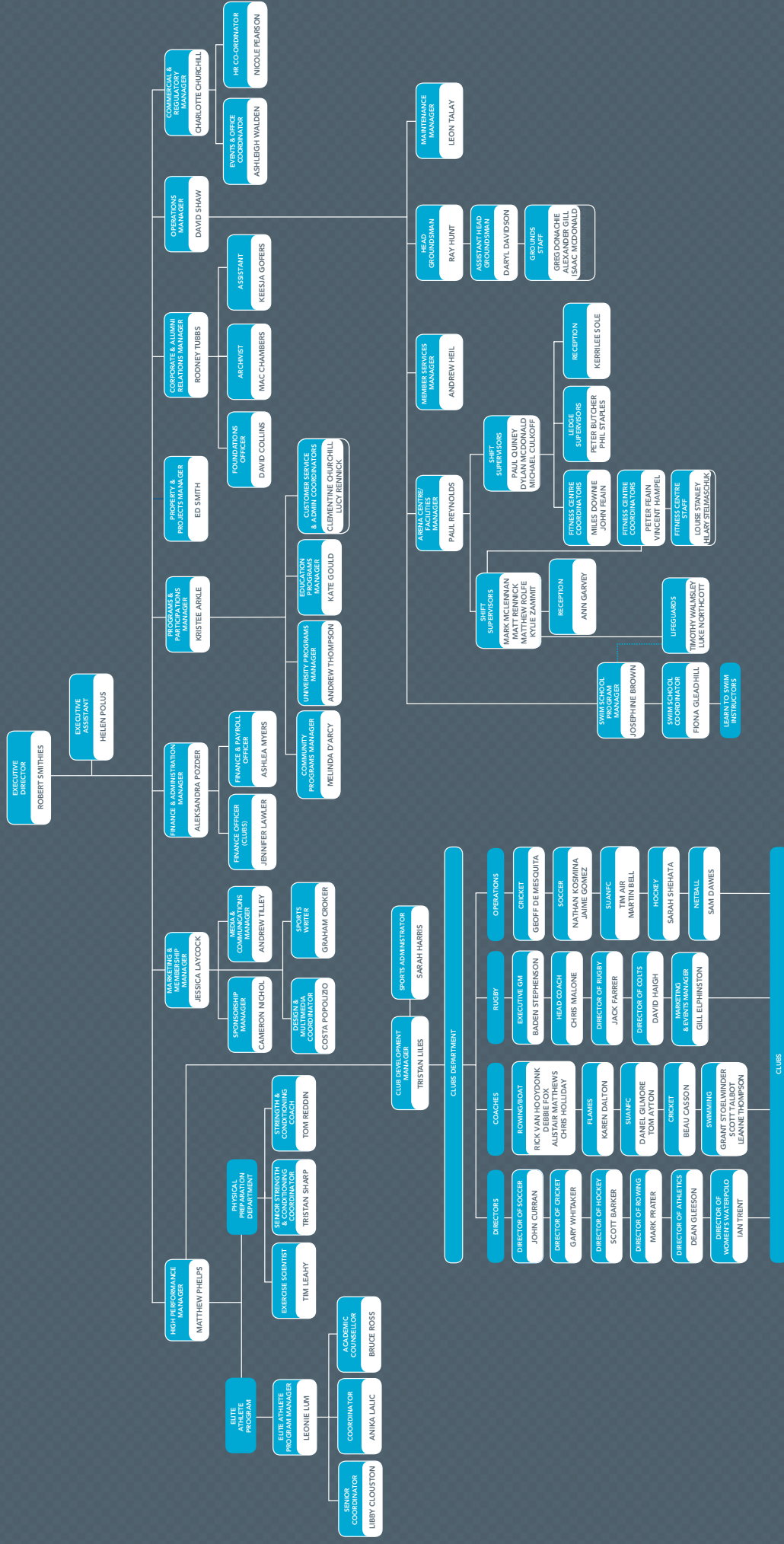
Construction work begins on the SUSAC extension.

31 December – the first decade of the merged SUSF concludes.



SUSF ORGANISATIONAL CHART 2013

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In 2013, the General Committee met on 13th May and 14th October 2013.

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Athletics

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Baseball

Basketball

Boat (M)

Boxing

Canoe

Cricket (M&W)

Fencing

Golf

Gymsports

Handball

Hockey

Judo

Kempo Karate

Kendo

Netball

Rockclimbing and Mountaineering

Rowing (W)

Rugby League

Rugby Union (M&W)

Sailing and Boardsailing

Ski

Soccer

Softball

Squash

Swimming

Table Tennis

Tae Kwon Do

Tennis

Touch

Ultimate Frisbee

Velo

Volleyball

Water polo (M&W)

Waterski and Wakeboard

Wrestling

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the year. The Committee consisted of:

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ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS 2013

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Baseball

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Rugby

COACH OF THE YEAR

Yucel Celenk - AFL Women

PREMIER COACH OF THE YEAR

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Chris Malone - Rugby

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Alexander (Sasha) Belonogoff - Boat

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Hannah Buckling - Water Polo

ANN MITCHELL AUG AWARD

Athletics

ROSENBLUM

- MALE CLUB ADMIN OF THE YEAR

David Jordan - Velo

PAT SHARP

- FEMALE CLUB ADMIN OF THE YEAR

Marjorie Spooner O'Neill - Rugby Women's

PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Nathan Kosmina - Soccer

PRESIDENTS

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPORT / SYDNEY UNI SPORT & FITNESS

2003 – B. W. Ross

FEMALE BLUE OF THE YEAR

Anneliese Rubie (Athletics)
Hayley White (Swimming)

MALE BLUE OF THE YEAR

Nicholas Hough (Athletics)

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 2013 were presented to:

Christopher Barton (Volleyball)

Angus Jackson (Rugby)

Dennis Moffatt (Boxing)

George Pliellis (Boxing)

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 2013 were awarded to:

Eliza Barton (Athletics)

Thomas Boidin (Rugby)

Keelan Bridge (Swimming)

Aaron Carbury (American Football)

Carmel Dimarco (Soccer)

India Evans (Rowing)

Tom Fernon (Boxing)

Harry Foxton (Boat)

Hannah Gibbs (Athletics)

Christina Grun (Athletics)

Ruby Hackett (Athletics)

Nicholas Hough (Athletics)

Gregory Jeloudev (Rugby)

Jin Su Jung (Athletics)

Alasdair King (Rugby)

Peter Koster (Boat)

Thomas McClintock (Boat)

Brendan Micallef (Swimming)

Maree Patikas (Soccer)

Anneliese Rubie (Athletics)

Erica Schultz (Volleyball)

Benjamin Scott (Boat)

Meegan Shepherd (Soccer)

Emma Thomas (Rowing)

Hayley White (Swimming)

James Willan (Rugby)

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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

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1945 – 49 Prof. F. A. Eastaugh

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1936 – 39 Dr G. Phillips

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1980 – 81 A. Alcock

1979 – 80 I. Parsons

1978 – 79 J. Lenton

1976 – 78 S. Pratt

1974 – 76 S. Knox

1963 – 74 M. Dive

1959 – 63 P. Latimer

1957 – 59 M. Swain

1954 – 57 L. McKinney

1951 – 54 B. Archidale

1949 – 51 K. McCreadie

1943 – 49 J. Bartlett

1938 – 42 G. Dakin

1935 – 38 D. Dew

1933 – 35 M. Peden

1932 – 33 M. Telfer

1926 – 32 K. Ogilvie

1925 – 26 J. Street

1922 – 25 A. Ingram

1913 – 22 N. D. Meares

1910 – 13 M. W. McCallum

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Jennifer Blow	Goalball
Charles Cull	Cricket
Ryan Edwards	Rowing
Jamaya Ferguson	Hockey
Jacqueline Fry	Athletics
Christina Grun	Athletics
Finlay McDonald	Rugby
Benjamin Morrell	Hockey
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Kathryn Rendell	Basketball
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ALLAN KENDALL	
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Anneliese Rubie	Athletics
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RON RUSHBROOKE	
Jasper Odgers	Baseball
ROSS BROWN	
Tim Reid	Rugby
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Nathan Sansom	Soccer
JOINT SCHOLARSHIPS	
BUSINESS SCHOOL UNDERGRADUATE	
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Christopher Friend	Surfing
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Thomas Kingston	Rugby
Kurt Larsen	Rugby
Benn Melrose	Rugby
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Lavinia Chrystal	Snow Sports
Peter Dugmore	Australian Football
Ryan Edwards	Rowing
Edward Fernon	Modern Pentathlon
Thomas Kearns	Water Polo
Ryan Silvester	Australian Football
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Henry Clunies-Ross	Rugby
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Stuart Goodman	Rugby
James Kennelly	Rugby
Peter Koster	Rowing
Benjamin Lawley	Rugby
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Samuel Quinn	Rugby
William Raven	Rowing
Harrison Randell	Rugby
Maddison Rosser	Hockey
Jaime Ryan	Sailing
Jim Stewart	Rugby
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Jonathan Vaux	Rugby
Thomas Wilson	Rugby
Lydia Yerrell	Rowing
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Toby Wong	Badminton
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Joshua Collier	Basketball
Lauren King	Basketball
Joshua Russell	Basketball
Casey Samuels	Basketball
James Spence	Basketball
Nadine Apetz	Boxing
Deandra Godoy	Canoe/Kayak
Fraser McTavish	Canoe/Kayak
Tamas Allenby	Cycling
Dougal Robinson	Cycling
Matthew Donald	Fencing
Patrick Adderley	Figure Skating
Chelsea Harris	Gymnastics
Robert Cooke	Hockey

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Zachary McCowage	Hockey
Edward Moore	Hockey
Jacky Tran	Hockey
Alexander Mikaelian	Martial Arts
Jessica Moro	Martial Arts
Sam Yang	Martial Arts
Jessica Gale	Netball
Gemma Larkin	Netball
Dominique Madden	Netball
Nadia Moore	Netball
Brittany Ridlen	Netball
Harold Foxton	Rowing
Alexander Purnell	Rowing
Emma Thomas	Rowing
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David Dillon	Rugby
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Tara Creighton	Volleyball
Tanya Hranisavljevic	Volleyball
Antony Rowda	Volleyball
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Craig Hammond	Water Polo
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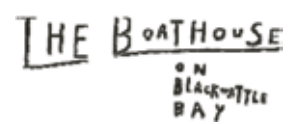
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