# ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT & COMMITTEES

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Chair: David Mortimer AO
- Deputy Chair: Simone Whetton
- Chair of FARC: Warwick Lynch
- Deputy Chair of FARC: Jane Spring
- Non-Executive Directors: Kirsten Thomson, Mike Wiseman & Todd Stevenson
- Student Non-Executive Directors: David McDuling & Dyone Bettega
- Company Secretary: Natalie Brown

#### MANAGEMENT

- Chief Executive Officer: Ed Smith
- Chief Financial Officer: Enda Carberry
- Legal Counsel: Natalie Brown
- Head of Marketing & Sponsorship: Ian Riddick
- Head of Operations: Paul Reynolds
- Head of People & Culture : Kylie Algie
- Head of Programs and Participation: Matt Rennick
- Head of Sport: Leonie Lum

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES**

#### The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (FARC)

Warwick Lynch (Chair), Jane Spring (Deputy Chair) and David Mortimer.

#### **The Nominations Committee**

Club Representatives: Brendan Casey, Wil Honner and Andrew Wennerbom. University Representatives: David Pacey, Annamarie Jagose and Stephen Phillips Independent Member: Sally Loane Facilitator: Jill Baker

#### **The Clubs Advisory Committee**

Representative(s) from each SUSF Club.

#### **The Blues Committee**

Ed Smith, Jason McLennan, Leonie Lum, Hannah Buckling, Taryn King, Talia Barnett-Hepples, Wyatt Batt, Michael Higgins, James Palmer

#### **The Sports Awards Committee**

Ed Smith, Leonie Lum, Deborah Fox, Jason McLennan, Zoe Naylor and Matt Powys

#### **Board Sub-Committees**

The Club Affiliation Agreement Sub-Committee

Simone Whetton, Mark Faraday, Mike Wiseman, Ed Smith and Natalie Brown.

#### **Past Chairs**

2019 – Rodney Tubbs

### MEMBERSHIP

College	No. of Memberships Eligible	31/12/2022	31/12/2021
Club Member	40	30	29
University Member	3	0	1
Residential College Member	6	0	0
SUSF Management Member	1	1	1
SUSF Director	9-10	9	9
University Faculties	5	1	1
University Schools	3	1	1
Total	68	42	42

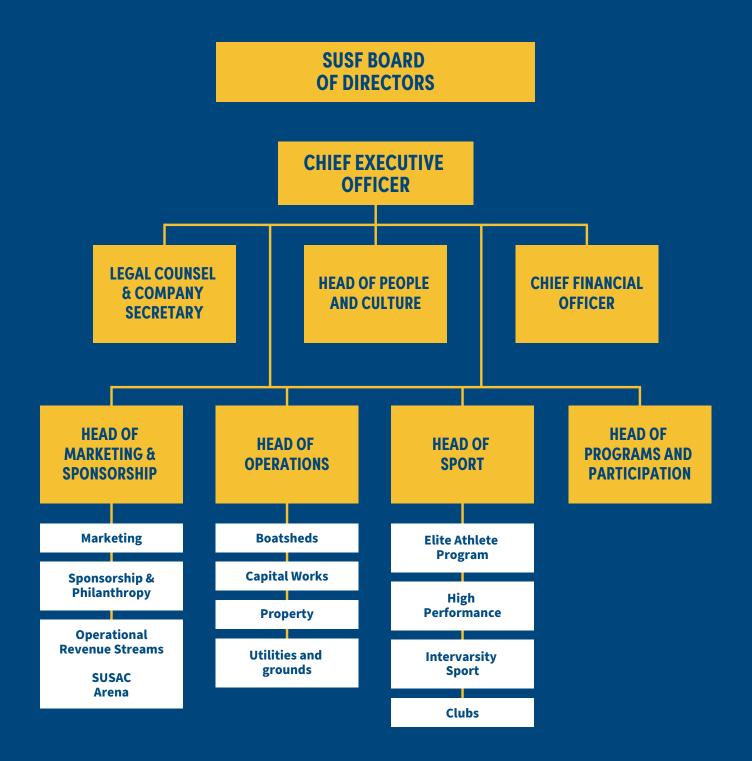
Mattia Anesa
Dyone Bettega
Miles Chen
Cheuk Wai Charlie Chow
Theresa Choy
Patrick Cunningham
Andrew Dodds
Andrew Duggan
Wayne Errikson
Declan Everett-Morgan
Jack Farrer

James Gifford
James Glister
Antony Green
Andrew Heil
Maddison Jones
Hansung Kim
Vanessa Leung
Simon Lewis
Georgia Lomis-Futeran
Warwick Lynch
Jacinta Mallon

David Mortimer	Jane Spring
Zoe Naylor	Todd Stevenson
Chris Noel	Sarah Stewart
Takumi Ohashi	Adam Theobald
Simon Philips	Kirsten Thomson
Sam Power	Ben Vardanega
Kyle Salkeld	Michael Walton
Jane Sanchez	Simone Whetton
Wade Shipard	Mike Wiseman
Andrew Sierakowski	Rebecca Wu
Ed Smith	



# **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**





# CHAIR REPORT



In 2022, Australia's tertiary sector grappled with the tail-end of the COVID pandemic and the ongoing aftershocks of inflation and 'wage-flation' caused by the disruption. Sydney University Sport & Fitness (SUSF) has, during this time, had to maintain its operational dexterity and financial vigilance to ensure its on-going success both on and off the field.

From a financial perspective, the organisation recorded a small operational surplus (after depreciation) of \$37,000. This compares favorably to the previous year's operational deficit of \$221,000 and to 2020's small surplus of \$2,000. In summary, I am pleased to report that, across the three years of the pandemic, SUSF was able to maintain its financial health recording only a \$182,000 operational deficit for the period. You will see from the financial reports however we have been required to adjust our accounts between the current and previous year to reflect changes in accounting standards. The adjustment is of a non-cash nature and is set out in detail in the annual accounts.

Despite the pandemic, SUSF was able to continue the pursuit of our strategies and initiatives set out in our Strategic Plan 2021–2026. In 2022 SUSF engaged a Campus Life and Student Engagement Manager with Chinese language skills who managed our diversity and pop-up events across the University campus. We revamped Inter-Faculty and Intra-Mural Sports competitions, resulting in record participation numbers. We also provided over 360 free gym memberships to E12 (Means Tested) and Gadigal Scholarship students and hosted several disability sports gala days while approving SUSF's first ever LGBTQIA+ inclusivity policy.

We increased support for our clubs by providing Student Services and Amenities Fees (SSAF) funding for student engagement opportunities and we partnered with the University's Faculty of Medicine and Health to establish the Sport and Physical Activity Research and Teaching Network (SPARTAN). We worked with UniSport Australia on the continuing growth of a national University Basketball League as a pilot for possible future University National Leagues while we collaborated with the University to lock in greater student discounts to SUSF, club and gym memberships. We continued to pursuit our Infrastructure and Sustainability Strategy, with the University approving the funding for a feasibility study for a synthetic turf field at The Square. The construction of a synthetic surface on selected playing grounds is essential to the provision of first-class sporting facilities for our expanding student population. We were also able to add to our growing list of minor capital works achievements since incorporation including the installation of a new picket fence around University Oval 1, a high-performance gym at Cumberland Campus, the re-turfing of the Sydney University Football Ground and the re-surfacing of our tennis courts with a world class Rebound Ace finish.

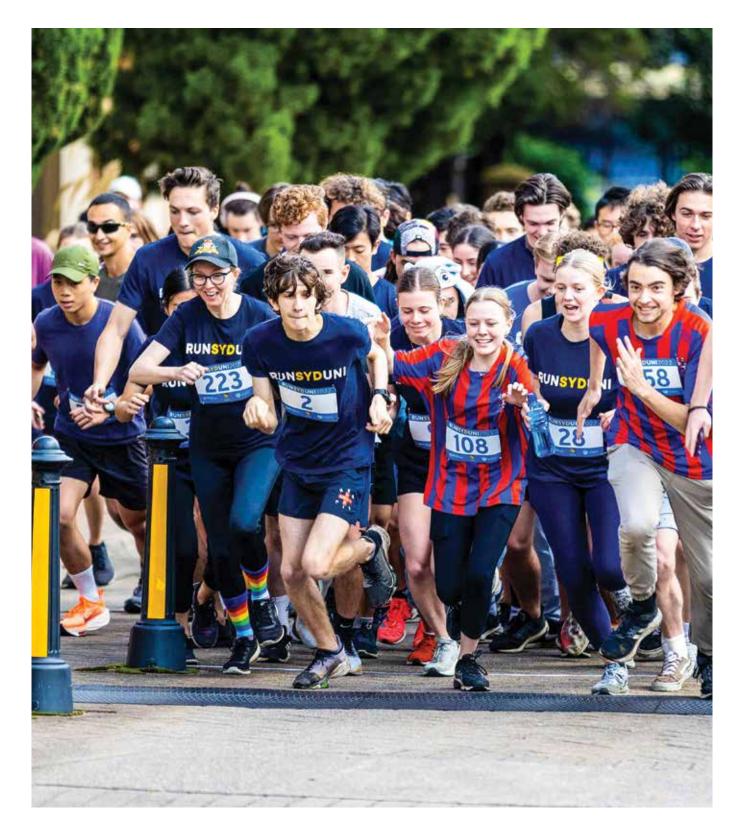
On the field, our achievements were outstanding and the details are presented throughout the Annual Report, however, it is appropriate to note that the Board of SUSF and I are very proud of what our athletes, clubs and programs have been able to achieve during 2022. At year end we remained the UniSport Overall Champion University and we won the 2022 Shute Shield after having been undefeated before the 2021 season was cancelled.

On a personal note, 2022 was the first year of my second and my final term as Chair of SUSF. I will be stepping down from the position when my term ends at the end of 2023, having guided SUSF through its first four years of incorporation (as well as its first global pandemic since 1919). It has been very satisfying for me to have been able to oversee the beginning of the next iteration of this fine 133-year-old organisation. Transitions are always demanding, but we are fortunate to have had on our board an extremely dedicated, long-time servant of University sport and a person of great integrity, Ms Jane Spring AOM. Jane will assume the chair effective from January 1, 2024. I have great confidence that Jane will continue on the fine work of SUSF and its ongoing support for our clubs and participation programs.

With the period of Covid slumber over, management and the Board held a strategy review earlier this year. As a result, SUSF has ambitious plans which, with the support of the University, and University Infrastructure, will see the capabilities of sport on our campus enhanced and life around our campus stimulated.

Finally, I have been fortunate to have had a constructive and thoughtful board over my four years of tenure. Some have been called upon to commit extra time and effort beyond regular board meetings and they have responded with a willingness characteristic of the dedication we expect from exceptional people. Warwick Lynch, Chairman of our audit and risk committee, has led his committee with great professionalism. My appreciation also goes to the SUSF Senior Management Team led by Ed Smith and to his staff for all of their efforts throughout this difficult time. Together we look forward to an exciting and rewarding future.

#### DAVID MORTIMER AO CHAIR



### CHAIR OF THE FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE'S REPORT



#### 2022 Results

The Omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus along with one of the wettest weather patterns experienced for many years at the end of 2021 and into early 2022 meant a slow start to our financial year, with many facilities closed because of the two events. Despite the slow start I am pleased to report that, except for our Student Services and Amenities Fee ('SSAF') all our key revenue streams showed strong growth when compared to the previous year. Our SSAF funds saw a significant fall from the previous year and this is due to a change in our accounting policy for such funds. With the recent increase in interest rates, SUSF has managed its cash balance to maximize our interest on our deposits and I am happy to report an increase in our interest income from \$3,878 in 2021 to \$57,962 in 2022.

#### **Change in Accounting Policy**

AASB 1058 - "Income for Not-for Profit Entities" came into force for Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) in 2021. Under AASB 1058, our contract under which we receive SSAF funds was no longer deemed to be 'sufficiently specific' as defined in this standard, and now means we are required to account for SSAF funds on a cash receipts basis. We had previously accounted for these funds under AASB 15 - "Revenue Contracts with Customers" and deferred this revenue under the 'matching principle' into the 2022 financial year, to be matched against the related expense being incurred on these programs. During 2021 SUSF received additional SSAF funds of \$1,305,893 for programs it would undertake in 2022 and beyond, until such funds would be utilised, which now needs to be reported on a cash receipts basis. These funds have now been treated on a cash receipts basis and accounted for as being received in 2021 which has resulted in a drop in SSAF funds between 2021 and 2022.

The change in accounting policy for SSAF funds received from the University of Sydney, to comply with AASB 1058, meant SUSF has had to restate the 2021 financial statements. The effect on both years is significant and Note 3 to the financial statements sets out the impact on the two years.

The financial performance, prior to the adjustment required to comply with AASB 1058, resulted in a surplus of \$36,537, as would have been reported under AASB 15. The impact of AASB



1058, which means we now have to account for SSAF funds on a cash receipts basis, changed our operating surplus \$36,537 to a deficit of \$1,269,356.

#### 2021 Results as restated

In 2021, we reported a deficit in our annual report in the amount of \$221,164. Following the introduction of AASB 1058 this has now been restated to a surplus of \$1,084,729.

#### **Change of Auditors**

In 2021 the board agreed to put our external audit service out to tender and this process commenced in early 2022. Following a very competitive tender process SUSF were delighted to appoint William Buck as our external audit partner for a minimum period of 6 years, commencing with the audit of our 2022 financial statements and we look forward to working with them during their appointment. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to our former auditors, Matthew Tierney & Johnston, who have had a long relationship with both SUSF as an incorporated entity and our former unincorporated entity Sydney University Sport and Fitness.

#### **Finance Audit & Risk Committee**

The Finance Audit & Risk Committee continued to meet with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) on a regular basis to monitor both the ongoing cash position and financial position and we are happy to report that the Executive remain diligent and continue to work to maintain a strong SUSF. I wish to thank my fellow members on the Finance Audit and Risk Committee for their support and commitment during the year.

The Finance Audit & Risk Committee will continue to meet with our Executives on a regular basis and report on the ongoing performance to our board of directors.

#### **Events Occurring After Reporting Date**

The Finance Audit & Risk Committee are not aware of any post balance sheet events that will negatively impact on the financial performance in 2023.

#### Acknowledgments

A word of thanks to our Chair of the Board, David Mortimer AO, who has supported the work of this committee throughout the year and has always made himself available for consultation. A special word of thanks to Ed Smith our CEO and Enda Carberry our CFO for the tremendous effort they continue to put in to ensure the financial stability of SUSF under continuing difficult conditions and I look forward to working with them again in 2023. Finally, to the managers and staff of SUSF and our Clubs for the ongoing support and commitment they continue to show towards SUSF - this is very much appreciated.

WARWICK LYNCH FINANCE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE, CHAIR.



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



From a participation sport perspective, we estimate that over 20,000 USYD students were engaged with SUSF programs throughout the year. These programs included:

- Free gym memberships for the University's E12 and Gadigal Scholarship holders;
- Free swimming lessons for over 600 international students;
- Free self-defense and squash lessons for over 250 female students; and
- Our very popular free inter-faculty sports competition every Wednesday afternoon which involved over 3,000 students across eight different sports including the wonderful addition of the Parasport of Goalball.

With our Volleyball Club, we hosted free lunchtime outdoor 'learnto' Volleyball sessions for over 200 students, we combined with our Athletics Club to run the (free) RUNSYDUNI Fun Run through the campus for over 300 students and staff, and we worked with our Basketball Club to bus over 100 indigenous and international students out to the Sydney Kings games at Olympic Park.

We were able to offer all these free programs because of the wonderful funding support provided by Sydney University



through its Student Services and Amenities Fees (SSAF) program and we thank very much the University and, in particular, our Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education) Professor Joanne Wright and her team, for its ongoing support.

The SSAF funding also enabled us to continue to offer our discounted \$10 SUSF student membership as well as our 40% student discount to all our gym, swim and group fitness memberships. This saw our student memberships increase to a record 9,200 in 2022. It also enabled us to employ our Campus Life and Student Engagement Manager whose achievements last year included hosting:

- Two Parasports Gala Days;
- The inaugural intervarsity Goalball Competition against UTS; and
- Many other events throughout the year in collaboration with the University's Pride Network, Post Graduate Association, the Gadigal Centre and Paralympics Australia.

We also ran the very popular Intramural multi-sports competition between the University's newer student residences such as the Queen Mary Building, the Regiment and Unilodge. Across seven different weekends and six different sports, Sydney Uni Village was the eventual winner of this competition, while the Faculty of Engineering took out the Interfaculty Competition for the fifth consecutive year. St Andrew's College won both the Rawson Cup and the Rose Bowl for the fourth year in a row.

In addition to our student members, SUSF and its clubs also welcomed over 6,000 community and staff members. We hosted sports programs for 10 different schools, held sports clinics, holiday camps, learn-to swim and junior tennis lessons for over 3,000 children and we taught first aid, CPR, rock climbing and archery to over 1,000 people including 600 students.

From an academic perspective, in 2022 SUSF partnered up with the Faculty of Medicine and Health to help form the Sport and Physical Activity Research and Teaching Network more fondly known as SPARTAN.

SPARTAN is designed to bring researchers and professionals who are interested in sports and physical activity together and we thank SPARTAN Co-Convenor, Associate Professor Kieron Rooney, for his ongoing efforts in the sector. Throughout the year we also worked hard to dispel the misperception held by some that SUSF is only interested in elite sport. Perhaps a reason for this misperception is because we also perform extremely well at the high performance end of sport. For example, our achievements in 2022 were nothing short of extraordinary. Last year SUSF, it's clubs and its athletes, combined to win countless accolades including:

- the National Club Championships in Athletics;
- the State Championships in Rowing;
- the Women's Football National Premier League Division One Club Championship and Minor Premiership;
- the Sydney Rugby Union Club Championship and Shute Shield 1st Grade Premiership;
- the Women's Sydney Tennis Premiership;
- the Women's Sydney Hockey Minor Premiership;
- the Men's University Basketball League Premiership (undefeated);
- the Sydney Australian Rules Football Colts Premiership; and
- Over 400 USYD students combined across eight months spanning five states of Australia to win 16 Premiership pennants at the UniSport Nationals, most pleasingly, the title of National Overall Champion University for the 13th time since its inception 26 years ago – that's eight times more than our nearest rivals, Melbourne University.

Meanwhile, 14 of our current and former Elite Athlete Program scholarship holders represented Australia at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games - bringing home three golds, four silvers and a bronze, while three others represented Australia at the Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

Given these achievements, it is no wonder that our reputation for high performance sport overshadows our extraordinary achievements at the participation level.

Either way, it is important to note that SUSF remains committed to supporting the full spectrum of sport and the communities who play it and there is not another Vice Chancellor in Australia who does not envy what SUSF does for its beloved university and student body. Likewise, there is not another sports organisation in this land that loves and appreciates its University more.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the SUSF senior management team, our entire staff, all of our clubs and athletes for their extraordinary on-going efforts in making such a success of what was a difficult year.

ED SMITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# LEGAL REPORT



### My hope is that this is the last Annual Report from the Legal Department that is still heavily focussed on COVID-19 processes and protocols!

As Tennis Australia and the Australian Government started the year making the hard decisions on vaccination status, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) were also in a similar position. At the end of 2021, the final 'major' COVID related restrictions were due to be lifted (compulsory vaccinations for indoor sports centres) and SUSF had to make some difficult decisions about our COVID safe protocols, and decided to extend the vaccination on entry policy, with fortnightly reviews.

Despite no longer being a legal requirement in 2022, one of the issues we faced was since reopening we had five COVID close calls. Fortunately due to our exemplary COVID safety plans and cleaning protocols, NSW Health informed us that we didn't need to shut down for an extended period of time. This was a great result and thanks must go to the Operations team for following these protocols so well.

On top of this, our biggest programs in January are our School Holiday Program and the Swim School Intensive Learn-to-Swim program, both of which are attended by children who are too young vaccinated, however SUSF continued to insist on a double vaccination status for entry to the facilities for all parents & guardians of these children.

The Legal Department was kept busy navigating the ever changing COVID-19 legislation that the NSW Government continued to produce, mainly related to COVID-19 restrictions on businesses.

At the next review, outdoor clubs and facility users, were permitted to follow University protocols and insist either the individual shows proof that he/she is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, or has a negative COVID test within three days prior or a negative rapid antigen test (RAT) taken on the same day.

By the end of February, the mask mandate was no longer at SUSF, and the vaccine mandate for members and guests was also no more. Staff however continued to need to be vaccinated, and were encouraged back to the office, with Work-from-Home no longer being required (that was, until, March when severe weather warnings forced us all back home again for a day or two). By April, when close contacts were no longer legally required to self-isolate, SUSF was really back running at 'the new normal'. This final change was instrumental in helping with staffing issues.

COVID complications aside, progress was made this year with club constitutions, with new templates being agreed for both those Clubs who wish to incorporate, and those who wished to remain unincorporated. The incorporation of SUSF in 2019 had put this long overdue project on hold so it has been great to finally get some traction on this task. My thanks for driving this must go to Danielle Hodgson, the Legal Department's newest member as a Junior Lawyer. Dani started with us in August and continues to assist in helping Clubs with the variety of legal issues that come up on a daily basis, as well as being a great help to me. Thanks Dani!

The change in Government at the Federal election started the whispers of new Employment Legislation, which I'm sure will be a large focus of 2023, but the ground work has already started.

We also managed to organise with the University, a training session on Philanthropy and the mechanisms around what a 'Gift' is, legally speaking. We had some great speakers from The Advancement Portfolio and I think Clubs really benefitted from the 'inside knowledge' to assist in their fundraising activities, so many thanks to those who presented, and also those who attended.

The Board was back to holding meetings in person (with a zoom option available) which was fantastic for some really collaborative discussions and planned future strategic days to work on the future of SUSF Ltd and where the business is going. I want to thank each and every member of the Board for their work and efforts this year and acknowledge how each Director has a unique set of skills that SUSF is lucky to have.

#### NATALIE BROWN LEGAL COUNSEL



## HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT



### 2022 was the Year of Recovery following a brutal two years of disruption from COVID-19.

We saw firsthand how COVID-19 changed the way our staff worked. Our focus in 2022 was ensuring we provided a work/life balance for our staff by offering flexible working arrangements and where possible, working from home.

Staff departures became a growing reality in 2022, with people feeling the pressures of the rising cost of living and wages failing to keep up, increasingly seeing unsettled staff seeking new roles with greater financial reward or making lifestyle choices by relocating to workplaces closer to home. Candidates clearly held the power, and it made recruitment endeavours a challenge like never before as the competition amongst employers to seek the best talent drove up salaries.

To overcome the issue of turnover, we have embarked on a long-term employee retention strategy which includes remuneration review against market, retention bonuses and employee development. Employee development commenced in 2022, when we invested in a professional development training program, which will be rolled out to line managers in 2023.

We continue our investment in the physical, mental, social and financial wellbeing, through the provision of Benestar, and we continue to see an uptake of the service across SUSF staff, club staff as well as athletes in our Elite Athlete Program.

Inclusion and diversity were recognised as being at the heart of SUSF's values from participation to performance sport. SUSF is committed to encouraging a welcoming environment for all people to share, and we do not discriminate against people based on their protected attributes. It is the role of the People & Cultures team to ensure the safety and wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ individuals and promote the awareness through appropriate training.

**KYLIE ALGIE** HEAD OF PEOPLE & CULTURE



# OPERATIONS REPORT



### 2022 embraced several staff changes throughout the Operations team.

Both long term staff members Dylan McDonald and Michael Culkoff were promoted to new positions this year. Dylan made the transition from the Camperdown Campus Manager to become the new Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) Manager whilst Michael transitioned to become the new Camperdown Campus and Venues Manager. Both Michael and Dylan have helped steer the ship smoothly following the last few years of rough seas due to the Covid pandemic.

Following a comprehensive analysis of current fitness trends, it was identified that SUSAC and the Arena Sports Centre required a new gym fit out, not only to remain relevant in the fitness industry and to allow for more versatile training, but to minimise ongoing maintenance and safety issues. As a result, SUSF has purchased brand new, state of the art, on trend, gym equipment to assist in the promotion of modern training to be installed in mid-2023.

Also identified as an area of improvement was the current SUSAC gym floor plan. The current floor plan is a continuation on from post-pandemic operations, where we had to consider capacity limits and allow for space between members. However, this floor plan creates major congestion in certain areas. Through implementing a practical floor plan, members & guests can enjoy more structured training with reduced wait times for machines.

As part of our gym upgrades, both SUSAC and the Arena Sports Centre gyms have introduced the EVOLT Body Scanners. The EVOLT Scanner is a simple-to-use body scanner that provides detailed data about a body through more than 40 measurements, allowing our trainers to better design individualised health and wellness programs.

The Arena gym had a new and extended stretch area installed and is very much looking forward to the new gym equipment being delivered in 2023.

Group Fitness remains a huge attraction to our members headed up by our amazing Group Fitness Co-ordinator Noura Ridha and this year saw the introduction of a new class 'Body Jam' which has proved very popular.

We hosted several Les Mills quarterly workshops that were very successful and attracted instructors state-wide and presenters nationwide including an international guest presenter.

Due to the ever-popular Group Fitness program, this year the carpet has been replaced due to the amount of wear and tear.

The SUSAC swimming pool underwent some planned maintenance within the filter room to ensure the longevity of the facility. Overseen by our Pool Plant Manager, Matthew Backhouse and Senior Lifeguard, Fabio Schiavone the pool continues to grow in popularity year on year.

SUSAC Shift Managers Michael Nies, Lachy Sligar as well as several casual staff have worked tirelessly to enforce our customer service strategy, create a welcoming environment for members and guest of the facility. I would like to thank all of our Customer Service staff for a gallant effort on the front line under what can sometimes be testing times servicing some of the 1 million people that come through our doors each year.

The implementation of handheld 2-way radios for the SUSAC staff has seen responsiveness and efficiency increase since their induction. It was noted that our response time to emergencies was slow given the size of our facility, in response we ordered six portable 2-way radios and created a radio communications document allowing us to communicate effectively when responding to emergencies and performing routine tasks.

Courtesy of some Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) funding, SUSF has replaced the old metal halide tennis court lights with new LED lighting. This change will significantly reduce the energy consumption of the tennis court lights as well as their ongoing maintenance requirements. On completion of the lighting upgrade, we commenced the transition of courts 1, 2 and 3 from synthetic grass to the more environmentally sustainable Rebound Ace surface. The Rebound Ace surface is also more popular with facility hirers and will enable SUSF to relocate its elite tennis squads from their current training facility at St Joseph's College to main campus for the first time.

Camperdown Campus facilities continued its rise to becoming a major hub for student experience in 2022, with many great achievements throughout the year as well as the approval of plans to improve the existing facilities to make it the ultimate sporting location on campus.

The TAG Function Room saw plenty of use this year with a large array of events ranging from SUSF Clubs, State Sporting Organisations and charity groups who all wanted to hold their

functions in our facility. Now that COVID restrictions have past, we have seen an increase in the number of events in the TAG Function Room with the intention to continue promoting the space for commercial hire on top of club use.

The Grounds Department welcomes back Brent Williams as 2IC to the Head Groundsman Daryl Davidson after two years in the UK following the departure of Alex Gill. Brent has been instrumental in the preparation of the cricket wickets this season. Sarah Mayes also joined the grounds team and brings with her a wealth of experience in the industry having previously worked at Golf Courses throughout New Zealand. My thanks go out to the entire grounds team lead up by Daryl for their continuous hard work throughout the ever increasing unpredictable, unseasonable challenging weather conditions as well as the ever-increasing foot traffic from our clubs.

In the three-week period between the winter season ending and cricket season starting, the SUSF Grounds team and staff volunteers installed 2.1km of drainage into Oval 1, renovated the wickets and re-turfed the areas of the ground that were unlikely to grow back.

SUSF have purchased a new grounds fleet to be delivered in 2023. This new fleet will meet current Work Health and Safety regulations with enclosed cabins as well as reduced maintenance costs and down time of the current fleet. Cumberland Campus will see equipment be readily available to improve the field maintenance due to the increased demand on the ground by our clubs.

In October, the picket fence on Oval 1 was replaced. SUSF, the Sydney University Australian National Football Club and the Sydney University Cricket Club (with thanks to a large donation from a Club donor), have invested 50:25:25 into the \$110k demolition of the old Oval 1 picket fence and the installation of a new white picket fence around Oval 1.

The Robyn Webster Sports Centre had another successful year with many of the regular and causal hirers returning, record revenue and some long-awaited renovations.

Thanks to our strong contingent of regular hirers and our core group of casual hirers, we were able to fill approximately 95% of our weekday trading hour times and Saturday afternoon the new hotly contested booking time. We also saw our revenue hit new heights with an approximate 43% increase from 2021 and 12.5% increase from the prepandemic benchmark in 2019. We'll be expecting this to continue in 2023 with the increase in court hire pricing and the overall improvement to the sports court surface attracting new customers and hirers.

To cap off 2022, we closed the centre from November 28 for much needed renovations being led by Inner West Council in consultation with SUSF. The project includes:

- Installation of a new timber floor
- Installation of a new Reception Hub including Ice Machine and Fridge
- Replacing all doors around the facility
- Roof repairs
- New storage facilities
- Repair of the court dividing net

Once the works are complete, the facility will be a fully functioning multi-purpose sports centre with all amenities required for a modern facility.

Cumberland Sports Centre also underwent a full upgrade to its gym equipment, thanks to the unwavering hard work and dedication by our Cumberland Sports Facilities Manager Scott Barker. Clubs are enjoying being able to train both on and off the pitch out at Cumberland and the facility is much sought after given the upgrade.

Funding has also been secured to fix up the Cumberland sports hall roof with works being carried out in 2023.

Our maintenance team headed up by Leon Talay have been as busy as always ensuring our ever-aging facilities are in fully working order. Leon supported by Ash Miller and Greg Donachie have worked tirelessly and often out of hours to ensure that down time of equipment and facilities is at a minimal level. My thanks as always goes out to Leon and the team for a tremendous effort throughout the year.

PAUL REYNOLDS HEAD OF OPERATIONS



### SPORTS REPORT



With no more lockdowns and Covid-19 somewhat behind us, the long road to recovery could seemingly begin in 2022. However, La Nina had other plans and brought rain for months on end. There were major flooding events across NSW and playing fields were decimated. Many sporting codes, but especially the winter ones, who battled with ground availability and game cancellations. It would be yet another challenging year for our sporting clubs and programs still reeling from a decline in memberships and volunteers over 2020 and 2021.

Online and hybrid study was still the norm throughout the year for our student athletes. Those who had commenced their studies in 2020 were now in their third year of a very abnormal university experience. However, despite the rain and associated issues, plenty of sport was played. The Beijing Winter Olympics and Paralympics went ahead with Sydney University represented by two of our Elite Athlete Program alumni: Jarryd Hughes (snowboard cross); and James Matheson (moguls). At the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Tokyo, Sydney University was represented by 14 athletes with seven coming away with medals. Several clubs had terrific seasons, including Sydney University Football, Boat, Athletics, Hockey, and Soccer Clubs. Excitingly intervarsity sport was back after two years of disruption, and we rounded out 2022 with tremendous results.

#### Successes

2022 was a stellar year for Sydney University in intervarsity sport. Led by Luci Monk, SUSF's Intervarsity Sport & Basketball Program Coordinator, the University was represented in almost every UniSport Australia Nationals event. Eight individual Nationals Championships were held, with the final large multisport Nationals event hosted in Perth. We claimed 16 pennants, 11 second placings and three third placings, culminating in Sydney University being crowned the Overall Champions ahead of UTS who collected 11 pennants, 9 second placings, and 6 third placings. Additionally, because Sydney University won the Nationals Soccer (Women's) competition, our Sydney University Women's Soccer Team were selected to compete against the University of Canterbury in an Oceania qualifier for the 2023 FISU University World Cup Football event to be held in Jinjiang, China in November 2023. A thrilling game on our home pitch that was extended to extra time saw Sydney University secure World Cup selection! We thank The University of Sydney hugely as, without their generous award of SSAF funding towards our 2022 Nationals campaigns, we would not have been able to enable hundreds of students to participate in the invaluable experience that is intervarsity sport and achieve such success.

Alongside the official UniSport Nationals events, Sydney University competed in the 2022 University Basketball League throughout Semester 1. Coached by Tom and Renae Garlepp in our High Performance Basketball Program, both teams made it through to their Grand Finals with the Men's team securing victory over UTS. This win saw the Men's team selected for an invitational tour to Taiwan in December to compete against a handful of the nation's best university teams. Also held in 2022, after Covid cancellations in 2020 and 2021, was the Australian Boat Race. Both Sydney University's Men's and Women's Eights crews were victorious over Melbourne University on Sydney Harbour, taking home the coveted Edmund Barton and Bella Guerin Trophies. The Women's Uni 7s tournament, previously called the Aon Women's Uni 7s tournament, took on a different format in 2022 with UniSport Australia taking over the reins in its management. Sydney University competed in a three-round tournament over three weekends with our Women securing fifth place overall and two players gaining selection to the University Women's 7s **Rising Stars Team.** 

Working closely together with Sydney University Lawn Tennis Club, SUSF administered a new High Performance Tennis Program and launched the inaugural Sydney University Elite Tennis Squad. Under the tutelage of Director of Tennis, David Moore, and the assistance of Tennis Coach, Simon Ede, the Elite Squad players achieved terrific results in several individual and team tournaments, but notably winning the Premier League for the second year in a row, as well as securing the pennant in the UniSport Australia Nationals Women's Tennis event. After its first appearance in the AusCycle National Road Series (NRS) in 2018, our Sydney University Women's Cycling Team competed in its final NRS season in 2022. Over five years the SUSF-managed Team provided wonderful pathway opportunities for talented female cyclists coming from The University of Sydney and Sydney University Velo Club to compete at a national semiprofessional level. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who assisted with the administration, operation, and support of Sydney Uni Staminade and wish the riders well in their future endeavours.

Thankfully for our sporting clubs, Welcome Week went ahead in February 2022 and as outlined in club reports later in this publication, many clubs were able to secure terrific victories despite the very wet year. At the direction of the University, we commenced a process of supporting clubs to update their constitutions. Sydney Uni Gymnastics and Cheerleading Club successfully split to become two independent clubs while sadly, Sydney Uni Golf Club went dormant. Sydney University Athletics and Volleyball Clubs worked together with SUSF to run USYD SSAF-funded Learn to Play Volleyball and RunSydUni programs, enabling terrific engagement and participation activities for USYD's students and staff. The University also opened-up opportunities for club student members to take part in Student Leader Training, courtesy of its Office of Student Life. We continued towards preparing clubs and programs for the 2023 introduction of standardised costings for our Strength & Conditioning service and SUSF's Club Development Manager, Emily Chancellor, completed a new induction process for all new club administrators. Alongside continued field and venue allocations, sporting scholarships, high performance services, and administrative support, amongst other benefits; SUSF (despite having a difficult year financially in 2021) provided its 40 affiliated clubs in 2022 with the same cash allotments as per 2021, noting that there was a 5% decrease in club cash allotments in 2021 from 2020.

Our Elite Athlete Program supported 274 student athletes in 2022 (a fraction more than the 260 members in 2021) with 29 sports represented in the cohort (a little less than the 34 sports represented in 2021). The academic performance of the 265 members enrolled at USYD continued to be terrific with 92% and 96% of the group performing to a satisfactory academic standard\* in Semester 1 and Semester 2 respectively. Disappointingly however, there was a sharp increase in our student athletes being awarded Absent Fail grades with 11 members attracting these grades in Semester 1 and 10 in Semester 2; quite an alarming result when in 2021, only two members attracted these grades in Semester 1 and three in Semester 2.

\*Satisfactory academic standard – New Elite Athlete Program members must pass all subject OR achieve a SAM of 55, and returning members must pass all subjects AND achieve a SAM of 60.

With Olympian water polo player and Doctor of Medicine graduate, Hannah Buckling, named as the Valedictorian of this year group, over 20 student athletes completed their studies in 2022. This superb group included: three-time Olympian and Australia's first ever world tae kwon do champion, Carmen Marton, who finished her Master of Business Administration; NSW spin bowler and former Big Bash cricket player, now physiotherapist, Devlin Malone; former Waratahs and now Western Force rugby scrum half and Bachelor of Economics graduate, Henry Robertson; World karate champion and now a PhD in Architecture, Kristina Mah; and our 2022 University Nationals winning team co-captains, triathletes and twins, Luke and Jayden Schofield, who completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering & Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Mechatronic Engineering & Bachelor of Science, respectively. Our tremendous thanks to the University, The University of Sydney Business School, our wonderful community of scholarship donors, and the residential colleges for their continued commitment and support of our Elite Athlete Program and our wonderful student athletes.

Having been established in 2021 the USYD Sport and Physical Activity Research and Teaching Network (SPARTAN) we worked closely with the Network on several collaborations in 2022. We provided discounted SUSF facility passes for SPARTAN members, assisted them with promoting physical activity, and the Faculty of Medicine & Health hosted the Sydney University Football Club (SUFC) in the Sydney Biomechanics Lab for performance testing as part of their preparation for the 2022 season. Miles Downie took up the role as SUSF's High Performance Manager after Sam Pervan's departure in early 2022 and revamped our nutrition support and performance psychology services. Terrifically, the fit out of the gym at Cumberland Campus was completed during the year, benefiting several clubs and programs, but especially providing a great boost for Sydney University Hockey Club enabling their top players to complete their strength and conditioning training right next to their training ground.

#### **Staff Movements**

We welcomed the following staff to the Sport department in 2022: David Bourke (Strength & Conditioning Coach); Claudia Bell (Director Women's Rugby, Sydney University Football Club); Nick Larkin (Coordinator – Sport & Athlete Support); Petar Trbojevic (Director of Water Polo, Sydney University Water Polo Club); Miles Downie (High Performance Manager; James FitzGerald (Director, Sydney University Athletics Club); Laryssa Biesenthal (Coach, Sydney University Boat Club); David Gely (Coach, Sydney University Boat Club); Chelsea Brennan (Marketing & Events Coordinator, Sydney University Football Club); Damien Hill (Head Coach, Sydney University Football Club).

We farewelled several permanent and max. Term Sport department staff in 2022 including: Sam Pervan (High Performance Manager/Basketball Program Coordinator); Rebecca Hay (Sports Dietitian - Contractor); Paul Penna (Performance Psychologist - Contractor); Chris Holliday (Director, Sydney University Boat Club); Jack Hanley (Coach, Sydney University Boat Club), Sean Hedger (Head Coach, Sydney University Football Club), Claudia Bell (Director Women's Rugby, Sydney University Football Club); Tristan Sharp (Senior Strength & Conditioning Coach); Jack Farrer (General Manager, Sydney University Football Club; Emily Chancellor (Club Development Manager); Kirsty Stevens (Marketing & Events Manager, Sydney University Football Club).

LEONIE LUM HEAD OF SPORT

# PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION REPORT



### 2022 proved to be a positive year for continued growth and development for the Programs and Participation team.

#### **PARTICIPATION TEAM**

- Head of Program & Participation: Matt Rennick
- Deputy Head of Programs & Participation: Jodi Rosenthal
- Campus Life & Student Engagement Manager: Yvette Mok
- Competitions Manager: Alex Cusack
- Tennis Program Manager: Talor Hamilton (New Tennis Program Manager Brent Hartley July 2022)
- Head Tennis Coach: Marcus Coombs
- Sports Programs Administrator: Matt Hutchinson (New position created in June 2022)

A huge thanks to all the Participation Team for their outstanding efforts in 2022, working with all our stake holders, the University, students, colleges, residences, clubs, Sydney Uni Sports & Fitness (SUSF) Marketing and Venues teams as well as the Grounds and Maintenance Team. All our interactions with stakeholders are incredibly important so we can deliver the best sports programs to the students and community.

#### **PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS**

#### **School Holiday Sports Camps**

The School Holiday Program is in the stages of recovering after the last two years of COVID shutdowns, however the SUSF School Holiday Camps are a trusted brand and repeat clients are returning. The brand is strong and needs to continue to be respected so the community chooses our Sports Camps as their first option.

One of our objectives for the future is building on an already strong program by working closely with the Sydney Uni Hockey, AFL and Soccer clubs. From these relationships we will strive to maintain our quality service and providing work opportunities for students and a pathway for young athletes, and more importantly build up our programs to be the best we can.

We had an enormous response to the customer survey, upon reflection:

52% of parents think a 3-day camp is the ultimate for their kids.

62% of parents picked SUSF School Holiday Sports Program for the quality for the program.

Some further comments include – "Staff are great, it's fun with friends, learning and practicing new skills. The coaches were excellent and made the day fun and interesting while also teaching new skills. My son could not stop talking about what he learnt."

School Holiday Sports Camps	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Summer (i.e. 2021-22 holidays is final period presented in this table)	1773	1218	1629	1505	Dec 21 - 500 COVID Jan Camps Cancelled
Autumn	900	499	COVID No Camp	998	857
Winter	891	716	448 (2 weeks only)	90 (3 Days) Then COVID Lock-down	975
Spring	751	886	823	COVID No Camp	874
TOTAL	4315	3319	2900	2593	3206



These are all positive reflections on the SUSF School Holiday Program and how enthusiastic and committed our staff are. We received suggestions of introducing new sports, having multi-sport schedule online and bringing the fruit back, all these suggestions are in the process of being implemented.

The School Holiday Program has a strong emphasis on participants being involved in moderate to intense levels of physical activity, with no devices allowed. With a high focus on sport development, exceeding level of coaching and consistently delivering a high level of customer service. We have a unique pool of coaches who are enthusiastic, respectful and knowledgeable. One of our biggest advantages over other School Holiday Programs is having facilities for wet weather options, which has proven to be successful with either tennis on the show court or archery in the TAG building.

SUSF School Holiday Program would like to extend a warm thank you to our grounds and operations staff for their support and assistance in 2022, during an extremely difficult year for everyone. We are looking forward to the year ahead.

#### **SCHOOL SPORT**

Our School Sport Programs grew substantially in 2022 with new clients and programs. SUSF offers Primary and Secondary Schools an opportunity to utilize our world class facilities to enhance their internal sports programs.

- Programs are tailored to the schools, designed by a trained SUSF staff member and delivered by experienced coaches
- School Sport Programs are not just hiring the venue to a school they provide the content of the program, coaches and equipment
- Programs are offered during school terms, we have four terms each year with a range of opportunities

#### The Growth

- In 2022 we had up to 500 students through SUSF facilities each week in a variety of sports programs
- We have improved our customer growth from one major client in 2019 to five major clients in 2022

#### **School Sport - Benefits**

- Students filter into other SUSF programs eg. club sport and some students attend Syd Uni and get involved in SUSF Sports programs
- We are filling the venue during the day when court hire is low

We look forward to the continued success of our school's program throughout 2023. We will strive to keep our coaches well trained and motivated to provide quality programs now and in the future.

#### **RECREATIONAL SHORT COURSES**

In 2022 we continued to offer courses during Semester 1 and Semester 2, with

- Kickboxing
- Archery
- Rock Climbing
- Lunchtime Yoga
- Lunch Time Pilates

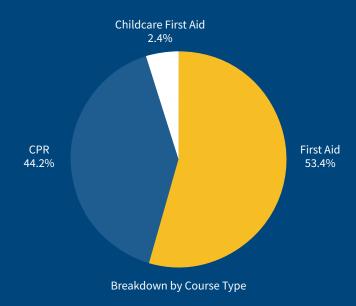
Our school-age rock climbers and archers also enjoyed our Junior Short Course offerings for the first two terms of the year. Participation numbers still felt the pinch after COVID, but in Semester 2 our numbers rose significantly and where close to pre-COVID numbers, with all our adult courses returning healthy numbers and even having to close enrolments for courses like Kickboxing and Archery. We are confident the appetite for pursuing Short Courses will continue to grow once campus life is thriving again.

#### **FIRST AID PROGRAMS**

The First Aid program remained strong in 2022, with participation numbers increasing from 2021. The program had an increase in total registrations of 67%, with 1417 people choosing to undertake their training with SUSF.

The course 'Provide an Emergency First Aid Response in an Education and Care Setting' was offered again in 2022, with 33 students undertaking the program. With restrictions being eased and lifted, we were able to allow a greater number of students in courses, having a limit of 28 participants per course. This resulted in more of our courses being filled. The program has several excellent Allen's certified trainers this year—Mitch, Ben and Victoria—all three providing high quality courses on behalf of SUSF, on and off campus. Excitingly, SUSF provided 70 courses in 2022, a jump of 23 from 2021, including 23 courses for private clients.

We partnered with Sydney Uni's Office of Student Life, to deliver 11 courses for them. We will be continuing this partnership with them in 2023. In 2022 we also updated the practical equipment used by the students, replacing CPR dummies, bandages etc. Other private programs resulted in trainers facilitating the courses at the client's nominated venue. In its third full year, Allen's Training's new online enrolment system 'Training Desk' has continued to make light work of facilitating courses. The userfriendly interface has made the certification process simpler for trainers, administrators, and participants.



### 63% Student Participation

Year	Students
2020	857
2021	948
2022	1363

#### **TENNIS PROGRAM**

Like all sporting programs at SUSF, Tennis exceeded previous years in both growth and quality of offerings. The first COVIDfree year witnessed a significant increase in registrations, specifically adult lessons which can be attributed to the return of international students in the second half of the year.

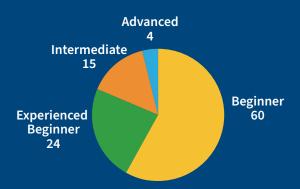
While we enjoyed the relief from the pandemic, it cannot be ignored that the significant rain we experienced throughout the year had an effect on our programs. As a result, the numbers of credit rollovers was impacted.

Social tennis also started off slowly, but picked up from mid-term. We had classes selling out and had to extend court bookings.

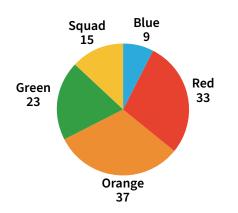
Adult Tennis	Junior Tennis	Elite Program
Private Coaching	Private Lessons	Access to elite coaching while also completing a university degree
Semi-private Coaching	Semi-private Lessons	Managing coaches
Group Coaching	Group Lessons & Squads	Relationship with SULTC
Social Tennis	Assessments	Growing two tennis identities as one
Advanced Hitting Squad		
Assessments		

Tennis Registration numbers for 2022 Total Adults: 498 Total Juniors: 506 Social Tennis: 30 – 40 Adults weekly throughout 2022

### **ADULT TENNIS**



### **TENNIS JUNIOR**



We look to 2023 with great expectation as we focus on consolidation and further developing the positive foundations that were layed out in 2022, with emphasis being placed on our coaching quality.

Active Kids vouchers are offered for our Tennis Program, Junior Short Courses and Junior Swim School Programs. Active Kids vouchers are a popular and important part of junior registrations and we hope to have a successful 2023 as the government continues to offer this service to families.

#### **INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT**

The 2022 Intercollegiate Sporting calendar resumed to the traditional schedule for the first time since COVID changed the landscape on how the events were delivered. Spectator numbers returned to maximum capacity, and with this came an unprecedented fervour and passion for the prestigious Rawson and Rosebowl tournaments. Despite this, the year didn't unfold without its challenges. La Nina was the primary headache that had to be dealt with in 2022, bringing record levels of rainfall that affected all outdoor sports to some degree.

Despite the absolute best efforts from the SUSF Grounds team, we were unfortunately unable to complete this year's cricket tournament, some of the hockey fixtures were played in torrential conditions, St Paul's and St Andrew's Ovals were torn to shreds during the rugby campaign, and by sheer luck, we were just able to get results for both tennis tournaments with a combination of the Manning Lawn and synthetic Aquatic Centre courts. As with the curveball that COVID threw at us the previous two years, the weather in 2022 tested the adaptability, flexibility and organisational skills of our intercol organisers.

Congratulations to St Andrew's College for winning the Rawson Cup and Rosebowl competitions this year. Fittingly, St Andrew's hosted the annual Intercol Sports Awards Dinner after a two-year hiatus, also marking Principal Wayne's Erickson's final year in charge of the sportspeople in sky-blue & white. The silverware collection with Wayne at the helm has certainly been impressive and will no doubt be a hailed as a golden era for St Andrew's Intercollegiate sport. A special mention must also go to the men from St John's College, securing their first trophy in 3 years after winning the Rawson Cup tennis.

Intercollegiate social sport was back on the calendar again in 2022. In Semester 1, St Andrew's College hosted a memorable Women's Rugby 7s event to commemorate 20 years of undergraduate women in sport. St John's College then hosted an equally successful Women's Rugby 7s competition on their grounds in Semester 2. The male residents enjoyed an Aussie Rules series which saw the final round played under Friday Night Lights on Oval 1. While St Paul's and Women's Colleges held a social Touch Football competition day.

A big thank you to the 2022 Intercol Sports Committee. The Intercol Student Representatives play a huge role in managing their student teams. The events simply wouldn't happen without the help of the relative convenors. Along with the inclusion of the now regular women's rugby 7s tournament. The Committee successfully organised volleyball and water polo gala days which were well received.

2023 promises to be another exciting year as St Paul's College welcomes undergraduate girls into their residential walls and, with that, we expect to see the Rosebowl competition continue to grow in strength and contestability.

#### Rosebowl

College	Netball	Rowing	Swimming	Hockey	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Athletics	Total	Rank
St. Andrew's	7	7	7	7	7	6	3	7	51	1st
Women's	3	1	3	0	5	3	7	5	27	2nd
Wesley	1	5	0	5	1	6	5	0	23	3rd
St John's	5	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	18	4th
Sancta Sophia	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	1	9	5th

#### **Rawson Cup**

College	Cricket	Rowing	Swimming	Rugby	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Athletics	Total	Rank
St. Andrew's	4	3	5	5	4	5	3	3	32	1st
Paul's	4	5	0	3	4	1	1	5	23	2nd
St John's	0.5	1	1	0	1	0	5	1	9.5	3rd
Wesley	0.5	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	7.5	4th

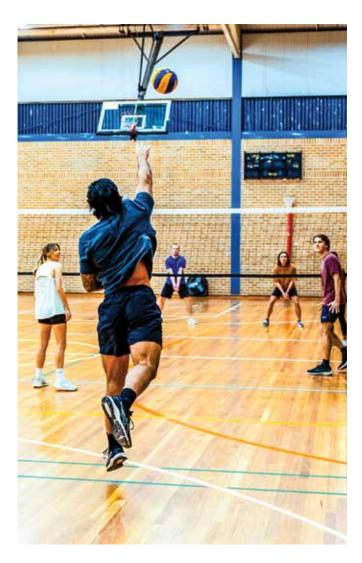
#### **INTERFACULTY SPORT**

2022 was yet another memorable year for Interfaculty Sport and all participating students. 2022 was the first year we completed all events since the pandemic started. Given we experienced challenges due to wet weather and industrial action, it did not diminish students' eagerness to compete for their faculties/schools.

Approximately 1,500 students were competing for their teams throughout the year, and we considered the participation number would have been higher if the weather had been more favourable for outdoor sports and if event days were on their traditional competition day and period (i.e. on Wednesday, and between Week 3 and Week 10).

A new event, Campus Race, was introduced to participating students to get them to pay a short visit to locations on the Camperdown Campus that they may not go to during their time on campus. Students completed the race with many close calls, a lot of laughter and smiling faces amongst them.

Congratulations to Team Engineering as they claimed the Emily Small Shield in 2022 for the fifth consecutive year after facing a tough tournament with Team Business, Health Science and Science before they secured their victory. Interfaculty Sport strives to enhance students' campus life experience through sport, and we look forward to another rewarding year with all participating students.



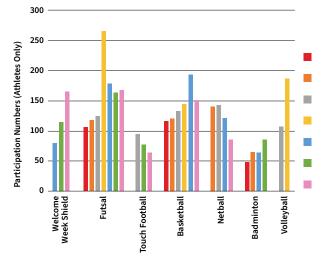
#### **INTRAMURAL SPORT**

Congratulations to all participating residences and colleges this year, with special mention to Regiment for winning the Liane Tooth Cup and Thomas Whalan Cup.

Intramural Participating Teams; Darlo Bears, Iglu, Queen Mary Building, Regiment, Sancta Sophia College, St John's College, Sydney Uni Village, UniLodge, Women's College

Intramural Planning and Feedback

- The Welcome Week Shield still remains the residence's favourite event of the year
- Preference is to remove Netball and replace with Volleyball or Badminton
- Students prefer weekday competition (esp Friday evening events)



#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

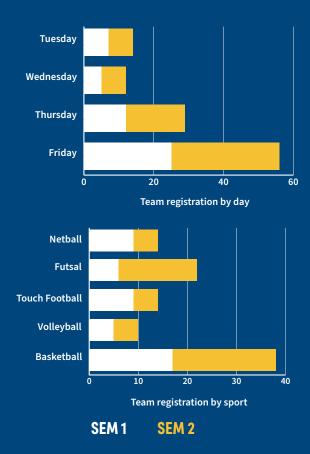
We organised multiple sports events in 2022 that were influenced by the objectives of SUSF's Diversity and Community Strategy. We have collaborated with the Pride Network and the Gadigal Centre of the University of Sydney, Paralympic Australia and many more stakeholders to reach out to different under-represented groups in the University community. The events aimed to integrate all students and enhance awareness and availability of sports opportunities on campus. Additionally, we co-hosted the inaugural Goalball competition with our crosstown rivals University of Technology Sydney (UTS). It was an indicator of change with inclusivity in sports at the University level, and we are eager to contribute more and improve inclusion in sports.

#### SUSF COMPETITIONS

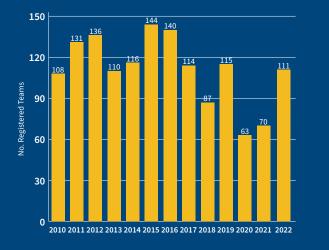
#### **Lunchtime Social Sport**

Semester 2, 2022 was exciting to see a return to students on campus and a thirst for our favourite sports - Futsal, Volleyball, Basketball and Touch Football. Basketball and Futsal numbers were very positive. A key to our success for the future will be to continue to work with our Sporting Clubs to remain contemporary, fresh and in touch with what the market wants in a Lunchtime Sports Program.

#### Participation Breakdown in 2022:



#### Lunchtime Social Sport Competition Growth (2010 - 2022)



2022 Registrations	Sem 1	Sem 2
No. of Teams	51	60

#### SOCIAL NETBALL COMPETITION

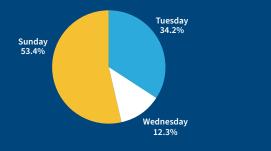
Our Social Netball competition had it's strongest year to date. A total of 323 teams competed over four competitions in 2022.

SUSF has an incredibly loyal casual Social Netball workforce, thanks must be given to our court supervisors and umpires that come in three times a week to continue to help make our Social Netball competition a stand out in the community.

We offered 7-a-side competitions on Tuesdays and Sundays, plus modified Fast 5 competition on Wednesdays. All formats were open to everyone (students, staff and the wider community) and included both mixed and women's competitions.

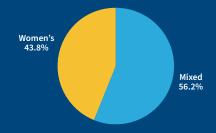
Some 2022 Highlights;

- Wednesday's mixed Fast 5 competition was at capacity for the first time
- Competition 4, 2022 was the largest competition on record
- Social Netball Lifetime Membership was implemented

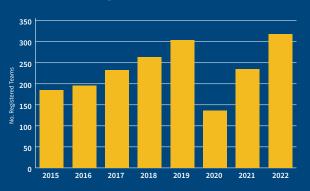


Competition breakdown by day

Competition breakdown by type



#### Social Netball Competition Growth (2015 - 2022)



2022 Registrations	Competition 1	Competition 2	Competition 3	Competition 4
No. of Teams	73	78	79	93

#### **SWIM PROGRAM**

#### Swim Education & Club in review

December 2022 saw 2,018 swimmers participate in Sydney Uni Swimming Program - our largest enrolment period on record. This resulted in a record-breaking year with swim program revenue coming in 10% ahead of a stretch budget at \$1.2M

We continue our mission 'to empower swimmers in and out of the water for life', with a broad selection of programs servicing the Sydney Uni Students, and the wider community with quality aquatic education.

Our Learn to Swim and Squad program were supported by two full-time and one part-time administrators and a cast of 32 weekly casuals, went from strength to strength in 2022. Our popular 10-week term programs continued to be complimented by 5-day Holiday Intensive Programs acknowledging those unable to commit to weekly lessons, diverse family units and those on limited incomes.

The SAAF funded Watersafe Program was conducted over Semesters 1 & 2. In 2022, 336 students enrolled to learn basic water skills, stroke, and water survival skills. Classes were offered five days per week for seven weeks. As attendance incentives, students received SUSF swimming merchandise (caps, waterbottles, t-shirts and towels). Staff and students alike, continue to remark on the high degree of satisfaction this program offers them both socially and physically.

Our Schools Swimming Program serviced five local schools with lessons during term 4. An additional 723 students joined the Program in term 4, providing us with a very busy end to the year. The benefits of their lessons were seen by staff and teachers as we hosted, managed, and cheered their successes at their annual swim carnivals in December.

In 2022, the newly created Uni Fit Swim Squad was designed for Sydney Uni student swimmers wishing to maintain their connection with the water whilst focusing on their academic pursuits. Student friendly session times help transitioning students adjust to academic loads and acts as a springboard to our competitive Varsity team. In its first year, the squad had a maximum roster of 32 swimmers.

The Varsity and Open squads sent teams to Australian Open Water, Australian Age, Australian Commonwealth Games Trials, Australian Short Course and the UniSport National Championships over the year whilst maintaining a solid financial and membership performance.

Sydney Uni Swimming provided the Head Coach (Paul Bruce) and four (James Koch, Ryan Wilkes, Thomas Hay, Jack Wilson) of the 7 male members selected for the NSW contingent of the Australian Team that competed at the Toyota US Open Championships in Greensboro, USA. Each athlete coming home with at least one medal and helping the NSW Team secure second place in the Overall Men's Point Score at that prestigious international event.

Special mention must also be made of Varsity Team Member, James Koch, who represented Australia at the World Life Saving Championships in Italy during the year, collecting 5 World Titles, including the prestigious Open Men's Surf Race.

Not to be out done, the Junior and Age Group program went from strength to strength with good participation numbers and representation across the age groups through to the various Area and State Championship events. Setting up for a very successful 2023 and beyond.

The Program made a significant structural coaching change at the commencement of the summer season, with Coaches Anton Nikulin and Jake Hodgetts both taking on greater responsibilities. Anton added the State Age Squad to his existing role with our Junior program, allowing Jake to then focus on the National Age Squad, increase his involvement and using his University qualifications in Physiology and High Performance sport with the ever growing Varsity program. This new structure is now well established and is producing some great results.

JODI ROSENTHAL DEPUTY HEAD OF PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION KELLIE WARREN SWIM PROGRAM MANAGER





# MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP REPORT

2022 began with a lot of uncertainty due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which continued to cause disruptions and introduce new variants. However, despite these challenges, the SUSF marketing team remained focused on planning and executing outstanding marketing initiatives and campaigns, such as the Welcome Fest, Sports Awards, Commonwealth Games, and the Australian Boat Race.

The team adopted the mantra of "2022 is the new norm" and remained agile and creative in welcoming students back to campus after a two-year break. Although there were some nervous and interesting moments, sports played a crucial role in breaking down barriers and connecting people.

To achieve excellence, the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) team constantly reimagines its approach and strives to better serve its diverse customer base. As part of this pursuit, the team rethought its customer journey and used key data to align its product offering with the ever-changing customer needs.

I am extremely proud to share the outstanding campaigns, events, and print work that the team delivered.

#### **ROAR 50**

The start of Semester 1 marked a major milestone for our in-house publication ROAR, with the release of its 50th edition, aptly named "50 Not Out". This special edition not only delivered gripping sports content but also offered readers a chance to look back and recap 49 great editions of this wonderful publication.

The marketing and editorial teams played a crucial role in planning and executing this milestone edition, ensuring that it was a fitting celebration of ROAR's long-standing success as a leading publication for university sports.



#### **WELCOME FEST**

The students returning to campus in 2022 were greeted by a new and improved Welcome Fest. Over three exciting days, SUSF showcased its world-class facilities, programs, competitions, and sports clubs, providing students with a comprehensive look at what was on offer. The marketing and events team played a major role in planning and executing this successful event, ensuring that students received a warm and informative welcome to campus life.

#### **STUDENT GYM PASS CAMPAIGN**

The annual Student Gym Pass, which is supported by SSAF funding, proved to be a big hit for the returning student body with its engaging strapline of "Your Time is Now". The success of this important campaign, which was supported across all marketing channels, helped in the delivery of an extremely successful campaign, which saw an increase in gym memberships sold.

#### **SPORTS AWARDS**

With COVID restrictions a distant memory, The Great Hall welcomed back a full contingent of athletes, administrators, Sydney University Sporting Clubs, family, and SUSF staff for the much-anticipated Sports Awards. This event was planned and covered by the marketing and events team, who ensured that the occasion was a memorable one for all attendees.

#### **ROAR 51**

Semester 2 saw the launch of ROAR 51, with all inspiring Mackenzie Little, gracing our cover and sharing her amazing story of how she is juggling her medical studies with a successful athletics career.

#### **COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

Following a successful tracking and reporting campaign of the Tokyo Athletics, the SUSF again set the bar in reporting the participation and successes of the Sydney Uni Athletes who competed at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. A comprehensive and detailed creative and media campaign was developed and shared across various digital platforms leading up to and during the games.

#### NATIONALS

Undoubtedly the most anticipated event on the university sporting calendar, UniSport Nationals, were held in Perth following a two-year hiatus. Deemed the 'Olympics of Intervarsity Sport', over 5,000 participants from across the country competed in a week of sports, hoping to be crowned National Champions.

Represented by one of the largest groups in the competition, the University of Sydney sent 300 student-athletes who competed across 21 sports.

The University of Sydney won the overall title with an impressive haul of 16 pennants, including eight individual championships. This success was reported by our marketing team, who travelled to Perth to record content and create a comprehensive and engaging media campaign that was shared across SUSF's platforms.

#### **AUSTRALIAN BOAT RACE**

Thanks to a concerted marketing effort, a record turnout at Darling Harbour witnessed the long-awaited return of the

Australian Boat Race, where the University of Sydney emerged victorious in both the Women's and Men's Eight categories, defeating a spirited University of Melbourne team.

#### **BLUES DINNER**

Rounding out an amazing 2022, over 250 guests joined SUSF and The Blues Association in celebrating the recipients of the 2022 Blues and Gold awards. A stunning evening, saw dual summer and winter Paralympic competitor Rae Anderson and rower Jackson Kench e named Sydney University Female and Male Blues of the Year in the MacLaurin Hall.

And just like that, 2022 came to an exciting end, with the "New Norm" having been established and planning underway for a busy 2023. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the most amazing Marketing Team, and the entire Senior Management team who have supported some edgy thinking as we pushed the boundary and embraced the New Norm.

#### IAN RIDDICK HEAD OF MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP



### BLUES ASSOCIATION REPORT



### The Sydney University Blues Association (SUBA) raises funds to maintain funding for 'Blues' sporting scholarships and holds reunion functions for past Blue and Gold recipients.

The Blues Association is a volunteer group open to all Blue and Gold recipients. It aims to maintain the traditions and keep recipients in touch with each other, their sporting clubs and the University.

While students enrol at university to earn a degree, many strive to represent the institution at local, state, national and international sporting endeavours - and earn a Blue.

On that note, dual summer and winter Paralympic competitor Rae Anderson and rower Jackson Kench were named 2022 Sydney University Female and Male Blues of the Year at the annual Blues Dinner held in MacLaurin Hall in December.

Rae Anderson, a Bachelor of Arts student, represented Australia at the 2022 Beijing Winter Paralympic Games in Beijing where she came 7th in the Women's Slalom Standing and 10th in the Women's Giant Slalom Standing. Her selection for Beijing made her the 7th dual Summer and Winter Paralympian from Australia. She was also a member of the inaugural Australian ParaMatildas soccer team that competed at the International Federation of CP Football Women's World Cup.

Jackson Kench, a Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Advanced Studies student, stroked the Australian men's eighth to a bronze medal at the 2022 World Rowing Championships in Racine, Czech Republic. He was also in the NSW men's eight that won the interstate regatta, the Open eight that won the NSW Championship, the Open men's pair that came first at the Australian Championships and the Open men's four that came second at the same regatta, and a member of the Sydney University eight that won the Australian Boat Race. Anderson and Kench were among 37 athletes to receive sporting Blues and 11 volunteers to receive Golds at the dinner. As Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Chair David Mortimer said on the night: "Sport provides our University with a truly positive and healthy marketing and recruitment campaign that money just cannot buy. Sport plays a vital role in our education programs and, dare I say it, in our nation building.

"Not only over the past year, but over the past 132 years, the University has consistently appreciated the importance of sport as a critical component of the education process and we thank the University for having the foresight to provide our students with facilities that have enabled us, through our clubs, to build a world-leading University sports organisation. The University supports us well and in return our clubs, supported by SUSF, play a critical and important ambassadorial role for the University."

And that happens at many levels across the community, whether it be through the mention of Sydney University in national and international sports broadcasts, or the thousands of people who represent the University every weekend across our 40 clubs, or the many youngsters who use campus competitions, camps and learn-to programs each week.

On behalf of the Blues Association, I congratulate the 2022 Blues on your academic and sporting achievements and wish you well in future endeavours. Congratulations also to this year's Gold recipients and thank you for your support of sporting clubs and athletes on campus. It was no surprise that Sydney University won the overall title at the 2022 UniSport National Championships held over seven days in Perth.

The Blues Association is in the process of organising several functions for members in 2023 which will be announced in due course.

**GRAHAM CROKER** SUBA PRESIDENT





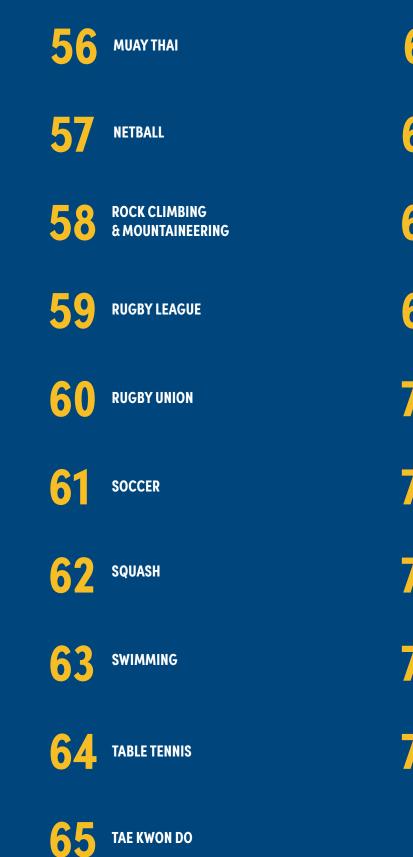
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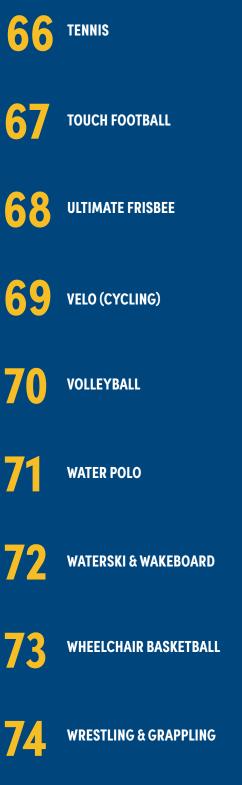
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# **AMERICAN FOOTBALL**

The Sydney Uni American Football Club (SUAFC) began the year in transition from a year without football and a changing executive staff. This year saw the return of football activities and our tackle football season.

We were able to enter 3 teams into the returning GNSW competition in the men's, women's and colts (U20s) leagues. Additionally, we were able to establish a number of social events and fundraisers to help bolster club revenue and engage the community.

SUAFC and SUSF ran our second annual Super Bowl event on Oval No.1, displaying the game on the big scoreboard. It was a success and further strengthened the relationship between SUAFC, SUSF and the Student Body relations on campus. Our SUAFC social flag competition was able to be run for the second consecutive year and the funds raised were put to good use as we invested in new training gear and game day equipment. Additionally, we were able to run club social events this year to great success, including a Trivia Night and our Annual Dinner.

Our women's team was in a transition year, with players and coaches shifting priorities after the COVID break. Due to this, we struggled to retain players, and as such entered an agreement with the Central Coast Gridiron Association, with their players joining our team for 2022. This ensured everyone who wanted to play got game time and a team to play with. Similarly, we had some changes with our women's coaching staff throughout the year, and will be looking for more stability in 2023. Despite these challenges, our women's team achieved success, finishing 3rd in the regular season and qualifying for the playoffs.

In the Colts team, we had a lot of players age out of the team, so our focus was rebuilding and recruiting. We were able to build a strong core of young players who we hope to lead the team into the future. Our Colts team was strengthened by a passionate coaching staff of current and former men's players who guided and motivated the group. The team achieved great success throughout the season, finishing second in the regular season and qualifying for the Kookaburra Bowl (Grand Final).

In the men's team, we were able to achieve a large player base at all positions, including returning and new players. Our men's team continued to build out our coaching staff, and has individual position specific coaches across most positions. The team continued its great on field success, winning the Club's 22nd State Championship in the men's competition, our second in a row and our 18th in the last 19 years.

I would like to personally thank all of our players, coaches, executive and other volunteers for a highly successful 2022 season. I look forward to SUAFC building on this success in all areas in 2023.

HARRISON CROOK PRESIDENT



## ARCHERY

2022 has been an exceptional year compared to the previous two years. This year was one of the most productive years the Sydney Uni Archery Club (SUAC) has had and it has been a huge success, especially regarding its members and participation.

In January, the SUAC team travelled to Canberra to participate in a tournament and brought home various awards including the World Archery Star for 1000 and 1100 points. The start of the semester had the Club worried that member numbers were not going to bounce back but with friendly smiles and teamwork, the Club had a great increase in member numbers. Our annual N00b Cup beginner tournament was as successful as it has always been, and we are always looking forward to our next one. Throughout the semester, the Club held several online web games nights, study sessions and full-on gaming sessions to keep members spirits up, especially through the exam season.

July and August was especially successful for the Club, running Come and Try sessions, open to anyone to attend, and get a feel of the sport before committing to the Club. The aim was to raise the participation in archery, and this opportunity certainly has, with over 100 people interested, and this resulted in additional club members. Without this opportunity, this might not have happened. Collaboration events with USU clubs were also a resounding success as participation skyrocketed. Team SUAC again went to Canberra for the State/National indoor competition in July, and it yielded great results, especially for our newer team members. For this competition, SUAC took home a 2nd and 3rd ranking in the NSW state and two all gold awards.

September was an amazing month as it was the month that the Club got a new trailer. This enabled the Club to comfortably fit all its equipment in and provide room to expand and accommodate for our rapidly growing club. The annual UNSW x USYD Knock-Out tournament was also held in this month and SUAC did amazingly, taking home most of the medals as well as 1st place for all categories. For the month of October, the Club held a Halloween Event that was greatly received as participants got to compete in teams to shoot zombies and carve pumpkins. In November, our youngest team member participated in the Warringah Kidbow Tournament and took home a 1st place and 2nd place in the Open Women's Recurve. SUAC would like to again express its gratitude to SUSF for its ongoing support. Without this support, the Club would not have been able to be this successful. Moving to 2023, we are excited to introduce a new program for members to keep track with their archery career and continue to develop their skills and grow. We are aiming to fill the professional team so we can have a bigger and stronger pride of lions at our future archery tournaments and make SUSF proud.

### **VALERIE FANG** *PRESIDENT*



## ATHLETICS

### There was plenty of anticipation for the Sydney Uni Athletics Club (SUAC) in 2022.

After the success of Tokyo 2020 (2021), the year ahead was packed full of international opportunity that included World Championships in Oregon (USA), Commonwealth Games in Birmingham (UK) and the World Junior Championships in Cali (CO). The year would also see the running of the first RUNSYDUNI after several years of disruption due to the pandemic.

Domestically we had another great start to the year with athletes performing well at State Championships, but the highlight was the dominance at the UniSport Nationals on the Gold Coast, winning both Men's and Women's pennants!

RunSydUni finally got out of the blocks in 2022. After false starts in 2020 and 2021, a full ten-week training program commenced assisted by some of our EAP athletes with coaching duties. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate, with many training sessions cancelled, halting the momentum for the SSAF-funded program, however the event went ahead after a slight reschedule due to on-campus activities. The day was excellent with a two-lap course around the University. A big thanks to all 360 entrants for their interest, to the 40+ EAP athletes & club members who volunteered their time on the day as course officials, and to the University for assisting in the smooth running of the event on the day.

The results from World Championships in Oregon, were amazing:

- Nicola Olyslagers, finished 5th in the High Jump
- Mackenzie Little, finished 5th in the Javelin with a PB Club Record (63.22m), having led the competition until round 3
- Rohan Browning, recorded 10.22 in the heats
- Nick Hough, made it to the semi-finals in the 110m Hurdles
- Alex Beck, made it to the semi-finals of the 400m
- Michelle Jenneke, finished 11th in the 110m Hurdles with a PB Club Record (12.66), in the World Record winning semi-final

The Commonwealth Games in Birmingham began less than a week after World Championships. Athletics started later in the program and once again SUAC athletes achieved amazing results:

- Mackenzie Little, silver medallist in the Javelin with a PB Club Record (64.27m)
- Angie Ballard, silver medallist in the 1500m T53/53
- Shelley Jenneke, 5th in the 110m Hurdles
- Sarah Bligh-Clifton, 5th in the 100m T34
- Rohan Browning, 6th in the 100m
- Nick Hough (covid), 7th in the 110m Hurdles

SUAC only had one competitor at World Juniors, Laura Roderick, who placed 15th in the 5000m.

The Winter season began with both Open teams winning medals at State Cross Country Relays. That set the season up, culminating in a Gold medals to Laura Roderick in the Women's U20 and Lucy Mauviel in the Women's U23 at the Australian Cross Country Championships in Adelaide. Paige Campbell in the Open Women's and Lachlan Townsend in the Men's U20 also had great results.

SUAC took out gold at the Women's UniSport Long Running Championships while the Men placed second.

State Relays were held in Campbelltown, with SUAC dominating the Open competition winning 19 medals in total, more than the next 3 clubs combined (6 Gold, 6 Silver & 7 Bronze).

The Treloar Shield Final (Club Championships), was held incredibly late in the year and SUAC finished a very close 2nd, missing several key Elite Athlete Program athletes. A fantastic result given the circumstances.

All in all, an amazing year for the Club and the University as a whole. Many thanks to all members of this wonderful club and its hard-working committee as well as all the SUSF staff that have made my new appointment incredibly rewarding.

#### JAMES FITZGERALD DIRECTOR



## **AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL**

2022 was the first full season since 2019, and it was fantastic to field 12 teams once again across the Mens, Womens, U19s and Masters competitions, with strong participation numbers across the board. Sydney Uni Australian National Football Club (SUANFC) was able to return to a precovid level of normality, holding regular social functions and bigger gamedays, which was fantastic to see.

### **COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF**

The Club began the 2022 season with some exciting new coaching appointments, as well as the retention of several key coaches and staff from the 2021 season. Lindsay Scown took up the role of Senior Men's Coach following the departure of Tom Morrison. The Women's football program also saw a change of leadership in 2022, with Jon Dyster coming on as Women's Senior Coach.

### **2022 SEASON**

The 2022 season certainly provided some great highlights and wonderful achievements, and once again highlighted the fantastic work of all involved with SUANFC including coaches, players, support staff, volunteers, family, friends and supporters.

All teams put in strong pre-seasons efforts, although rough weather and flooding certainly hindered final preparations. Our Men's Premier Division team had a solid season, managing to score wins on the board against the top two teams through the home and away games. Unfortunately, the Mens Premier Division team did not have the finals run they had hoped, going down in the Semi Final by only one goal. The Womens Premier Division team found their feet by Round 5, only dropping three matches after that. It certainly was fantastic to see the Women's Premier Division program really grow and improve in 2022, starting the season in 8th and making it all the way through to the Preliminary Final, however the best highlight for 2022 was the U19s Division 1 team, who had a truly impressive finals run to finish the year as 2022 Premiers.

### **SPONSORS AND PARTNERS SUPPORT**

The support from SUSF in 2022 was once again extremely paramount to the success of the Club. In the scholarships area, 12 Elite Athlete Program Scholarships were awarded. The Rodney Tubbs scholarship was awarded once again, and thanks goes to all generous donors who were instrumental in making named scholarships possible. SUSF, along with the Blues Association, also awarded a Sydney University Gold to the much deserving Sam Power at the end of 2022.

2022 saw the Club go into its fifth year of its partnership with naming rights sponsor, Growthbuilt, and it was extremely rewarding to see the partnership between SUANFC and Growthbuilt continue to build and evolve.

SUANFC acknowledges all our continued supporters in CplusC, ISC, SportsLab, Prudence Rehab, Scarlett Financial, Assessment Hub, Skinx and Nag's Head Hotel for their ongoing assistance and support.

After seeing a fantastic full season in 2022, the Club is excited to see what can be achieved by the incredible group of players, coaches, support staff and volunteers that make up this club going into the future.

**DANI PASZKIEWICZ** *GENERAL MANAGER* 



## BADMINTON

### Looking back, 2022 has been a great year for the Sydney Uni Badminton Club.

As a club we decided to keep in place the registration system we implemented during the COVID-19 era, this ensured all members coming to sessions had been vaccinated and helped us monitor attendance. By doing so, we could ensure all members were getting an adequate number of games. Our sessions remain popular and fully booked.

With state borders reopening, the Club was excited to return to the UniSport Nationals after two years. Selection for the team members was held as a competition in both Singles and Doubles disciplines. Our men's team was represented by Steven Lin, Brian Lee, Marco Lam, Aung Kaung, Yang Xin Yuan and Ye Yuan. For the women's team, the six players that participated were Liann Yap, Liu Yijun, Shirley Lin, Nguyen Khanh Linh Truong, Yee Ler Chua and Wendi Jin.

There was great chemistry amongst both the men's and women's teams as most had previously trained together for the canceled 2021 Uni Games. The men's team claimed 6th out of the 15 competing universities while the women's team claimed 5th from the 8 participating female teams. We were somewhat disappointed with the results, however many of the matches were extremely close. however we had a very young group and we acknowledge the lack of experience in our teams compared to our opposition. Nevertheless, it was a great experience for teams, both on and off the court. It is worth noting our EAP athlete, Rio Agustino was injured and unable to compete, he will be a great addition to the team in 2023, where we aim to place even higher. Lastly, we were also successful in continuing the tradition of hosting an annual team tournament. A lot of positive feedback was received from members as this event allowed them to be more competitive while still having tons of fun. We are planning to host two different tournaments in 2023, one suited for the more casual members and one geared towards advanced-level players. We feel that this is greatly needed as we have noticed that the level of players attending our sessions have mostly been beginner to intermediate players. This is in contrast to 3-5 years back where advanced level players regularly came to our sessions.

HANSUNG KIM PRESIDENT



## BASEBALL

### 2022 saw a long overdue return to the diamond post-COVID for the first uninterrupted winter baseball season since 2019.

The re-emergence from lockdown also saw the Sydney Uni Baseball Club debut a new fit; all-white jerseys emblazoned with 'UNIVERSITY' across the chest as a throwback to the 1912 team that wore all-black uniforms they had to make/supply themselves pre-World War I.

Fittingly, the new uniforms were christened with the triumphant return of the Uni Cup. Sydney Uni overturned a 1-2 deficit after the first leg, to sweep UNSW in the last round of the regular season and win 4-2 on aggregate. The trophy was restored to its rightful home following a one-year absence after over a decade of dominance.

Alas, this was the only silverware claimed by the Cynics for the year, with all grades contending, yet being tested in very competitive regular seasons.

1st Grade narrowly missed the playoffs by 1 run, after being one of the top three teams at the halfway mark of the season. A young, yet potent offensive lineup looks certain to take the next step in its 2023 campaign.

2nd Grade were early title favourites but couldn't repair the damage from a midseason swoon to finish one win short of the postseason.

3rd Grade were our sole representatives in the postseason, losing 7-6 valiantly in the semis against Castle Hill after multiple lead changes. Perhaps all dynasties must end, as 3s had won seven Championships over the preceding decade. Tom Phelps was honoured with the SWBL pitching award following a standout season.

4th Grade were victims of their own success after an undefeated season the year before. The loss of key players to higher grades, injuries, and the reopening of overseas borders, pushed them out of playoff contention.

Intervarsity Baseball remained on hiatus for another year, as the required quorum of participant universities couldn't be met. Multiple baseball teams from eastern states withdrew due to higher travel costs to Perth which hosted the first UniSport Nationals since the pandemic.

Off the field, the enduring spirit of the Club remained as strong as ever. \$1,840 was donated to charity, breaking our annual fundraising record, with all proceeds to CareFlight. Sydney Uni also hosted the SWBL Playoffs, with our players and members volunteering their time to fend off La Nina and ensure Petersham Oval was playable for all grades. The club remains indebted and grateful to the hard work and countless hours from its Board Members: Matt Kelleher (Secretary), Zach Urbina (Treasurer) Hartley Anderson (Patron), Ben Warnock, Jasper Odgers, Tiana Lascala and James Gray (Public Officer) -- and its Coaching Staff led by Mitchell Liddle (Head Coach), Rob Giallombardo, Miles Gooding and Anthony Carroll.

### 2022 Honours

- David Hynes Scholarship: Matt Kelleher
- Ron & Jennie Finlay Scholarship: Zach Urbina
- Jack Mould Club MVP: Zak Horton
- David Hynes Club Batting Champion: Owen Glover
- Neil Barrowcliff Club Golden Glove: Chris Douglass
- Wade Shipard Playoffs MVP: Jeff Siems
- Pam Garrett 'The Stump' Award: Cooper Horton
- Jenny Finlay Encouragement Award Matt Haynes

#### WADE SHIPARD PRESIDENT



## BASKETBALL

In 2022, the Sydney Uni Basketball Club had over 500 active members, making it an exciting time for students and community members alike to join a growing Club on campus!

Club members were entitled to a free casual club t-shirt, access to two scrimmages per week, representing the Club in lunchtime social competitions, and some additional club programs and events.

With weekly scrimmages on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Sydney Uni Sport and Aquatic Centre, new club members of all abilities and experience were able to hit the courts for pick-up games and shootarounds. These scrimmages also allow club members to meet fellow students whilst sharing their common passion for the sport of basketball.

The Club was able to sponsor members who were interested in participating in the SUSF Lunchtime Social Basketball competitions, which ran every week for both open and mixed competitions across both semesters. We were able to cover the costs for 17 teams, allowing our club members to represent the Sydney Uni Basketball Club, while playing basketball at a more competitive level against other university and institution teams. As we began to recover from the effects of the pandemic, there was a growing uncertainty whether the Club would be able to regain its former glory. To promote activity and participation for our club members, we were fortunate enough to be able to collaborate with the Sydney Kings and the Sydney Uni Flames, securing complimentary memberships as well as courtside tickets to their home games. Credit goes to Michael Johnstone for assisting in arranging these memberships and tickets.

Led by the same core committee members that consist of Simone Chan, Johnnathan Mak, Rosette Seto, Claire Thom, John Cha, Joshua Nery Tran, Tasi Stowers, Ethan Leung, George Wang and Leena Salameh. Along with continued support from the previous basketball program assistant administration, Tom Roche as well as other staff members including Ed Smith, Leonie Lum, Thomas Garlepp, and Lucienne Monk, who provided their valuable insights and guidance, the Club was in good hands.

Throughout 2022, the Club was able to provide a welcoming atmosphere to new members and many opportunities to play basketball both socially and competitively on campus. In 2023, the Club strives to improve the overall experience of members, including hosting more scrimmage sessions, social programs and activities for members to enjoy.

#### SIMONE CHAN PRESIDENT

**ROSETTE SETO** VICE PRESIDENT



## BOAT

### Sydney Uni Boat Club (SUBC) entered the 2021/2022 season strong, off the back of another COVID-19 lockdown which resulted in several early season regattas being cancelled.

After participating in NSWIS time trials and the Reindeer Regatta, SUBC came out blazing at the Rowing New South Wales Small Boats Regatta. This success set SUBC up for an outstanding New South Wales State Champions, where gold medals were won across 11 events, resulting in an overall win in the point score. SUBC backed up a phenomenal domestic season at the Australian Rowing Championships held in Nagambie, Victoria. Gold, silver and bronze medals were won across the board, with SUBC walking away second on the medal tally.

### **INTERSTATE TEAM REPRESENTATIVES**

SUBC was represented in strengths at the Interstate Regatta, held on the final day of the Australian Rowing Championships, with 21 SUBC members racing or coaching for New South Wales.

### **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAM**

Rowena Meredith, Tara Rigney, Kate Rowan, Eleanor Price, Talia Barnet-Hepples, Lucy Coleman, David Bartholot, Jack Hargreaves, Jack O'Brien, Alexander Purnell, Jackson Kench, William O'Shannessy and James Talbot were selected in the Australian team for the 2022 World Rowing Cups and 2022 World Rowing Championships.

The international season started out strong for our SUBC athletes at the Rowing World Cups in Poznan, Poland and Lucerne, Switzerland, with notable highlights including a gold for Men's Four (Alexander Purnell, Jack Hargreaves and Jack O'Brien) at Rowing World Cup II and gold for the Women's Eight (Eleanor Price and Talia Barnet-Hepples) at Rowing World Cup III. SUBC athletes stormed into the Rowing World Championships held in Racice, Czech Republic, bringing home several minor medals including silver in the Men's Four (Alexander Purnell, Jack Hargreaves and Jack O'Brien), PR3 Men's Pair (James Talbot) and bronze in the Women's Single Scull (Tara Rigney), Men's Eight (Jackson Kench, William O'Shannessy), Men's Double Sculls (David Bartholot).

### **HENLEY REGATTA**

SUBC also sent a squad to compete at the Henley Royal Regatta in the United Kingdom. The regatta sees attendance figures of over 300,000 people across the week, offering a unique experience for athletes to compete on the world stage. SUBC competed in four events, the Island Challenge Cup (Women's Eight), the Prince Albert Challenge Cup (Men's Coxed Four), the Visitors Challenge Cup (Men's Coxless Four) and The Silver Goblets (Men's Pair). Our Men's coxed Four and Women's Eight faced tough competition in the first round and were beaten by Edinburgh University. Our Men's coxless Four were unable to advance and were eliminated by Oxford University and our Men's pair was eliminated by Princeton University. Ultimately, it was a great experience for our athletes to compete against high quality international competition.

### AWARDS, AWARDS AND MORE AWARDS

SUBC rounded out a fantastic season with our name on several awards, including:

- Rowing Australia Female Rower of the Year (Tara Rigney)
- Rowing Australia Male Rower of the Year (Alexander Purnell, Jack Hargreaves and Jack O'Brien as part of the Australian Men's Four)
- Rowing Australia Rower's Rower of the Year (David Bartholot)
- Rowing New South Wales Coxswain of the Year (Talia Barnet-Hepples)
- Rowing New South Wales Oarswomen of the Year (Rowena Meredith)
- Rowing New South Wales Oarsman of the Year (Alexander Purnell and Jack Hargreaves)
- Rowing New South Wales Men's Elite & U23 Shield
- Rowing New South Wales Women's Elite & U23 Shield
- NSW Honours Recipients Trophy
- Sydney University Blue (Jackson Kench, Emily Sheppard, Nicola Greenland, Hamish Danks, Ryan Gibson, Grace Turner and Henry Ryan)
- Sydney University Blue of the Year (Jackson Kench)
- Sportsman of the Year (Jackson Kench & Will O'Shannessy)
- Sportswomen of the Year (Tara Rigney)

#### DANI PETTIT & DEVLIN WALSH CO-PRESIDENTS



## BOXING

### While the world population ticked over 8 billion people, for University sport, 2022 continued to be slow for the return of Students on campus. The effect of Covid could still be felt with club membership dipping to 155 members.

Nevertheless the Sydney Uni Boxing Club (SUBxC) was heartened by with senior coaches Glenn Richards and George Pllellis greeting boxers on the first day of opening. The Boxing Club under the continued COVID-19 rules of limiting numbers had been ably assisted by members Kosta Theodore and Allen Zhou in setting up a software for members to log on for various sessions so as not to exceed attendance restrictions. The year finished on a strong note with George Plellis having success with boxers at the November King of the Ring event at Narrellan. Two members from SUBxC, competed with Siraj Sabsabi winning against Hakeem Hassan from Bankstown PCYC and Kane Yee winning against Marwan Adadda from Hard-core Gym.

The Club sessions could not have continued without the countless volunteer hours of the coaches. The coaches presence never faulted and the Club thanks Glenn Richards, George Plellis, Kosta Therodore, Aram Derazkala, Allen Zhou, Johnny Chan, Jimmy Canavan, Michael Yee, Pardeep Jagdev, James Visvis, Les Mara, Paco Tseng, Will Tandany and patron Johnny Lewis. As the year progressed amateur competitions returned to the Sydney scene and the club coaches George Plellis and Glenn Richards encouraged and trained boxers in art of competitive amateur boxing. The Club maintained it's association with Boxing Australia, Boxing NSW and registering coaches as industry participants with the Combat Sports Authority.

2023 has opened with the bell ringing in strong numbers at the Welcome Week with 138 students registering expressions of interest. Our thanks to Johnny Lewis and Les Mara who manned the SUBxC desk for the full days of Welcome Week.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank Glenn Richards who, after ten years of coaching 3 days a week for 12 months of the year, has stepped back from full time coaching but we hope his guidance to coaches may continue. Glenn was awarded a Sydney University Gold at the end of 2022, for his outstanding contribution to the Club. I also wish to acknowledge the passing of a long term club member and competition boxer Sonia Keogh who lost her battle with cancer in September. Sonia, aged 48, is survived by her husband of 22 years George Plellis, daughter Lena and stepson Paul.

ALLEN ZHOU SECRETARY



## CANOE

2022 promised to be the year of returning to a pre-pandemic normal. However for the Sydney Uni Canoe Club along with all other outdoor sporting clubs, the year posed a new challenge, the constant hampering of floods and thunderstorms. Despite the weather, the Club embraced the challenges and were excited by the process of building a gradual return to business as usual.

Our normal schedule of 3-4 regular weekly trips out of our Boatshed in Glebe continued this year, led by our existing and experienced members. We welcomed new members to the Club at our annual Open Boatshed, held during welcome week of Semester 1, and was followed up with our Blackwattle Bay Classic, a competition of serious athleticism demonstrated through serious athletic events such as kayak tug-of-war. This year we even held our first land-only event, a kayak-related trivia night at the Forest Lodge Hotel organised by our Whitewater Officer, Mitch and Events Convener, Corrie.

This was also a great year for the continued development of our existing members, with two more paddlers qualifying as Trip Leaders. This is a significant step to ensure our club's long-term health and has led to the return of longer, intermediate Harbour trips being more available as well. While kayaking can be a relatively recreational sport, supporting our members' passion and technical mastery will always be a priority as well - greatly assisted by our Club Instructor, Matt and Flatwater Officer, Daniel.

Our year was capped off with a New Year's Eve paddle to watch the fireworks over the Harbour Bridge, which was a challenge for Vice President Kyle and our trip leaders who had to contend with NYE traffic, yacht drivers over the BAC limit, and cops on boats. Our glowstick and fairy-light clad fleet set out from the Boatshed to catch front row seats next to the East Balmain ferry wharf, and were treated to a dazzling experience at midnight to start the new year off on a high.

Finally, I can't end this report without mentioning the absolutely amazing achievement of our long time club member, Richard Barnes, who earlier this month successfully completed a solo uninterrupted voyage across the Tasman Sea from Australia to New Zealand! Richard's custom kayak, the Blue Moon, took him from Tasmania to the shores of Riverton in New Zealand where he made his landing on the 18th Feb after 67 days at sea. His blog post describes his journey and both the difficult and beautiful moments throughout - we recommend taking a look at http://lcrk.org.au/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=Main.2022BlueMoon!

The end of 2022 for Sydney University Canoe Club has seen a return to regular activities resembling pre-COVID times, and with a healthy membership base and many opportunities opening up for more activities, 2023 looks to be a busy year indeed.

MARIN CAO PRESIDENT



## CHEERLEADING

2022 was an amazing year for Sydney Uni Cheerleading. Led by our President Alyssa Lau, and our Vice President Keele Hudson, the Club oversaw four different teams - Lions Gold (Level 3/4 competitive), Lions Blue (Level 1/2 competitive), our recreational team, and our sideline team in our first full year back after COVID.

Our Coaches Antonia Maher and Amy Upton led us to our first competition of the year in September, the AASCF State Championships. The competition was held in Sydney Olympic Park's Convention Centre. Lions Blue claimed 2nd place, and Lions Gold took 3rd place.

A very successful first competition took us through to the next in October, the Battle of the Beaches. Bad weather turned the competition to being held at Luna Park - making it a fun day out for all our athletes. Lions Gold and Lions Blue both made their first victories for the year - each taking home 1st place in their divisions.

Coming off their triumphant wins, Lions Gold made it to AASCF's Spring Carnival in early October which was held at the Sydney Olympic Park Convention Centre where they hit zero. (executing the routine without any deductions). They also took out a first-place victory!

Lions Blue then made it to Cheerbranz Nationals in early November, also hitting zero. They finished in fourth place.

Our final competition led us to AASCF Nationals on the Gold Coast. Our competitive athletes travelled up to Queensland and organised accommodation together. The 3-day competition took place in the Gold Coast Convention Centre, where both teams triumphantly fought through the first Nationals back since 2019! The two teams represented USYD tremendously and adored the experience they were able to have – being the majority of the team's first ever Nationals.

Our Rec team, coached by Antonia Maher, had a very successful year, with a team of athletes brand new to the sport of cheer, who I'm pleased to say are returning for the 2023 competitive tryouts! Their experience in Rec, who train once a week (our lower-level commitment team) have ignited a strong passion for the sport and enthused them to continue in 2023 at higher levels!

Our sideline team also had a good year - cheering beside the Sydney Uni Men's and Women's Soccer teams, and the Shute Shield Rugby team, as well as having the opportunity to perform a couple of exciting halftime shows. We are eager to expand the sideline team to even more sports within SUSF in 2023.

EMILY SKIPPER PRESIDENT



## **CRICKET - MEN**

Summer sports certainly had the easier passage through the COVID-19 pandemic, for which the Sydney Uni Cricket Club is very thankful for. However, the lockdown still posed a challenge during our preseason block, especially for the Club's new Director of Cricket, Murray Creed.

Muzz as he is affectionately known, had to get know his players over zoom and by meeting up in council grounds when limited numbers were allowed, this he did magnificently supported by Nick Larkin and Rhys Williams. The season opened on 6 November for 1st and 2nd Grade and 13 November for the lower Grades. Where were playing Cricket, which back in September looked unlikely.

Our registrations were strong with our student numbers slightly up on the previous year. Due to the reduced season, our Board made the decision to discount our membership fees by 30% and this was greatly appreciated by the playing group.

Having navigated Covid in swinging yorkers, smoother waters were expected, only to have La Nina appear on all the weather channels. The grounds team at SUSF did a magnificent job in testing circumstances and Alex Gill in particular produced fantastic wickets and outfields week in week out down on No.1 Oval. Our thanks must go out to the entire team. Jake and Rowdy were a pleasure to deal with when on duty, especially during frustrating prolonged rain delays. The rain did affect a far larger percentage of matches particularly in the lower grades and this had an impact on the ladders. 2nd Grade were losing Qualifying Finalists and 3's and 4's unfortunately lost their Semi Finals with 3's going down in a washout at Bankstown.

Our 1st Grade made up for the disappointment of the Belvedere Cup campaign by winning the Kingsgrove T20 Conference Final in an epic run chase at No.1 Oval. To get up for the Grand Final 10 days later back at No.1, proved a bridge to far and we went down to neighbours and archrivals Randwick Petersham. The Kingsgrove T20 Cup eludes us for yet another season.

Both our Metro Teams performed well, with the Golds losing the semi-final thanks to another washout at St. Paul's Oval to Mosman. There is work to be done with our PG's and Green Shield teams although the Greenies were very competitive in all but one of their matches and were in great positions to win at least 4 of their 7 matches. Experience in tight situations cost them.

Our sponsors for the season remained largely unchanged, FDC Construction and Fitout, Henry William Lawyers, The Toxteth Hotel Glebe, Surjit's Indian Restaurant, and the Sports Clinic. Our thanks and appreciation go out to them all for this valued support.

The Sydney University Cricket Club is extremely fortunate to have the platform, support and backing of the SUSF and their entire staff compliment that all play a huge part in the management and success of our Club. Thanks to Ed Smith and his team for their hard work and commitment over a challenging 12 months.

**COLIN ROBERTSON** GENERAL MANAGER



## **CRICKET - WOMEN**

This season welcomed new faces to the coaching team, with the newly appointed Ben Preece as Director of Cricket. We also welcomed Ian Cooper and Daniel Nadar, who both did a wonderful job growing and shaping the U18 Brewer Shield team after going without a junior side the previous season.

Jarrod Cable returned as our 2nd Grade Coach. Jarrod is a constant source of cricket knowledge and provides great wisdom to the 2nd Grade team each week. We, as a club have been blessed with abundant coaching resources and cannot thank our coaching team enough for the dedication and commitment to both broader club development, as well as individual player growth.

Unfortunately, this season was not polished with silverware, however it has certainly provided a great amount of growth and an opportunity to rebuild after a very unsettled previous season with significant coaching losses. It was great to see more stability and individual performances shine and grow each week. UWCC as a club certainly gave some of the top teams a run for their money. Amongst COVID interruptions and one of the wettest seasons on record, there were plenty of challenges that the Club has faced but it has been wonderful to see a season of growth and development continue despite the many obstacles.

Thank you to our Club Captain, Erica James, for all the work she has done around our club and Marrickville Cricket Club. It is great to see the growth of young feeder clubs such as these and commitment to coaching the next generation of cricketers is something that will see the success of our club for years to come, so a very special thanks to Erica.

Improvements were seen every week through the scores of the team and individual performances. 1st Grade saw some tough games towards the end of the season but support from the coaches allowed them to improve every week. 2nd Grade had a hard year with ranging players each week due to the flow on effect of players being required for state and national representative duties. 3rd Grade worked well under the new captainship and demonstrated resilience on a weekly basis, always working hard on the field and banding together as a team. Brewer Shield was the energy source each week, although the scores didn't go their way, nothing stopped them from having a go and playing as a team each Sunday.

2021/2022 saw UWCC launch a new youth development program which came to light in 2022 with the support of SUSF to provide first class training opportunities for our young local female cricketers who are building toward representative cricket. Backed by former Australian player and UWCC club patron, Alex Blackwell, the program has seen over 30 girls aged 12-16yrs pull on the Club kit and get the full benefit of the UWCC experience. Senior team members and coaches have taken the lead to bring along a fantastic, committed group of girls who are on their way to a Premier cricket pathway with UWCC.

We would like to acknowledge and thank The University of Sydney and UNSW for their ongoing support of our growing club, as well as Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness, UNSW Arc and our sponsors FDC Construction for their unwavering support. Without the collaboration of all of these people, UWCC would not be where it is today, and it is wonderful to see how the combined efforts of so many people contribute to the success and growth of our club.

Thank you of course goes to the parents, guardians, siblings, partners, and spouses and volunteers. Cricket can be a long and big commitment and so we couldn't do any of this without your support and confidence.

Here's to bigger and better next season!

### **REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS FOR 2021/22:**

Jade Allen, Rachel Trenaman, Frankie Nicklin, Ciara Gibson, Jess Davidson, Madeline Case, Taylor Ling

CLAIRE BROWN SECRETARY



## FENCING

After all the disruptions of the last two years, it was certainly a welcome relief to be able to return to full training and a regular schedule of competitions. The Sydney Uni Fencing Club continued to offer members three sessions a week and hold Club Championships in all three weapon categories.

2022 also saw the transition to mostly wireless operation and while this involved a few inevitable hiccups, overall the system is now running well. Importantly too, the Club's junior program, which commenced at the end of 2016 and continues to thrive, providing a strong basis for the Club's continued health and success.

### **National Competitions**

At National Competition Level, 2022 was something of a nearly year for several of our fencers, who had to be satisfied with winning bronze medals. Over the course of the year, Sara Scott and Emily Principe won a total of 5 bronze medals in Senior Women's Epee, while George Yako, Paul Kurtyka and Noah Blender-Greene also claimed a bronze each in the Senior Men's Sabre, the Veteran Men's Epee, and the U17 Men's Epee respectively. Harriet Jordan also picked up two bronze medals in Veteran's Women's Sabre but went one better in winning silver at the National and Oceania Championships. However, pride of place goes to Richard Windsor who won gold in both the individual and state team Men's Epee events at the U15 National Championship, as well as picking up another gold and two silver medals at national tournaments earlier in the year.

In the National Teams Championship, Sara Scott was again part of the NSW 'A' Team which won the Women's Epee gold medal for the 4th year in succession (Sara is also the only fencer who has been a member of this team for all the last four wins). Both Emily Principe and Genevieve Gilarski also won silver as members of the NSW 'B' side that pushed their counterparts all the way in a gripping final losing by only two points, 43-45. At the U17 level, Noah Blender-Greene, William Dellar, and Richard Windsor were all members of the NSW 'A' side which won silver. Richard Windsor was also a member of the Men's Epee U17 team which won silver at the Oceania Championships.

### **State Open Championships**

At the NSW State Open Championships, George Yako succeeded in winning the gold medal the Senior Men's Sabre, while Genevieve Gilarski won both silver in the U20 Women's Epee Vol 2, and bronze in the Senior Women's Epee. Paul Kurtyka also won a bronze in the Veteran's Men Epee, as did William Deller in the U20's Men's Epee Vol 2. At the Men's Epee U17 level, William also won silver, while Noah Blender-Greene and Richard Windsor were the bronze medallists. Richard capped a fabulous year by taking the U15 gold medal.

Overall, I believe the Club has emerged from the pandemic in good shape and can look forward to a healthy future. My thanks go to all those fencers who have stood by us and continue to train and compete under our banner. Similarly, I thank my fellow board members and all our coaches for the time and effort they put in on the Club's behalf.

2023 promises to begin with a bang, with the Sydney International Fencing Camp (previously known as "The Ultimate Fencing Camp") hosted by Enrico Di Ciolo, being held at our premises from 3rd – 13th January. We are honoured as a club to provide our equipment for such a prestigious event and are sure those members who attend will benefit greatly from the experience. Other plans for 2023 include looking to increase the number of Club competitions, in conjunction with the Macquarie University Fencing Club.

SARA SCOTT PRESIDENT



## **GYMNASTICS**

The Sydney Uni Gymnastics Club (SUG) turned 65 in 2022, and it truly had the year to mark the momentous occasion. It continues to be a dynamic and inclusive community of athletes, acrobats, and everything in between, all at its home in the Faculty of Education Building Annexe Gymnasium.

The 65th anniversary celebrations started in full swing with the release of Club merchandise, with an anniversary t-shirt designed by tenured member, Jesse Rowles, and a SUG half-zip sweater. This was followed by a barbecue hosted in the Sancta Sophia College and the introduction of Life Memberships, bestowed to Shu Yeung and Victor Rex for their decades of service to the Club.

SUG also updated its constitution to reflect the changing nature of both SUSF and the expansion of the Club. These celebrations continued with the generous donation of AirTracks for SUG and the Cheerleading Club from Jonathan van Ness's Comedy and Variety Show, to whom we are very thankful. These AirTracks will bring greater skill development for our athletes during our open trainings and biweekly classes. 2022 also welcomed many new events that are certain to become established traditions, with SUG holding its inaugural Team Gymnastics competition, to great success. Three teams, comprising of gymnasts from a range of experience and skill levels competed across three apparatus: Rhythmical, Tumbling and Mini-Trampoline. The winning team, Pentastjic, as well as the runners up Get Shrekked and The Red Herrings, amazed audiences with their immense creativity, skill and teamwork. The success of this event demonstrated the value gymnastics has for community building and promoting health and fitness for adults of all backgrounds. We look forward to our next TeamGym Competition and thank Head Coach, Immanuel for his hard work in planning and facilitating the event.

The Executive Committee, consisting of Charlie Chow, Caitlin Hargraves, Immanuel Green, Alexandre Tremblay, and Olivia Smith, would like to extend wholehearted gratitude to all who made this year possible, with special thanks to Anastasia Stravopodis, Maria McQuilty and Steve Georgiakis of the Schools of Education and Social Work, and SUSF Maintenance Manager Leon Talay for his help with our fans and equipment.

The Club is looking forward to continuous expansion with the debut of the SUG Performance team, potential arrival of a second coach, and further athletic excellence in 2023.

CHARLIE CHOW VICE-PRESIDENT



## HANDBALL

Thanks to competitions restarting on a more normal rhythm compared to the previous two years, 2022 has seen the Sydney Uni Handball Club come back to a more steady and regular competition schedule for both Men's and Women's teams.

After a cancelled edition for 2021, the Oceania Championship returned in 2022 and for the first time ever, our Women's team has won the trophy. Thanks to a very committed team, a persevering coaching and reinforced management, the girls have marked the tournament with their presence. This is a great achievement and the success of much hard work over several years.

On the Men's side, they also claimed the trophy, this being the tenth consecutive title in a row. Not as easy as it may seem, with a new coach only arriving a couple of months earlier and with unlucky early injuries in the first game of the tournament, the team still managed to make it to the final and eventually prevailed after a very hard fought battle against the resident team of University of Queensland. This new continental title gave the team a spot in the World Championship of Clubs in Saudi Arabia.

For its tenth consecutive appearance at the Super Globe, the team was first opposed to the German powerhouse of SC Magdeburg, defending champions. It was no surprise to anyone that our european opponents defeated us, the team made a great impression and despite a deceiving 41-23 at the end, we received lots of feedback from officials that the 2022 team was probably the strongest Australian team to ever participate. The second group game was played against Khaleej, one of the local teams. The 4,000+ crowd in attendance praised our performance but still strongly supported their players. With an encouraging 10-14 at half-time, the team were hoping for a tight second half but unfortunately, the gap increased quickly and the final score of 21-35 was a deception and sign of a future placement round between 9th and 12th positions.

The first positioning game brought high hopes against the other host team of Al Mudhar, the team knew they could make history and they did, up to a point. Leading the game for the first 10 minutes before going down by 4 goals, the team came back at half time to a trail by one goal (13-14). The second half never saw our opponents lead by more than 2 goals, we even took the lead by 3 goals with 5 minutes from the final whistle. Unfortunately, after a couple of technical mistakes and 2 penalties against us, we eventually lost the game 26-29.

The last game of our tournament was played against the North American representatives of Club Ministros, newcomers from Mexico. We led this game from the start, our opposition was fierce and willing to show to the world they were worth being there. Both teams were throwing it all in, half time was tight with a one goal lead in our favour (16-15). The second half saw the gap increase up to 5 goals, our opponents managed to come back to within 2 goals, 10 minutes from the end. We eventually secured the win with a final score of 33-29. This granted us the 11th place of the tournament.

Although, the result could have been better, we recorded just our second win ever at the Super Globe after the first one in 2015. It is a sign of clear improvement of the team on the world level and all the comments we got from international players and International Handball Federation officials along the competition pointed in that same direction.

### 2022 Highlights

- Sydney Uni Mens Team secured their 2nd win ever and ranked 11th at the Club World Championships in October 2022
- Sydney Uni Womens team won their first Oceania Championship title in Gold Coast in June 2022

**BENOIT ADAM** *TEAM MANAGER* 



## HOCKEY

Sydney Uni Hockey Club (SUHC) member numbers were steady, if not down a little, with our first full season of competition since 2019. Our facilities are improving, with hopefully our second turf becoming available in the not-too-distant future, and we are putting in place plans to consolidate and grow our club numbers and experiences.

Our mighty U11s have gone from strength to strength this year. Despite often playing games with no subs, the U11s finished the season crowned joint premiers with Moorebank.

Our men's program struggled for player numbers this year. With a new coach in 1st Grade and a structured preseason program, combined with a concentrated effort on growth, next season we will come back stronger. A mention goes to our men's 3rd Grade team who made it to the semi-finals but lost to Moorebank.

We confirmed our position as the premier club in the main women's competition when we won the Sydney Women's Hockey League Club Championship for the third year in a row. Our 1st, 2nd and 5th Grade teams all reached the finals. 1st Grade fell just short of a third premiership in 7 years in a shootout after coming back from 2-0 down at half time.

In the Sydney North competition, our 7th, 8th and 9th Grade women performed well. Our 9th Grade team made the Grand Final for the first time since they have participated in this competition. Our women's program has consistently performed well across all competitions, and we continue to have the largest number of women's teams across any club in Sydney.

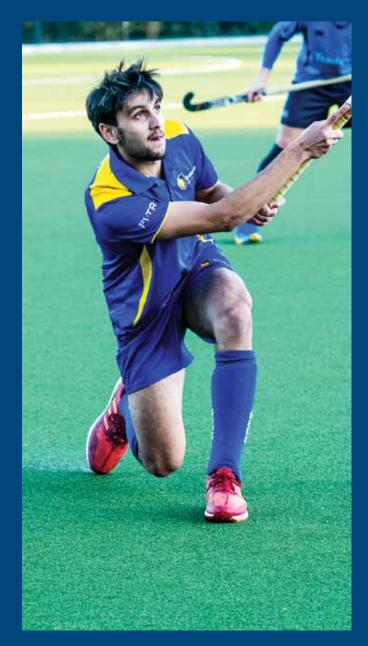
Our four masters' teams represented SUHC in the Premier division, Sydney Cup, master's division and legends division. Three teams placed in the top 4 and moved into the finals, but none progressed past week one.

The Club was represented at the national u15, u18, and u21 competitions for both NSW and ACT. The premier national competition, Hockey One, was back in 2022 with four players from the Club (Kendelle Tait, Emma Scriven, Greta Hayes and Alice Arnott) part of the winning NSW team. Connor Tuddenum represented the men in the Canberra team. Greta Hayes represented the Hockeyroos at both the World Cup and Commonwealth Games which was an amazing achievement. Emma Scriven was selected in the Australian Indoor Hockey team to participate in the World Cup in South Africa in 2023. The Club also had 17 players selected in the various master's state teams.

The gym facilities at the Bruce Pryor Hockey Field complex were completely refurbished and we have begun works to erect three large permanent umbrellas for shade and shelter overlooking the field. A Sydney University Hockey Blue and alumni of the Club, Richard Barnard, generously created the Dick Barnard Sporting Scholarship which will be annually available to an indigenous female athlete in the Hockey Elite Athlete Program. Richard was able to attend our annual presentation night and the Club was delighted to see him.

The club is very grateful for the support from On The Grounds Consulting, The Glebe Hotel and Just Hockey during 2022. We look forward to continuing our relationships in 2023. Finally, we would also like to thank SUSF for their ongoing support and expertise.

ANT MCINNES PRESIDENT



# JUDO

### The Sydney Uni Judo Club (SUJC) swung back into practice throughout 2022 after overcoming the pandemic.

This year, the Club focused on recovering from the effects of COVID-19 and making a mark in competition. SUJC saw high club participation in lessons and competitions, and impressive accomplishments including winning the 2022 UniSport Nationals Men's Team Judo Event.

The Club moves forward into 2023 with a continued focus on membership, competition, and social events to celebrate its accomplishments.

SUJC started 2022 with a thriving Welcome Week period, introducing Judo to many new students, with some beginners becoming consistent members.

The Club held its tradition in running an in-club competition, providing a safe and less intimidating environment for introducing Randori and competition to beginners, while giving experienced and veteran judokas a chance to practice against each other. Gunhee Min, an u60kg athlete, triumphed in the open-weight competition, bringing home the title of Men's Club Champion, while Monica Nguyen defended her Women's Champion title.

Moreover, the club's Junior body continued its Wednesday and Saturday trainings, educating kids on Judo, supporting many into competitions and grading 23 members.

This year, the Club also continued its long-standing practice of running Judo School Holiday Camps. Club coaches and volunteers looked after groups from Sydney Girls High School and Glenmore Road Public School, teaching children the basics and the culture of Judo, engaging them into the sport. These activities help promote Judo, SUJC, and Sydney University, all the while providing a fun and safe environment for kids to practice the sport.

In September, 10 athletes from the Club were sent to Perth to compete in the UniSport Nationals. The students put out spectacular performances and endurance and won the Men's Team Judo event! Siyi (Rosie) Luo took home the u57kg gold, and the team claimed an additional 4 silver and 2 bronze medals.

In the Judo NSW-ran Sydney Community Series competitions, SUJC achieved the highest medal tally for adult competitors, totaling 20 gold, 24 silver, and 11 bronze medals in Kyu, Veteran, and Open categories. SUJC also held the highest percentage of competing women. In State Titles, the club totaled 3 gold, 8 silver, and 8 bronze medals as well.

In the Judo Australia National Championships, 3 SUJC athletes were crowned national champions, with coach Andrew Roberts taking the u73kg Veteran title, brown belt Hidayat Imran with the u100kg Kyu title, and William Xv winning the u60kg category. Competitors came from a broad range of kyu-grades, with many new yellow (subject to competition rules) and orange belt judokas debuting this year, while highly graded and accomplished athletes continued to represent themselves and SUJC.

UNISPORT NATIONALS RESULTS		JUDO NATIONALS RESULTS	
Men's Divisions		Senior Men Divisions	
Christian Ninomiya	u66 2nd SILVER	William Xv	u60 9th+
		Gunhee Min	u60 7th
Chan-Woo (Paul) Shim	u66 3rd BRONZE	Nur Fadli	u66 9th
		Andrew Roberts	u73 5th
Jaron Choe	u81 2nd SILVER	Ahmed Abdo	u73 9th
		Hidayat Imran	u100kg 7th
		Luujaa Batbold	u81 9th+
Kenneth Chi	u90 2nd SILVER	Veteran Men & Kyu Divisions	
Chun Ngai Wong	u90 3rd BRONZE	Andrew Roberts	u73 1st GOLD
Women's Divisions		Ahmed Abdo	u73 2nd SILVER
		William Xv	u60 1st GOLD & 3rd BRONZE
Siyi (Rosie) Luo	u57 1st GOLD	Hidayat Imran	u100 1st GOLD & 3rd BRONZE
Janet Um	u63 2nd SILVER	Nur Fadli	u66 2nd SILVER & u73 2nd SILVER
GRADING STATISTICS			
General		Senior Dan Grades	
Men 31   Women 17   Juniors 23		Ririko Noda – 3rd Dan (San-dan)	

SUJC is on the right path to recovery following the pandemic. With increasing membership numbers and a greater degree of participation in competitions and activities, the Club continues to develop a healthy culture of support, empathy, and progress, akin to the values that Judo embodies. It is ready to thrive in 2023 – both competitively and in terms of club culture, with recruitment periods soon, competitions coming up, and deserved social events planned for the future to celebrate its

### GABRIEL CREUGNET PRESIDENT

Men 31 | Women 17 | Juniors 23



Hidayat Imran – 1st Dan (Sho-dan)

## **KEMPO KARATE**

In 2022, the Sydney Uni Kempo Karate Club trained on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings at the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre. Post the recent peaks and troughs of the pandemic, our class numbers remained smaller than usual.

However, the Club managed to fulfill its primary goal which was established in 1965, that is to provide free tuition in Kempo-Karate (Shaolin) to any undergraduate who chooses to attend regular training. Our secondary goal, of attracting graduates and participants from the wider community was also fulfilled.

Throughout the year we practised our usual exercises best described as a form of Chinese Physiotherapy / Physical Therapy, Shaolin Forms and fighting techniques. We're grateful for the training facilities provided by SUSF and thank the front office staff members for their courteous and friendly manner, and their willingness to allow us to train overtime - as agreed upon and established in the past.

### MEMBERS

USYD Student Members in 2022: nine (9)

Community Members in 2022: twelve (12)

Total Members in 2022: twenty-one (21) members

### OFFICERS

Club President - Serge Martich-Osterman

Secretary - A. J. Henshaw

Publicity Officer - T. Constanti

SERGE MARTICH-OSTERMAN PRESIDENT



## KENDO

### While limited initially by COVID-19 restrictions, the Club was able to welcome approximately 80 new eager members, all ready to learn the martial art, Kendo.

Similarly, at the start of Semester 2, we welcomed roughly another 25 new members, showcasing the clubs broad appeal to welcome new university students to complete extracurricular activities in between their studies.

We also had a strong competitive season in 2022, with our university students representing the University of Sydney strongly at nationals, scoring an impressive 20 overall points (with second place scoring 6 points), securing the males, female and overall champions trophy.

We also had great success at the 2022 UniSport Nationals, for the first time we scored a first place in each category. Congratulations to Joe Takatori, for his 1st place in the Kyu male division, Su Cho, for her 1st place in the Kyu female division, James Oh, for his 1st place in the Dan male division, Anna Lu, for her 1st place in the Dan female division, the USYD Kyu team for their 1st place in the Kyu team's matches, and for the USYD opens team for their 1st place in the open's teams matches.

Furthermore, we had a strong campaign at the NSW Kendo Championships, with a special mention to the female representation in the results. Congratulations to Ioana Levins, for winning the Women's Dan division B competition, with Kelly Kishikawa, coming in second place, and Anna Lu for coming equal third. Congratulations also to Ayaka Watanabe, for winning the Women's Dan division A and to Grace Yan, for winning the Kyu division B competition, with Agnes Lee coming second, Margo Ma and Anny Qian both coming equal third. Well done to all the women from the Sydney Uni Kendo Club for all their hard work during training, which is well reflected in the amazing results they have achieved.

JOE PILE <u>PR</u>ESIDENT



The 2022 USYD Kendo Club Nationals team. Well done everyone, look at all those medals!

## **MUAY THAI**

### The year began full of ambition and hope, leaving behind the hardships we experience throughout the COVID pandemic. The Sydney Uni Muay Thai Club enjoyed significant levels of growth as historically experienced prior to 2020.

Throughout the year, the Club to steadily accrue over 160 members. Other important markers of the year include collaborating with Sydney Uni Boxing Club to replace all the punching bags in the Boxing Gym, a vital part of our training infrastructure which we achieved by the end of September.

The highlight of 2022 was our first joint interclub sparring event with UNSW Muay Thai which we appropriately titled; "First Contact". In this end-of-year event, some of our members got the opportunity to show off and test their skills, the result of accumulated training and effort spent throughout the years. There was also a huge turnout of friends and family to support the participating members, packing out our gym and creating an atmosphere that would cause goosebumps. This event also helped foster strong relations with UNSW Muay Thai and we hope to run more events like this in the future with more improvements.

Similarly, to the goals of the years previously, in 2023, we plan to continue introducing new opportunities for both beginners and advanced athletes. The plan is to expand our coaching team to accommodate larger classes and cater to different levels and goals, so each member can receive the specific attention they need during training. The existing coaching team will also continue to upskill to accommodate training athlete fighters so that SUMTC can achieve its ambitions of supporting an elite fight team, aiming to be active in local sparring events, amateur bouts, and the Olympics, when Muay Thai eventually joins their active roster of Summer Sports Events.

Overall, SUMTC has had a successful 2022. The Club has grown in membership, hosted successful events, grown our industry network, renewed our infrastructure, and is in a healthy position to facilitate even more growth in our members and team as well as the club's profile in the combat sports scene. We thank our members for their support and look forward to an even better year in 2023.

ELDON FAN PRESIDENT



## NETBALL

2022 was another fantastic year for the Sydney Uni Netball Club (SUNC). In its third year in the IWNA Saturday competition, SUNC was able to grow its numbers to 56 athletes across 5 teams. The majority of these athletes are current students, however we also welcomed alumni and non-university athletes.

Two teams, the B4 Leopards and B5 Panthers were crowned Minor Premiers of their divisions, losing just one game in the regular season. Both teams made their respective Grand Finals, with the B4 Leopards being crowned their division champions.

At the conclusion of the season, we held our first ever Gala dinner to reflect on the year. We also unveiled 2 new long-standing awards; The Issie McCalman Clubperson of the Year, awarded to Belle Whitwell; and the Jemma Donoghue MVP of the year, awarded to Sabrina Zeng. We hope to make these awards long standing traditions within the Club.

Intervarsity competitions returned in 2022, and SUNC were invited to Armidate to compete against UNE and UNSW in a weekend long Tri-Series.

A mixed team which featured a number of players making both their netball and SUNC debut won the competition. We also returned to UniSport Nationals in September taking a mixed and women's team across to Perth. Both teams performed admirably and qualified for Division 1 next year. At one stage during the week, the Club was 9 wins out of 10 games played, before falling short at the business end of the competition. The women's team finished with a bronze medal, but both teams will be hungry for a higher podium finish in 2023.

The strength of the Club's 'elite' players and EAP members continues to improve each year. Amongst a host of talent from Premier League Clubs across Sydney, we had 6 members selected in NSW squads in 2022, across U19s women, and opens men's and mixed teams. 5 of these 6 athletes won their respective divisions, with the highlights including Vice President, Abbey Baker being selected in the Australian Mixed team and Ella Johnson being selected in the Australian U19 squad. Ella was also awarded a 2022 University Blue for her outstanding achievements throughout the year.

Outgoing Treasurer Zoe Naylor became the first SUNC representative in 15 years to receive a University Gold for her service to the Club. Sadly, Zoe will leave the executive after five years, but her presence will continue to be felt!

In 2022, SUNC also moved away from the Metro alignment with Inner West. After five years, the club is looking to move in a new direction for its 'elite' athletes. We thank coordinators Keeley Devery and Susan Robinson, for their work throughout the agreement, and look forward to seeing further IWNA success in the future.

Moving into 2023, our executive has expanded to include more roles catering for the expansion of our club, however, will continue to be fronted by the leadership core of President, Charlotte Gorman and Vice President, Abbey Baker.

JACK THOMAS SECRETARY



### **ROCK CLIMBING & MOUNTAINEERING**

2022 started off wetly. Despite our best efforts, almost every event we ran was rained out. Nonetheless, the Sydney Uni Rock-climbing and Mountaineering Club (SURMC) persevered, with the committee taking time to refocus energies on ensuring the smooth running and longevity of the Club in the years ahead. We had some definite highlights, a fantastic trip when the weather played ball with us, and a super cool inter-University bouldering competition with a number of the clubs around Sydney.

The annual Easter trip to Arapiles in Victoria was a great time for members who enjoy trad climbing, a higher level form of climbing that requires much more guts and training. Our trip to Barden's Lookout in late August, run by Ollie Butcher and Patrick Sparks, was an absolute hit. Many of the attendees have stayed with the Club, getting stronger by the week - it was a fantastic first outdoor climbing opportunity for many of them. We also planned other outdoor trips, though with the rain they were moved to the Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym in St Peters.

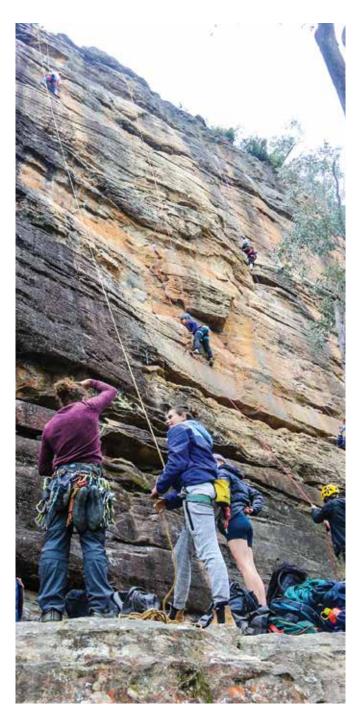
The committee also organised two collaborative events over the year - first a bouldering social night with USU's BoulderSoc in September, and then a massive inter-University bouldering competition with USYD's BoulderSoc, UTS's Outdoor Adventure Club and BoulderSoc, UNSW's Outdoor Club, and MQU's Climbing Society. These events were well-attended by members of the various clubs, and a great opportunity for folks to get to know each other across club lines.

At the end of the year, we held our annual end of year social, organised by Leo Dunstan-Potter, which was a lively night spent catching up with friends and shaking off the wet year. It was a great way to round out 2022 and bring in what has already been a much drier year!

While the year was much slower than previous ones, our executive committee instead spent hours in preparation and planning in order to hit the ground running in 2023. Our President, David Wilson overhauled our gear locker, streamlining the hire out process with a new online form. He also conducted a gear audit, throwing out old and unsafe gear, and replenishing as needed.

Our Safety Officer, Tom Harkness began talks with Michael Law, a legendary Sydney climber who set many of the routes that we climb upon today. Michael is a fountain of knowledge of best practice and safety and has graciously passed down his wisdom to us. While 2022 was undoubtedly one of the toughest years for SURMC in recent years, our committee really stepped up, and we hope to turn things around in 2023. Already we have seen a significant influx of new members and hope the start of semester will bring us many more. The 2022 committee has our deepest thanks for pulling through and showing up when we needed them. Without their hard efforts, the Club may have sunk under this year.

#### MARIAM SHEIKH TREASURER



## **RUGBY LEAGUE**

### After two disrupted years, 2022 hoped to finally be a normal season for the Sydney Uni Rugby League Club (SURLC). Although the pandemic was behind us, the weather definitely played its part in the season.

From 14 rounds, we were only able to play 8 games, with several washouts, which resulted in an unfortunate finish on the ladder.

The Club appointed Jake Vrahnos as player/coach for season 2022 and the committee had grown to take on larger roles. Despite the disappointing finish on the bottom of the ladder, the Sydney University Rugby League Club (SURLFC) committee were adamant that we had successfully promoted our values as a club and continued to grow our presence off the field.

The competition itself had also changed this year, with the Sydney Metro League being merged into a 'Combined Open Age Conference' system with districts such as Balmain, Roosters, North Sydney, and Manly. There was quite a bit of hesitation from the SML Committee at the start as we were always exclusively a 'Saturday' competition so the introduction of teams that had always played on Sunday was deemed to be problematic. Clubs in this conference system often received game day information only 2-3 days prior to the match and it became a very arduous task liaising with referees and convincing teams to play Saturday every week. SURLFC hopes that we can improve on this competition structure in 2023 and receive more assistance and communication from NSW Rugby League going forward.

During the 2022 season, the Club emphasised the importance of promoting our values of Pride, Mateship and Community. We did this by:

• Regularly engaging with our sponsor, 'The Royal' and using their venue for presentation night and team meetings.

- Undertaking a concussion study with 'HeadSpace' throughout the season.
- Donating blood at the Australian Red Cross, various times throughout the season.
- Participating in university studies of Sport Science this included testing and athletic measurements.
- Regularly acknowledging and paying respects to the Aboriginal land in which we meet upon and coming together to become more educated on Aboriginal history and culture.
- Reconciliation Week players were asked to learn the Aboriginal Country in which they lived and worked on.
- NAIDOC Week players were asked to research a significant Aboriginal individual who paved the way for change in this country and share it with their teammates.
- Fundraising events and merchandise sales.
- Acknowledging our past players at our Annual Old Boys Day match.

These achievements could not have been reached without the tremendous efforts of all the SURLFC committee. Congratulations also goes out to our players Nathan Rakoia, Myles Fowler, Harry Croker, Angus Bowen, Zachary Rokuru, Wil Hurst, John Downes, and Maxwell Linden-Smith for representing Metro South in their win against Metro North to keep our annual representative game alive!

In 2023, we have secured the services of established coach Jason Amos and look to field two teams in the Central Northern Conference Competition. SURLFC will hope to have a successful 2023 season and continue to strengthen our club values.

MYLES FOWLER AND JAKE VRAHNOS CO-PRESIDENTS



## **RUGBY UNION**

After enduring over two years of Covidrelated disruptions, Sydney Uni Football Club (SUFC) remained united, making it all the more refreshing to complete a full season without any major disruptions. The players embraced the return to competition, resulting in all of the teams qualifying for the finals and the Club once again securing the coveted Club Championship, marking the 25th championship win in the Club's history.

### In 2022 SUFC claimed:

- 1st Grade Shute Shield Premiership
- 4th Grade JR Henderson Cup Premiership
- 4 Minor Premierships; 2nd Grade, Jack Scott Cup Women's, 1st Colts and 3rd Colts
- All 8 teams competing in Finals Series
- 5 teams in Grand Finals; 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 4th Grade, Jack Scott Cup Women's and 3rd Colts
- Eric Spilsted Cup Colts Club Championship
- Jeff Sayle Cup Grade Club Championship
- Gregor George Cup Club Championship
- Shute Shield Coach of the Year Sean Hedger
- SUSF's Professional Club of the Year

In 2022, SUFC had a lot to be proud of. Four of our teams secured the Minor Premiership, and both our 4th Grade and 1st Grade teams went on to become Premiers. The 1st Grade Shute Shield performance was especially memorable given the significant turnover in players and coaching staff from the previous season. We owe a special thanks to Sean Hedger, his management team, and captain Jack McCalman for their exceptional leadership in galvanizing the group. Congratulations to the players for their unwavering grit, determination, and never-give-up attitude.

At SUFC, we continue to provide a pathway for ambitious men and women to reach higher honours, and 2022 was a remarkable year for the Club. Several players represented themselves and our Club with distinction at the elite level, and they are a testament not only to themselves but also to everyone who contributes their valuable time to make our club and program what it is. Some of the highlights from our players on the representative calendar include:

- 17 International representatives, 9 Wallaroos and 8 Wallabies
- Three players representing the Australian 7's men's team, who won their first ever world series.
- Four players representing the Junior Wallabies

In 2022, SUFC celebrated a significant milestone with the introduction of the Buildcorp Sydney University wheelchair rugby team, proudly wearing our iconic jersey. We extend a warm welcome to the team and express our gratitude to Wheelchair Sports NSW for their leadership and support in bringing this initiative to life.

The success of SUFC can be attributed to the exceptional people who make it what it is. We are fortunate to have a team of highly professional staff, including Jack Farrer, Kirsty Stevens, Claudia Bell, Sean Hedger, Nick Ryan, and Dan Parks, who share our vision and values. I would like to acknowledge Jack Farrer for his unwavering support, professionalism, and loyalty throughout the season. I would also like to pay tribute to Kirsty Stevens, who played an integral role in the success of this club over the last six years. Her contributions will leave a lasting legacy.

Financially, we are pleased to report a small surplus for the year ending 31 October 2022, despite the budgetary pressures and operating challenges posed by the pandemic. This outcome is a testament to our strong financial position and debt-free status.

As we look forward to 2023, we celebrate SUFC's 160 years of existence and anticipate another special season. Our heartfelt thanks go to all our staff, executive committee members, players, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for their hard work and unwavering commitment over the last 12 months.

DAVID LYONS PRESIDENT



### SOCCER

### **NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE**

The 2022 season was Sydney Uni Soccer Football Club's (SUSFC) first uninterrupted season since the COVID-19 pandemic. The Women's 1st Grade had a remarkable season winning the Premiership with 4 rounds still to play, as well as winning the Club Championship. Reserve Grade also played a big part in leading the way in the Club Championship with their runners up Premiership finish and their incredible Grand Final win to claim the championship.

The Girls Youth League teams were also a credit to the women's program with both the U18 and U16 teams finishing second and both narrowly missing out on Championships in the Grand Finals. The U15 and U14 girls were both very unfortunate not to secure finals positions with their fifth places coming down to one point and the final game of the season respectively.

The Men's 1st Grade finished 10th in their competition, whilst the U20's finished 11th. Overall, the Club finished 11th in the National Premier League Club Championship, whereby we look to bounce back in 2023. The Boys Youth League teams also struggled due to a transitional period. The U18s finished in 15th, U16s finished 12th, U15s finished 16th, U14s finished 4th and the U13s finished 15th. The U14's had a great finals run and were unfortunate to not go further after a great display of football. The Boy's Youth League will look to settle in to the new 30-week season as we approach 2023, and a rebuild of the Boy's program.

Both the Mixed SAP and Girls SAP Programs continue to produce players for our respective youth teams and Club, providing a great platform for development, to continue to grow and progress. The Mixed SAP U12 team had an impressive 10 players retained and selected for a 16-man U13 Boy's Youth League squad for the 2022 season, demonstrating the pathway of development.

### SOCIAL

2022 saw SUSFC field 14 All Age and Over Age teams, across two associations. The campaign was defined by the resilience of our managers, coaches and players in the face of not only physical opposition, but the overwhelming disruption of wet weather, as opposed to COVID-19. We had 305 players register: an increase of 97 from the previous year. Due to the increase in player numbers, we also added three new teams: two men's teams and one women's team. All our All Age and Over Age teams did exceptionally well under the circumstances, with some stand out performances. SUSFC are excited for another year of growth for our All-Ages teams and can't wait for the new season to start, with better weather and more training and game time.

### SYDNEY UNIVERSITY BLUES

We welcomed back our Sporting Blues after years of COVID interruptions. Congratulations to the 2022 Blues recipients; Emma Ilijoski, Annabel Martin, Hannah Jones, Ashley Irwin and Courtney Newbon.

### **AMY SHEPHERD** DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS MANAGER





## SQUASH

In a welcome change from recent years, Sydney Uni Squash Club was once again able to host and participate in a range of competition activities.

Our squash year traditionally starts with the hotly contested internal summer competition for the Alkhub Cup, named in honour of a long-serving past Club President. This is a handicapped event, giving all members the opportunity to compete on an even platform against the range of players in the Club, it also provides a great chance to get court time prior to the commencement of the yearly external competitions. The format consists of pool matches followed by knockout stages culminating in the play-off for the main prize. 2022's edition saw 27 contestants compete.

The Club was also able to field three teams in each of Squash NSW's Autumn and Spring Pennants in the east and south-east districts, with the spring pennant division 4 team contesting the Grand Final in the Spring Pennant. The Club also has numerous members participating in the City Houses competitions, with two teams making their respected Grand Final and the C3 team taking the overall prize.

Another highlight was the participation of four Sydney Univeristy student squash competitors in the 2022 UniSport Nationals held in Perth, with Adele On Ying Fung winning the gold medal in the individual female event, and the team coming 5th overall, contributing to the University of Sydney being the overall National Champions for 2022.

Moving into 2023, with a refreshed committee and an influx of student members, the Club hopes to provide both competitive and social squash events for all athletes, and to create a fun, enjoyable atmosphere to attract new members and improve the skills of our membership.

There remains a focus on continuous improvement of the facilities we enjoy and of increasing the Club's membership. All abilities are welcome, and the Club coach beginners how to play squash.

A special mention to Ben Vardanega, our outgoing President, for his tireless efforts to restart club activities post-COVID. It is also important to note that our recently elected Club President John Cowling has also become a Director of Squash Australia in 2022, so we have the inside line on what's happening more widely in the world of squash.

ANDREW TAURINS TREASURER



## SWIMMING

### 2022 saw the Sydney Uni Swimming Club returned to full operation in both a training and competitive sense following on from the pandemic effected previous years.

SUSC sent teams to the Australian Open Water, Australian Age, Australian Commonwealth Games Trials, Australian Short Course and the UniSport National Championships over the year whilst maintaining a solid financial and membership performance.

SUSC provided the Head Coach, Paul Bruce and four of the seven male members (James Koch, Ryan Wilkes, Thomas Hay, Jack Wilson) selected the NSW contingent of the Australian Team that competed at the Toyota US Open Championships in Greensboro, NC, USA. Each athlete coming home with at least one medal and helping the NSW team secure 2nd place in the Overall Men's Point Score at that prestigious international event.

Special mention must also be made of Varsity team member James Koch, who represented Australia at the World Life Saving Championships in Italy during the year, collecting five World Titles, including the prestigious Open Men's Surf Race. Not to be out done, the Junior and Age Group end of the program went from strength to strength with good participation numbers and representation across the age groups through to the various Area and State Championship events. Setting up for a very promising 2023 and beyond.

The program made a significant structural coaching change at the commencement of the summer season, with Coaches, Anton Nikulin and Jake Hodgetts both taking on greater responsibilities. Anton added the State Age Squad to his existing role with our junior program, allowing Jake to then focus on the National Age Squad, increasing his involvement and use his University qualifications in Physiology and High Performance sport with the ever growing Varsity program. This new structure is now well established and is already producing great results.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of SUSF during another extraordinary year. Finally, I would like to thank all our club volunteers and committee members for their continued support throughout the year, particularly with our events, both the recommencement of our Alumni Dinner in August, and our many Clubs meets and activities.

IREK KOWALSKI ACTING PRESIDENT



## **TABLE TENNIS**

The Sydney Uni Table Tennis Club (SUTTC) welcomed many new students and members throughout 2022. This was greatly influenced by the end of the COVID restrictions, with students resuming classes on campus and international students returning to Sydney.

The increased club activity was greatly facilitated by social competitions and dinners that the Club held each month. These events were previously suspended because of the pandemic restrictions. The club saw 20-30 participants at each social competition and 10-15 players at each social dinner. These events were extremely successful in bringing new students to the Club, with many of them becoming regulars and eventually members of the SUTTC.

The Club also collaborated with UNSW and UTS for the first time, holding two joint competitions where students from all three universities competed against each other. This was a great way of broadening the table tennis community, where students could socialise and form friendly rivalries with students from other universities.

These social competitions and dinners will continue to run in 2023, with the goal of holding more competitions with different structures (e.g. doubles tournament, post-grad vs undergrad). The Club will continue to collaborate with UNSW and UTS

and look for opportunities to hold joint events, not limited to just tournaments.

The Club participated in its first UniSport Nationals since 2019, sending a promising team of 7 men and 6 women to Perth to compete. Both teams performed wonderfully, Xin Yi Yan, won Gold in the women's singles, the Women's team claimed silver and the men's team finished in 4th place

The players displayed a strong sense of teamwork, leadership and cohesion; all players were actively involved in supporting and cheering for their teammates. We congratulate the players for their achievements and are looking forward to the next UniSport Nationals.

The Club has ambitious plans for 2023, including:

- Purchasing new equipment
- Designing a club t-shirt available to be purchased by members
- Increasing our social media presence via Facebook and Instagram
- Holding informal events during our regular sessions to increase interactions between members

Lastly, the Club would like to thank the staff of SUSF for communicating and collaborating with the Club to ensure a positive experience for our members.

#### REBECCA WU PRESIDENT



## TAE KWON DO

The Sydney Uni Tae Kwon Do Club got off to a slow start after two years of Covid-19 disruptions. Although we picked up new members during Welcome Week, due to restrictions, our reach to our university peers was not as far spread or as deep as we hoped. Regardless, we gained dedicated members who trained every week with consistency.

To retain members, we have always held a social camp near the start of every semester, and this year was no exception. It went off with great success and convinced many of those who attended to deepen their contributions and involvements with the team.

Throughout the year we held fight nights every month, facilitating the grounds for gaining experience. They were met with great enthusiasm and on some nights we had participants from other Tae Kwon Do clubs, such as UNSW and ChungDo.

Halfway through the year, one of our most supportive alumni and coach, Sydney resigned from his role as our sparring coach, temporarily without a coach, our executive team worked extra hard to ensure that there was not a gap from training for our members. We tried to deliver quality and consistency like our coach had taught us through the years. In our second semester, we welcomed Coach Zi into our team, who is a founding member of the Tae Kwon Do Club. His dedication and passion for Tae Kwon Do continued to renew the energy of our members and the Club.

This year, at the UniSport Nationals in Perth. Our team had great success, finishing in overall 2nd place. We had worked incredibly hard leading up to the competition which we believe was the key for all of our members receiving a medal. To come out as the winner, in the 2023 UniSport Nationals, on top of UNSW, is our goal and we believe the key is in expanding our team.

The pandemic years have not been kind on the growth of our club, and it has stunted our capacity for coming first. The new year will be one focused on increasing the participation and involvement of new club members into trainings and social activities as well as consistent, efficient and rewarding training.

We held our Annual General Meeting towards the end of the year, electing the new executive body. Consisting of dedicated and trustworthy members, the executives are commited to making a better team.

Throughout the Christmas and New Year's break, training has been ongoing with a focus on preparing a Tae Kwon Do demonstration for Welcome Week.

CLAUDIA CHOI PRESIDENT



## TENNIS

### On the 9th December 2021, the Sydney Uni Lawn Tennis Club (SULTC) received a certificate of incorporation as an Association.

The incorporation of the Club came after the considerable work done by the Club's Advisory Committee (CAC) to negotiate a template Constitution for Clubs and the making of affiliation agreements. Our Club was one of the pioneering clubs embarking upon incorporation after the work had been completed by the CAC.

A substantial part of 2022 has involved settling in governance arrangements under the new corporate structure, including establishing an inaugural board and training was provided to Board Members. It has no doubt been a period of real transition.

During the course of this monumental change, the Club also embarked upon the establishment of a tennis program. In many respects the program fulfilled its objectives by providing tennis training or high-performance tennis athletes who are undertaking study at Sydney University. By and large, the program was able to accommodate a range of players from a high-level local player to players embarking upon a professional career in tennis. All of this was accomplished whilst bringing the elite players into the Club community. The board takes pride in the high-performance players having become enmeshed in the Club and its culture. A product of this process was the success of Sydney University at the UniSport Nationals in tennis (and overall) with the women's team scoring gold and the men's team achieving a bronze medal. Additionally, the Club was successful for the second year in a row in winning the women's premier league.

It is regrettable that some difficulties were experienced with the coaches which has resulted in the need for the Club and SUSF to embark upon the recruitment of new coaches. This process has been made easier no doubt because of the finalisation at the end of the year of three hard courts at the Aquatic Centre and the outstanding final development of the grass courts due to the excellent work of the SUSF Grounds Staff led by Darryl Davidson.

It should also be mentioned that due to some technical problems, the Club's membership was lower for 2022. Plans are well in place to ensure that situation does not repeat itself in 2023.

As is traditionally the case, the Club fielded a large number of teams in the Sydney Badge Competition, some of whom performed very well. With an influx of new members and the continual growth of the tennis program, 2023 promises to be another successful year in the Badge competition.

Overall, SULTC responded commendably to the challenges that it faced in 2022 and hope to produce even greater results in 2023. Finally, thank you to everyone on the Board for their service.

JUDGE MICHAEL WALTON PRESIDENT



## **TOUCH FOOTBALL**

In 2022, Sydney Uni Touch Football Club (SUTFC) faced challenges due to COVID and wet weather, but still managed to participate in the Student League, Nationals, and Representative NSW Touch Football events.

The Student League had over 150 registrations and held a 16team competition for a few weeks, but heavy rainfall caused The Square to be closed for most of the rounds. Only one Mixed team was sent to the UniSport Nationals, which performed well despite limited training time and numbers, losing in the Quarter Finals.

In the Representative Competitions, two Women's teams were able to participate, with the Division 2 team made up of first-time players. For the State Cup competition, the Club sent an Elite Opens Mixed team for the first time, made up of alumni of USYD Touch Student League. The team performed well despite losing 5 of 6 players due to injury and lost in the semi-finals during a drop-off and injury time.

Considering that our Student League competition was only able to run for one semester, we as a whole are proud of the commitment players have continued to make to be available and interested in all competitions throughout the year.

As we look to 2023, we hope to be more fortunate with the weather and have the ability to host more rounds and thus, increase the interest in the Touch Club like many years before. The Touch club relays heavily on the involvement of our University Students and thus it will be our main focus to host both Semester 1 and Semester 2 Student League competitions. Our representative NSW Touch side will continue business as usual with new Presidency and leadership.

LUCY DIROU HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT



## **ULTIMATE FRISBEE**

Following two interrupted years, 2022 was a new start for the Sydney Uni Ultimate Frisbee Club (SUUFC), with a host of fresh faces in both members and the executive team. Awaiting fresh talent, our club had to endure the pains of La Niña, providing coaches with the enormous challenge of being adaptable to the weather conditions.

Guided by coaches Martin Forrest and Sam McGuckin, they led the charge and initiatives towards hosting our regular Tuesday and Thursday trainings in any capacity, whether it was using only half the field, or even moving trainings off campus to Jubilee Oval. Semester 1 continued a strong rebuilding phase for the Club, boasting the odd 30-40 students every training session despite these challenges.

SUUFC attended many tournaments throughout the year, ranging from social tournaments aimed to include all students of all skill levels, giving newer players their first taste of competitive frisbee, all the way to the most prestigious of them all, University Nationals.

Bathurst Stampede saw a record 4 SUUFC teams being sent to the tournament, hosting over 60 of our students for a weekend of fun, bonding, and frisbee in excruciating cold weather. One of our teams even came away winning the "Spirit of the Game" award across all 30 teams that participated.

During the mid-semester break, Ultimate Australia hosted the University Mixed Ultimate Championships, held in Cobram, Victoria. Despite low numbers, Sydney University was able to send a mixed team to the tournament, made up of many of our own athletes. During this 4-day tournament, we were able to come away with the bronze medal, made up of many players who had never played high level frisbee before, some only meeting on the first day of competition.

SUUFC said goodbye to departing coaches and welcomed in Wesley Honey and Reyer Carpenter to coach in Semester 2. Both individuals are currently enrolled at university and are members of the Club who took on the responsibility to lead SUUFC when we could not replace the outgoing coaches.

The AGM was held, and a new board was elected for 2022-2023, consisting of Edmund Feng, William Gregory, Reyer Carpenter, Malcolm Ward, Travis Irwin, Hugo Wretling, Lily Hua, Martin Xu, Matilda Woo, Neon Wongruechu, Wesley Honey, Eric Deng, David Brewis, Duncan Chen and Hanlin Zhang.

Vying to protect the title, SUUFC went into UniSport Nationals as the reigning champions (2019) with no returning players from the previous iteration. The team started off rocky, finishing the pool play 3rd with a 3-2 record before turning it on and winning the rest of our games (including beating both teams that we lost to in the pools), to successfully defend our title and winning the gold medal.

A successful year, capped off with a successful UniSport Nationals has the whole club excited for what's to come in 2023. SUUFC will strive to promote development and growth, build strong pathways for students and to build close relationships with each other and become better Ultimate players!

EDMUND FENG PRESIDENT



# **VELO (CYCLING)**

For the Sydney Uni Velo Club, 2022 felt like the first time since the pandemic began that there was a sense of normality in the air.. However, just as we got comfortable the days of rain quickly reminded us we are living unusual times and not to take the sunny rides for granted.

Pandemics and wet weather aside, 2022 proved to be another solid year at SUVelo with some challenges like smaller bunches and saying goodbye to our two National Road Series teams.

SUVelo was well presented at all levels of racing across the country in both men's and women's categories from Heffron to the NRS. SUVelo raced and placed (not all) in events such as the National Road Championships, Bay Crits, Battle of the Bridge, Tour of Brisbane, Tour Down Under, Cape Epic Three Peaks and finally the event where we competed for the first time and did really well, the Revolve 24. We did however hear the sad news that two teams that SUVelo has supported in previous years with both riders and funds, the Sydney Uni Staminade Womens NRS Team and the Nero Continental Team, would not continue their racing program into 2023.

SUVelo remains financially strong, member numbers are stable and we continue to invest in the racing program at all levels, even funding our riders chasing their dreams in Europe (Robbie Mathews and Alex Durrant Whyte) or through our Elite Racing Program. SUVelo's ability to fund these programs is made possible by the ongoing support of our amazing sponsors, Geoff from Wilson Asset Management, Pete From Havericks and George from Claudios and of course Staminade, SUSF and Sydney University.

With the end of the Pandemic, we saw a return to the events that are part of the Club's DNA. The events varied and we added a few new ones including our Racing Skills Sessions, First Aid for Ride Captains, Kangaroo Valley Camp, Club Championships and the Christmas Party. A big thank you goes to our departing Event Manager, Aimee for the thankless task of herding our riders into the same place at the same time.

In November, David Jordan and myself, both members of SUVelo's original Committee, humbly received Sydney University Golds for service to the Club and Women's Racing. While the blazers are individual awards they are recognition of the work done by all committee members and past Presidents that have gone before us including, Andrew Best, Craig Gibbons, Andrew Duggan and Gin Woods. I would also like to recognise and thank Mike Tomalaris who has been our Club Patron since day one of the Club back in 2010, Mike has truly been a positive constant at our Club.

What does 2023 hold for the Club? That's a question for the new committee but from my personal perspective we need to get back to what made SUVelo so successful in the early days, a welcoming club that liked to train hard and compete in racing at the pointy end of all grades. We also need to tap into the University and its amazing student athletes ensuring the Club's youthful longevity.

NICHOLAS MARTIN PRESIDENT



## VOLLEYBALL

2022 saw the Sydney Uni Volleyball Club enjoy another successful year with a record number of new members who were involved across several of the offerings from State League to lunchtime learn to play and everything in between.

### State League

In the State League, the Club's representative teams had another strong showing with eight teams competing across several divisions. The Women's Premier team had another undefeated season and took home the gold medal, thanks in large part to the efforts of Max Gubbiotti and Con Savvidis who coached the women's program. The Men's Premier team managed to secure another silver medal, while the Men's Division 1 team won a bronze medal and had a great time despite missing out on promotion.

#### **Lunchtime Learn to Play**

This year saw the Club take its first venture out onto the grass and into lunchtime sports on campus, which despite the record rainfall, proved a resounding success in which the Club was able offer free lunchtime learn to play sessions to members who were eager to get involved and learn some basics whilst meeting other keen volleyballers back on campus.

#### **UniSport Nationals**

Coming out of covid it was tough to know how the field would unfold in Perth for the volleyballers across both indoor and beach volleyball. Our Mixed Beach Program managed to take home Gold and Bronze, unfortunately facing off against each other in the semi-finals, but otherwise likely to take home first and second. The Men's indoor team, led by EAP members Peter Fountotos and Emlyn Evans, had a solid performance but finished 6th in Division 1. The Women's team gave it their all and finished 6th in Division 2.

### **State and National Representation**

Special mention goes out to the club members who were heavily featured across several State and National youth and junior teams as well as those who were selected in the Senior NSW Phoenix team to compete in the Australia Volleyball League. The NSW Phoenix Women's team included almost the entirety of the Sydney Uni Premier State League team, including, Sharmaine Fernando, Britney Carlson and EAP member Phoebe Trinh, while the NSW Phoenix Men's side featured several club members including Ben Abbott (Captain), Brian Cho, Michael Warren and EAP member Henry Sindel.

As always, the Club thanks all our coaches and volunteers across our programs who give up their valuable time as well as those at Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness without whose support our Club would not exist.

#### ANTONY ROWDA TREASURER



## WATER POLO

### In 2022, Sydney Uni Water Polo Club, both the Men and Women won Gold at the UniSport Nationals. The Men's team finished 4th in the Australian Water Polo League, while the Women were 5th.

In the Australian Youth Club Championship, every age category had a top 5 finish! Men won gold in the U18s and U16s and the Women claimed silver in the U16s and bronze in the U18s.

The men won Gold in U18s, U16s and U14s and silver U12s, the women also won gold in the U16s and U14s and bronze in the U18s at the NSW State Age Championship, in the Col Smee U122s the men took home silver and the women claimed gold.

In the WPNSW Sydney Metropolitan Competition the team claimed gold champs in M3, W3, M18, M16, M12, L16, L14 and played in the Grand Final of every Junior A competition. In the Canberra Cup, the Women won gold, Men won gold and silver (Loyal Royales) and Masters Division gold (Baa Baas).

The Club had six Australian Representatives at a senior level -Tom McJannett, Chaz Poot, Andrej Grgurevic, Luke Pavillard, Tilly Kearns and Sienna Green. As well as multiple selections in Junior representative teams including several who travelled internationally in Aust Junior teams competing in World Champs in various locations in Europe.

Another season where the Club performed at a high level across senior and junior grades. Many thanks to all Club members and our sponsors, SUSF, KAP7 WATER POLO, PROSOURCE and Rent-a-Space.

ANTONY GREEN PRESIDENT



## WATERSKI & WAKEBOARD

### 2022 was to be a season of recovery for the Sydney Uni Waterski & Wakeboard Club, after enduring setbacks from COVID and flooding to the Club's riding relocation.

Welcome Week was a success thanks to Hector Sinclair and Grace Keithly running the welcome week stall and booking out the upcoming new member's camp, which attracted many first-year students and international students wanting to try wakeboarding for the first time.

The season opener was held on 22nd-23rd January where new and old members got out on the boat together and enjoyed a camp out at Cliftonville Lodge. New drivers, Lucy Murray and Chathurana Senanayake took up the driver's seat and made great progress in learning to become boat captains.

In late March, disaster struck, with flooding hitting the Hawkesbury river and causing the new members camp to be called off and the boat having to be towed out of the Cliftonville Lodge preventing it from being lost in the floods.

A decision was made to run an Easter trip at the Blowering Dam, three-hours' drive from Sydney, as this location was not affected by the floods. This allowed the Club to run while the river was out and provided new members a location to try wakeboarding. The trip was a great success with new driver Chathurana getting more driving time in to work towards boat captaincy.

The river continued to flood numerous times throughout Autumn and Winter, which required the boat to remain off the Cliftonville Lodge. The boat made it back home to Cliftonville in August, but the river became too dangerous to use due to the debris all the way through until November.

The yearly AGM was held in September and marked a major change in the Club with Andrew Dodds stepping down from his Presidency role after holding the position for five years. Since 2017, Andrew has promoted the Club through numerous away trips, Blowing, Burrinjuck, Sydney Boat Show, USYD Welcome week and many more. He was also instrumental in the boat upgrade in 2019 to a Nautique Super Air 210. Andrew remains a pivotal part of the Club, taking up the position of Club Captain to assist Matthew Flanagan, the newly elected President.

In November, the Club finally hit the water again on its home ground for the first time in 9 months under perfect weather conditions. The aim of the day was to gauge how safe the river was from debris and to run the boat in after it had laid dormant for so many months. The Club ended the season by running a two-day session in mid-December to keep the interest alive in the existing members and new members that had signed up that year. Overall, the 2022 year proved to be a logistical challenge due to the continued flooding of our home riding location on the Hawkesbury River and the continued mobilisation of the boat out of the flood zone.

There were a number of key highlights with the Club managing to run an away trip to Blowering Dam and numerous multi day events at Cliftonville Lodge giving the exchange students a taste of Australian camping.

The 2023 season will mark the changing of the guard with a new Club President and the end of the chaos of the previous two years that was COVID-19 and flooding. The Club's objective is to regain momentum with student memberships and begin to investigate options for a boat upgrade in the back end of the 2024 season.

#### MATTHEW FLANAGAN PRESIDENT



# WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

The Sydney Uni Wheelchair Basketball Club (SUFWBC) returned to National competition this year – winning Bronze at the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League finals in Darwin

We also competed as a team and/or had team members in the annual National Club tournaments - SLAM Down Under in NSW and Spinners Sunnycoast tournament in Queensland. The team also ran the HERSport Festivals with Wheelchair Sports NSW at the Narrabeen Academy of Sport. With Flames athletes participating in the event, and the senior Flames players captaining & mentoring the teams. We also entered teams and/or combined into teams in the State Club Championships and the first ever Wheelchair Waratah League.

SUFWBC continued to run SSAF funded regular weekly training sessions through 2022 - at the Sydney University courts for all team members - with regional athletes joining in and training when they could (usually at least once a month). The SSAF Funding supports our Access Sport Program to cover weekly training sessions on the University courts, coaches, competing in local and national competitions.

The Sydney Uni Flames Wheelchair Basketball Team Club partnered with Sutherland Wheelie Sharks to win the first Wheelchair Sports NSW / ACT Wheelchair Basketball Club Challenge of 2022 at Kevin Betts Stadium, Mt Druitt – winning the final by 1 point in a tough game. The Club also partnered with Queer Sporting Alliance and Wheelchair Sports NSW / ACT ato run a fun afternoon of skills and games at SUSF in February. We had mixed teams for a round robin, and then a final show game of Sydney Uni vs QSA. In May we helped with Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair AFL and Wheelchair Tennis as part of the SUSF Wheelchair Sports Gala Day at SUSAC.

Senior Athlete, Hannah Dodd, was a part of the Australian Team that won the Asia Oceania Championships in May. SUFWBC won Bronze in the WNWBL final 59-42 against Queensland Comets, and Hannah then backed up with Wollongong RollerHawks in the NWBL to win Gold 75-66 against Perth Wheelcats. She then went on to win silver as part of the 4 person, 3x3, Australian team at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

In December, Annabelle, Brodie, Aaliyah and Breanna were at the Australian High-Performance Camp at the Australian Institute of Sport, while Hannah was recruited to play the off season in the Italian National League.

At the end of the year we participated in and coached in another HERSport event – running the basketball sessions and recruiting athletes from there to come to Sydney Uni sessions and events.

SUFWBC are currently in negotiations with Basketball Australia for National level competitions planned for 2023. We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2023, with our regular training sessions, local, state and national competitions, and with our young players improving and being noticed for representative teams, and our experienced players training hard for Australian team selection for Osaka Cup & IPC World Championships.

SARAH STEWART PRESIDENT



# WRESTLING & GRAPPLING

The Sydney Uni Wrestling and Grappling Club has had a successful 2022 and continues to strive towards its mission of promoting and fostering a community of passionate grapplers.

The Club has continued to provide its members with numerous opportunities for athlete development. The weekly training sessions, strength and conditioning programs, and skills development workshops have all driven and inspired members to continue pushing themselves to the next level. This hard work has been exemplified in the Club's continued success at competitions and most notably picking up a bronze medal at the NSW Wrestling State Championship. In the coming year and as a result of our increased Brazilian Jiu Jitsu membership base, we will look to enter other grappling competitions with different rulesets. We are now entering our third year of offering grappling arts exclusive of wrestling and are ready to test ourselves in this domain.

Furthermore, off the back of successful in-house competitions we will look to increase the cadence of these to ensure another strong year ahead for the Club on the mats and under the bright lights.

Bring on 2023 – more training, more members, more wins and most importantly, more merch!

#### LEO DADGOSTAR PRESIDENT

LEONID ZASLAVSKY HEAD COACH AND TEAM MANAGER





# **SCHOLARSHIP DONORS**

Sporting scholarships are synonymous with the remarkable achievements of Sydney University student athletes, teams, and clubs. They are an integral part of Sydney University's traditions and success in all of its sporting endeavours.

Our sporting scholarships are primarily subsidised by Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness' commercial operations, but as insurance against such funds not being available, we encourage individual and corporate benefactors to support perpetually named sporting scholarships. These scholarships are the first ones to be honoured if, for some reason, sufficient SUSF commercial revenue is not available to subsidise the Elite Athlete Program and the 250-300 scholarships awarded annually by SUSF.

At the end of 2021 there were 42 perpetually named sporting scholarships. One new scholarship, the Jenny Lawler Scholarship, established in Jenny's honour following her passing in 2021, was awarded for the first time in 2022.

The following were the 42 perpetually named sporting scholarships in 2022.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS NAMED AFTER/BY THEIR DONORS

- Adam Spencer
- Aleksandra Pozder
- Allan Kendall
- Brian Fitzpatrick
- Corlett Family
- Collins/Peasley
- Jenny Lawler
- Kaye Dening AM
- Michael Luciano
- Philip Rundle
- Ralph's Café/Panebianco
- Ray Hyslop OAM
- Ross Brown AM

## SCHOLARSHIPS NAMED IN HONOUR OF A SYDNEY UNI SPORTING CHAMPION NOMINATED BY THE DONOR/S

- Elsie Harris
- Jack Pross OAM
- Mollie Dive OAM (x2)
- Warrick Segal

#### SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED BY ORGANISATIONS, CORPORATIONS OR SPORTING BODIES

- 'Blue & Gold' Club (x2)
- Blues Association (x3)
- Buildcorp
- BUPA (x3)
- CommBank
- Enrizen

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FINANCED BY MULTIPLE INDIVIDUAL DONORS

- Bruce Ross (x2)
- Dave Chadwick
- David Hynes
- Gavin Brown AO
- Harvey Gordon
- Jane Spring
- Jenny Lawler
- Mick O'Sullivan
- RC Mesley
- Robert Smithies
- Rodney Tubbs
- Ron & Jennie Finlay
- Ron Rushbrooke

# **HONOURS & TRADITIONS**

#### **SPORTS AWARDS FOR 2021**

#### Vice -Chancellor's Participation Program of the Year

InterVarsity Competition

#### Pat Sharp Trophy - Female Club Administrator of the Year

Adelina Romano (Canoe)

#### Rosenblum Family Trophy - Male Club Administrator of the Year

Jack Thomas (Netball)

#### **Coach of the Year**

James Lees (AFL)

#### **Professionally Administered Club Coach of the Year**

Paul Bruce (Swimming)

#### **Club of the Year**

Kendo

#### **Professionally Administered Club of the Year**

Boat

#### Sportsman of the Year

Rohan Browning (Athletics)

#### Sportswoman of the Year

Nicola McDermott (Athletics)

#### **GOLD RECIPIENTS**

The University Gold is awarded in recognition of outstanding services by an individual to a constituent club or to the Sydney University Sport over a minimum of 7 years. Gold for 2022 were presented to:

- Gavin Crawford (Football - Rugby Union)
- Rouna Daley (Tennis)
- Graeme Fowler (Rugby League)
- Andrew Frazer (Football - Rugby Union)
- Glenn Harold Richards (Boxing)

- David Jordan (Velo)
- Nicholas Martin (Velo)
- Zoe Naylor (Netball)
- Sam Power (Australian Football)
- Joshua Tassell (Athletics)

#### **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 2022 were awarded to:

- Rae Anderson (Athletes with a disability)
- Alexandra Bozovic (Tennis)
- Phoebe Cridland (Snow)
- Hamish Danks (Boat/Rowing)
- Ella Fraser (Tennis)
- Georgia Genner
- (Basketball)
- Ryan Gibson (Boat/Rowing)
- William Goddard (Football - Rugby Union)
- Toby Goldschmidt (Water Polo)
- Nicola Greenland (Boat/Rowing)
- Michaela Haet (Tennis)
- Charlie Hancock (Football - Rugby Union)
- Thomas Hay (Swimming)
- Emma lijoski (Soccer)
- Ashley Irwin (Soccer 2021)
- Christopher Ius (Athletics)
- Belinda Ji (Golf)
- Ella Johnson (Netball)
- Hannah Jones (Soccer 2021)

- Jackson Kench (Boat/Rowing)
- Christian Kyriakou (Water Polo 2019)
- Ciaran Loh (Football - Rugby Union)
- Annabel Martin (Soccer 2019)
- Lucy Mauviel (Athletics)
- Hugh McAdam (Snow)
- Courtney Newbon (Soccer 2019)
- Carla Pitman (Basketball)
- Luke Ratcliff (Football -Rugby Union 2021)
- Henry Ryan (Boat/Rowing)
- Emily Sheppard (Boat/Rowing)
- Frances Shires (Swimming)
- Frances Smith (Swimming)
- Kendelle Tait (Hockey)
- Inez Tanoi (Basketball)
- Grace Turner (Boat/Rowing)
- Matt Wacher (Basketball)
- Connor Whiteley (Athletics)

# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

J Bartlett	P C Greenland	R V Minnett	R Smithies
J D Brockhoff	G M Harris	H A Mitchell	J B Spence
B Campbell	l Harrison	C G Noel	J Spring
A V Castle	J Jacobs	M O'Sullivan	G P Stuckey
V J Chalwin	J Kardoss	l Parsons	S H Suhan
M P Cunningham	J P Kean	S Pratt	J Thom
S Donald	K A Leonard	M Rosenblum	A Titterton
Professor A J Dunston	H G McCreadie	B W Ross	P Titterton
D Fanning	P Mcgirr	Dr A W Bourke	l Trent
N Farr-Jones	D S Maclennan	P Sharp	Prof B R Williams
G Fulton	Profession N D Martin	R R Sharpe	C Wilson
P Geidans	F H Masters		



# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

PERPETUAL NAMED	
Adam Spencer	
Rachel Lowe	Soccer
Aleksandra Pozder	
Mackenzie Little	Athletics
Allan Kendall	
Alexandra Bozovic	Tennis
Blue & Gold Club	
Toby Goldschmidt	Water Polo
Annabel Martin	Soccer
Blues Association	
Darcy Breen	Rugby
Ella Mentzines	Rowing
Connor Murphy	Athletics
Brian Fitzpatrick	
Rashil Jetley	Hockey
Bruce Ross	
Hugh McAdam	Snow Sports
Jacob Ratcliff	Rugby
Buildcorp	
George Poolman	Rugby
BUPA	
Rebecca Bennett	Athletics
Carmen Marton	Taekwondo
Ryan Wilkes	Swimming
Collins/Peasley	
Rohan Browning	Athletics
CommBank	
Rae Anderson	Snow Sports
Corlett Family	
Marina Carrier	Modern Pentathlon
David Chadwick	
John Downes	Rugby League
David Hynes	
Matthew Kelleher	Baseball
Elsie Harris	
Belinda Ji	Golf

Enrizen	
Charles Dummer	Cricket
Gavin Brown	
Daniel Botha	Rugby
Jack Pross OAM	
Sean Szalek	Athletics
Jane Spring	
Tara Rigney	Rowing
Jenny Lawler	
Hannah Jones	Soccer
Kaye Dening AM	
Rinky Hijikata	Tennis
Michael Luciano	
Cushla Rue	Soccer
Mick O'Sullivan	
Devlin Malone	Cricket
Mollie Dive OAM (Cricket)	
Rachel Trenaman	Cricket
Mollie Dive OAM (Hockey)	
Sorita Pho	Hockey
Philip Rundle	
Kailyn Joseph	Athletics
Ralph's Cafe/Panebianco	
Carla Pitman	Basketball
Ray Hyslop OAM	
Daniel Barrett	Soccer
RC Mesley	
Ryan McElduff	Cricket
Robert Smithies	
Lachlan Raper	Athletics
Rodney Tubbs	
Oscar Davis	Australian Football
Ron & Jennie Finlay	
Zachary Urbina	Baseball
Warrick Segal	
Jay Hirschowitz	Soccer

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY ACADEMIC AWARDS	
Vice Chancellor's	
Izac Carracher	Beach Volleyball
Mackenzie Little	Athletics
Senate (School Leaver)	
Ruby Cristol	Swimming
Austin Little	Athletics
Senate	
Marina Carrier	Modern Pentathlon
Lucy Coleman	Rowing
Ashley Dribbus	Soccer
Ella Fraser	Tennis
Sally Guthrie	Athletics
Fergus Henderson	Swimming
Hannah Jones	Soccer
Lucy Mauviel	Athletics
Oscar Pursey	Athletics
Georgia Stewart	Snow Sports
Sarah Wacher	Basketball
JOINT SCHOLARSHIPS BUSINESS SCHOOL	
Postgraduate	
Michaela Haet	Tennis
Carmen Marton	Taekwondo
Andrew Sierakowski	Australian Football
Undergraduate	
Isabelle Afaras	Cricket
Patrick Braithwaite	Australian Football
Daniel Breden	Rugby
Max Brookes	Handball
Izac Carracher	Beach Volleyball
Thomas Davies	Athletics
Charles Dummer	Cricket
Luka Flannigan	Cricket
Genevieve Gilarski	Fencing
Belinda Ji	Golf
Alexandra Kayrouz	Basketball
Ian Maclean	Rugby
Emma Mahon	Athletics
Ella Mentzines	Rowing
Yanni Plataniotis	Soccer
Oscar Pursey	Athletics

Tara Rigney	Rowing
Rachel Trenaman	Cricket
Michael Yoong	Basketball
JOINT SCHOLARSHIPS RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES	
St. Andrew's	
Daniel Botha	Rugby
Alexandra Bozovic	Tennis
Darcy Creagh	Rugby
Jeremy Elliott	Rugby
Lucinda Gillis	Water Polo
Anna Hunt	Soccer
Emma Ilijoski	Soccer
Tom Morrison	Rugby
Connor Murphy	Athletics
Henry O'Donnell	Rugby
Olivia O'Donnell	Rugby
Sorita Pho	Hockey
Jacob Ratcliff	Rugby
Laura Roderick	Athletics
Henry Ryan	Rowing
Katherine Stanbridge	Soccer
Aidan Wearne	Rugby
Sophia Wightman	Rowing
St. John's	
Max Brookes	Handball
Heidi Caspers	Soccer
Ruby Cristol	Swimming
Dervla Duggan	Sailing
Zachary Urbina	Baseball
Taixin Wang	Swimming
The Womens College	
Sally Guthrie	Athletics
Hannah Jones	Soccer
Lauren Thomas	Netball
Wesley	
	Fencing
Wesley	Fencing Swimming
Wesley Genevieve Gilarski	
Wesley Genevieve Gilarski Thomas Hay	Swimming
Wesley Genevieve Gilarski Thomas Hay Imogen Hicks	Swimming Water Polo

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS			Louis Wilson
ılia Baxter	Athletics		Rio Agustino
en Bishop	Athletics	N	/iguel Campos
nma Blanch	Athletics	Parker Dale	e
us Clark	Athletics	Benjamin Fakira	
ooke East	Athletics	Georgia Genner	
lia Economou	Athletics	Elizajane Loader	
Sophie Gocher	Athletics	Ignatius Mitchell	
Kieran Gorman	Athletics	Joshua Pain	
Alexandra Harrison	Athletics	Mitch Smith	
Christopher lus	Athletics	Inez Tanoi	
Emma Klasen	Athletics	Matthew Wacher	
Alyssa Lowe	Athletics	Holly Wills	
Jack Lynch	Athletics	Sanjay Anandarajah	
Charlotte McGill	Athletics	Charles Cassell	
Damien Mizzi	Athletics	Jordan Gauci	
Dylan Offord	Athletics	Rex Greaves	
Michael Pratomo	Athletics	Hugo Ikeda	
Helen Pretorius	Athletics	Elouise Bacon	
Jasmine Pugh	Athletics	Thea Horsley	
Brodie Rushby	Athletics	Violet Hull	
Caitlin Shepperson	Athletics	Yoshiki Imamura	
Matthew Sullivan	Athletics	Yerin Kim	
Jonathan Titmarsh	Athletics	Stella Sevilla Chinchilla	
Isabellah Walker	Athletics	Angus Baird	
Connor Whiteley	Athletics	Samuel Bell	
Obssa Youssouf	Athletics	Jaime Hemmingway	
Dylan Abdurahman	Australian Football	Claudia Johnston	
Nathan Battaglia	Australian Football	Erin Lidbetter	
William Gibbs	Australian Football	Kendelle Tait	
Dominique Goddard	Australian Football	Rhys Williams	
Angus Jones	Australian Football	Sam Wright	
Lewis McNamara	Australian Football	Zachary Young	
Jay Tang	Australian Football	Jonathan Freund	
Nathan Tang	Australian Football	Kristina Mah	
Marcus Valastro	Australian Football	Abbey Baker	
		Samantha Bondietti	
Natalia Waterson	Australian Football	Samanuna Donuleul	

Tegan Holland	Netball	Ted Pearson	Rugby
Ella Johnson	Netball	Edward Poolman	Rugby
Amelia Kirgan	Netball	Kai Roberts	Rugby
Taylah Kiss	Netball	Henry Robertson	Rugby
Jamie Podmore Taylor	Netball	Will Rumi	Rugby
Natalie Sligar	Netball	Jack Sproats	Rugby
Thomas Anderson	Rowing	Theo Strang	Rugby
Wyatt Batt	Rowing	Zane Artesi	Rugby League
Hamish Danks	Rowing	Bridget Conrad	Sailing
Jaime Ford	Rowing	Hugo Darin	Sailing
Ryan Gibson	Rowing	Jack Ferguson	Sailing
Nicola Greenland	Rowing	Evelyn Haseldine	Sailing
Jackson Kench	Rowing	Otto Henry	Sailing
Nicholas Mirow	Rowing	Jack Hildebrand	Sailing
William O'Shannessy	Rowing	Phoebe Cridland	Snow Sports
Eleanor Price	Rowing	Maddison Everingham	Snow Sports
Kieran Riach	Rowing	Nicholas Bakopoulos	Soccer
Emily Sheppard	Rowing	Torah Christie	Soccer
Grace Turner	Rowing	Holly Duncan	Soccer
Madeline Vagg	Rowing	Lachlan Eyles	Soccer
Samuel Allsopp	Rugby	Amelia Feeney	Soccer
Angus Bell	Rugby	Hayden Fleming	Soccer
Hugh Bell	Rugby	Isaac Folkes	Soccer
Jamie Clark	Rugby	Bianca Galic	Soccer
George Coates	Rugby	Austin Gallagher	Soccer
Hamish Cressey	Rugby	Ella Harmata	Soccer
Jack Davis	Rugby	Alyse Jensen	Soccer
Piper Duck	Rugby	Emily Jensen	Soccer
Jonathon Feilen	Rugby	Taren King	Soccer
William Goddard	Rugby	Jung Woo Lee	Soccer
Charlie Hancock	Rugby	Thomas McCoubrie	Soccer
Harry Johnson-Holmes	Rugby	Georgia Pollitt	Soccer
Ciaran Loh	Rugby	Jordan Polyzos	Soccer
Kepueli Malipolo Tuakifalelei Manukia	Rugby	James Reed	Soccer
Jemima McCalman	Rugby	Juri Dijkstra	Swimming
Benjamin Morton	Rugby	Gabriella Helayel	Swimming
Charles Murray	Rugby	Bhakthi Karunasena	Swimming
Daniel Nelson	Rugby	Zai Xiang Ma	Swimming
Claudia Nielsen	Rugby	Finley Roddis	Swimming
Alex O'Reilly	Rugby	Frances Smith	Swimming
Oscar Ortolani	Rugby	Jenna Strauch	Swimming
Harry Parnaby	Rugby	Cara Sutherland	Swimming

Grace Bruce	Tennis
Louis Corker	Tennis
Paul Howe	Tennis
James Ibrahim	Tennis
Milan Krish	Tennis
Dimitri Vidin	Tennis
Aaron Kiss	Triathlon
Jayden Schofield	Triathlon
Luke Schofield	Triathlon
Emlyn Evans	Volleyball
Panagiotis Fountotos	Volleyball
Henry Sindel	Volleyball
Amir Taher	Volleyball

Phoebe Trinh	Volleyball
Cassandra Clark	Water Polo
Stefan Despotovic	Water Polo
Mia Glasel	Water Polo
Hamish Hegarty	Water Polo
Savannah Henshaw	Water Polo
Tyler Krenkels	Water Polo
Christian Kyriakou	Water Polo
Tori Morrissey	Water Polo
Thomas Oates	Water Polo
Aidan Principe	Water Polo
Grayson Richardson	Water Polo
Victoria Ridhalgh	Water Polo
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# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

#### DIRECTORS

The following persons were directors of the company during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

- David Mortimer AO, Chairman
- Simone Whetton, Deputy Chair
- Warwick Lynch
- Jane Spring
- Kirsten Thomson (resigned 27 March 2023)
- Mike Wiseman
- Todd Stevenson
- Dyone Bettega
- David McDuling (resigned 31 December 2022)
- Andrew Sierakowsk (appointed 1 January 2023)

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were to promote the health and wellbeing of members of Sydney University, members of Sydney University Clubs and the wider community.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the company during the financial year.

#### CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY & RESTATEMENT OF 2021 RESULTS

Prior to 2022 the company adopted AASB 15 - "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" as the standard for accounting for Student Services Amenities Fees (SSAF) which allowed the company to account for such funds an accruals basis and apply the ' matching principle' that is, to match the revenue stream against the related expenditure in the same accounting period. In the financial year ended December 2021, the company received \$1,305,893 of SSAF revenues in late 2021 to be matched against the related expenditure, which would be incurred in 2022 and beyond until fully satisfied.

With the introduction of AASB 1058 - "Income for Not-for Profit Entities", the contract under which we receive SSAF funds was no longer deemed to be ' sufficiently specific' as required under this new standard and as a consequence the company is now required to account for such funds on a cash receipts basis. This has resulted in the company having to re-sate the 2021 financial statements to comply with AASB 1058.

The impact of the re-statement is significant and is fully set out in Note 3.

The operating results prior to the re-statement of the 2021 financial results and its impact on the 2022 results amounted to a net surplus of \$36,737 for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and a deficit of (\$221,224) for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **REVIEW AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The net (deficit)/surplus of the company for the financial year, after re-statement, amounted to (\$1,269,356), 2021 \$1,084,729.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Both the short term and long term objectives of the company are to promote the health and wellbeing of members of the University, and members of the Clubs and general communities through the provision of sport and recreational activities and facilities and through supporting activities and the Clubs.

#### **STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVE**

To achieve this objective, the company aims to provide high quality sports and fitness programs and facilities to the University's students, alumni, staff and clubs as well as its local, national and (ever increasing) global communities. Achieving our goal, from the participation level through to the high-performance level, will help our members, whatever their social or cultural backgrounds, become the best possible versions of themselves both on and off the fields of play.

The company's strategy to reach its goal is to focus on three key roles as an *Incubator, Aggregator and Promoter* of sports programs for the University and wider Community across the four key areas of sport, infrastructure and sustainability, advancement, and finance.

#### **KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

The company measures its own performance through the use of both quantitative and qualitative benchmarks. The benchmarks are used by the directors to assess the financial sustainability of the company and whether the company's short- term and longterm objectives are being achieved.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

The company is limited by guarantee and is therefore precluded from distributing profits by way of dividend.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE REPORTING DATE**

The Covid-19 pandemic announced in 2020 by the World Health Organisation continues to impact the company results but at a gradually reducing rate.

Apart from Covid-19 pandemic, the Directors are not aware of any matters or circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the Directors' Report or Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 that has significantly or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year, which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

#### THE DIRECTORS OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPORT AND FITNESS LIMITED AT ANY TIME DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR ARE:

Name and Qualifications	Experience and Special Responsibilities
DAVID MORTIMER AO BEc (Hon) FCPA, FICD,	<ul> <li>David Mortimer completed a Bachelor of Economics degree at Sydney University graduating with First Class Honours.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>David Mortimer has had a career spanning 45 years in the banking, finance and transport industry, both in Australia and the United States. He joined TNT Limited in 1973 becoming Chief Financial Officer and a Director of the company in 1985. In September 1992, Mr Mortimer was appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the TNT Limited worldwide group. David resigned in September 1997 following the sale of the TNT group.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>In November 1996, Mr Mortimer was appointed by the Federal Government to conduct a review of Business Programs that resulted in "The Mortimer Report".</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>In 2005 Mr Mortimer was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>In 2010 Mr. Mortimer was appointed a Fellow of the University of Sydney and was Chair of the University of Sydney Senate Investment and Commercialisation Committee until 2019. Mr. Mortimer is presently Chair of Mirage Land and Water Group.</li> </ul>
	• He was Chairman of Crescent Capital Partners for 17 years until his retirement at the end of 2017.
	<ul> <li>Mr. Mortimer is Chairman of the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Foundation and the Sydney University Football Club Foundation. He was President of the Sydney University Football Club for 16 years until his retirement in 2016.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>In 2021, Mr Mortimer was awarded a Doctor of Business (honoris causa).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>At Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited, Mr Mortimer is Chairman of the Board, a member of the CEO Recruitment Committee, and the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.</li> </ul>
SIMONE WHETTON	<ul> <li>Simone completed a Bachelor of Economics/Law at Sydney University.</li> </ul>
BEc LLB (University of Sydney), Diploma of Finance, corporate M&A partner, Colin Biggers & Paisley, Previous was at Clayton Utz. Associate Federal Court	<ul> <li>Simone is a partner at national law firm Colin Biggers &amp; Paisley. She is a corporate lawyer and has practiced for over 20 years in corporate, commercial, M&amp;A advising Australian and foreign companies on a range of corporate issues, across border transactions, as well as risk and governance issues for boards and management.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Simone holds a range of board positions, including Chair and Deputy Chair, across the arts and not for profit sector. Simone is currently the Chair of Sydney based physical theatre company Leg on the Wall.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>She is Deputy Chair of Griffin Theatre Company. Simone is a director of the German Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce where she heads the Policy Advisory Committee and is also a member of the Finance Committee.</li> </ul>
	• Simone is Deputy Chair of the Sydney Eisteddfod and also a Director of Grata Fund.
	<ul> <li>Simone is a former Senate elected Director of the University of Sydney Union (2011 - 2016) and former Chair of Sydney's largest community radio station Radio 2RPH Limited.</li> </ul>

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

<b>SIMONE WHETTON</b> (Continued)	<ul> <li>Simone broadcasts every weekend on ABC local radio in Sydney and throughout New South Wales, interviewing guests in the arts sector.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>At Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited, Simone is Chair of the Affiliation Agreement Subcommittee and is involved in other committees of the Board.</li> </ul>
<b>WARWICK LYNCH</b> B Bus (Acct), Member	<ul> <li>Warwick Lynch has 30 years finance experience in professional accounting and commercial media companies with over 10 years as a Chief Financial Officer of listed and private businesses.</li> </ul>
Institute of Chartered Accountants	<ul> <li>Warwick is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and has a Bachelor of Business degree, majoring in accounting. His work experience has been with Ernst &amp; Young, Chrysalis PLC (a London based media company), Seven West Media and he is currently Group Chief Financial Officer of Gravity Media, an Outside Broadcast and Production business headquartered in London.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>At Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited Warwick is Chairman of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>JANE SPRING</b> B Ed (Hons), LLB, MPA (USyd), FAICD, FGIA	<ul> <li>Jane Spring completed a Bachelor of Economics degree graduating with Honours and a Law degree at Sydney University. Jane subsequently completed a Master of Public Administration and graduated with Merit.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ms Spring represented the University in both skiing and rowing, was Sportswoman of the Year for the University in 1990 and was also awarded both Blue and Gold Awards for Rowing. Jane was President of the Women's Rowing Club from 1986 to 2010 and was Vice President of the Women's Sport Association while a student. Ms Spring is an Honorary Life Member of the Boat Club, Sydney University Sports and Fitness and of the University of Sydney Union. Jane has also represented NSW in Wheelchair Basketball.</li> </ul>
	• In 2008 Ms Spring was appointed a Fellow of the University of Sydney and in 2009 was elected as a Fellow of Senate by the alumni of the University for a 4-year term to 2013. In that time Ms Spring was a member of the Nomination & Appointments and Building & Estates Committees of the Senate and represented the Senate on Council of International House.
	<ul> <li>Ms Spring has held senior leadership roles across a range of government departments and sporting organisations including acting CEO of the NSW Institute of Sport, Assistant Commissioner at the NSW Public Service Commission and senior management roles at the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games. Jane has held non-executive roles with Western Sydney Local Health District, Venues NSW, Wheelchair Sports Australia and the NSW Combat Sports Authority.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ms Spring is currently Vice President of the Institute of Public Administration (NSW). Jane is also a Co Chair of the NSW Chapter of sports mentoring organisation Minerva Network</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Spring is also a Director of Venues NSW, Royal Rehab, The Chair of the NSW Disability Council, a Council Member of the Australian Disability Advisory Council and an Ambassador for IncludeAbility at the Australian Human Rights Commission. Ms Spring is a Board Member on the Paraplegic Benefit Fund, a Council Member at the Institute of Public Administration (NSW) and a Member of the Chief Executive for Women.</li> </ul>
	• At Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited, Ms Spring is a member of the Board, Deputy Chair of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee and Chair of the University of Sydney Sports Foundation.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

KIRSTEN THOMSON OLY (resigned 27 March 2023) Graduate Diploma in Sport Law, Melbourne University Law School Master of Marketing, Charles Sturt University Bachelor of Arts, University of Sydney	<ul> <li>Kirsten has extensive experience operating within the Australian sporting system across all spectrums of sport and recreation as an Olympic athlete and senior executive. Kirsten brings a unique perspective of understanding the needs and challenges of being an elite athlete, but also the experience necessary to drive strategy and organisational performance in highly regulated and complex stakeholder environments.</li> <li>As a senior executive responsible for leading a corporate services division, Kirsten has a broad range of corporate knowledge and governance experience. Her current position as Director, Corporate and Communications at the NSW Institute of Sport oversees all corporate functions including People &amp; Culture, Information Technology, Operations, Data Science, Marketing and Communications, and Financial Services. She has completed the Australian Institute of Company's Directors Course and has relevant experience on Boards and as the Chair of Sub Committees.</li> <li>At Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited Kirsten was a member of the CEO Recruitment Committee.</li> </ul>
MIKE WISEMAN Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Honours University of Sydney	<ul> <li>As an alumnus of Sydney University, 2x Sportsman of the Year, Blue of the Year and Sydney University Boat Club Life Member Mike has 20 years' experience in real-estate and has performed a number of roles at board level including Chair of real estate development joint ventures with major institutional partners and mixed use Stratum/Strata Committees. Mike has experience with a range of different commercial structures, revenue structures and balancing the interests of multiple stakeholders.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>At Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited Mike is a member of the Affiliation Agreement Subcommittee and has provided assistance in the preparation of the Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited Strategy.</li> </ul>
<b>TODD STEVENSON</b> <i>MBA, Diploma of</i> <i>Superannuation</i>	<ul> <li>24 years of financial services experience.</li> <li>Todd was most recently the Chief Customer Officer at CFS reporting directly to the CEO. He sat on the Senior Executive Leadership team where CFS manages \$150b for 1.1m Australians.</li> <li>As the CCO, he was responsible for customer growth, engagement and retention. This includes the design and execution of the end-to-end experience delivered to the 1.1 million individual customers of CFS.</li> <li>He was responsible for a team of 130 across the following teams: Marketing &amp; Communications, Brand, Events, Corporate Affairs, Digital, Digital Advice, Design, Customer Experience, Data &amp; Analytics, Complaints, Customer Advocacy &amp; Vulnerable Customers</li> <li>Assistance to the marketing side of the Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited 2021-2026 Strategy.</li> </ul>
DAVID MCDULING (resigned 31 December 2022) BCom, MBA* AICD Foundations of Directorship Course	<ul> <li>David completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies) and Master of Business Administration, both at the University of Sydney.</li> <li>Between 2008-2019 David played over 100 grade games for Sydney University Football Club (SUFC) including 1st grade premierships in 2010, 2018 and 2019. In representative rugby he played for the Australian u20s and went on to play professionally for the NSW Waratahs, Queensland Reds and overseas.</li> <li>Since retiring from Rugby, David has forged a career over the last 5 years with global organisations in the professional services and technology industry. At SUFC David was the Male Student director on the board.</li> </ul>

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

<b>DYONE BETTEGA</b> <i>Cert.Comm. (ASCA),</i> <i>Prosector (2020),</i> <i>AICD Foundations of</i> <i>Directorship Course</i>	<ul> <li>Dyone Bettega is a University of Sydney student currently completing her Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours) majoring in anatomy &amp; histology and Honours in pathology. In 2020, Dyone was a Sydney University subject tutor for Pathogenesis of Human Disease 2 (CPAT3202).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Dyone is a member of Sydney University Boat Club (SUBC) and was elected as SUBC Women's Captain in 2016 and, in 2018, she was appointed as Chair of the Events &amp; Communications Subcommittee within SUBC. Both positions were held until 2021. Dyone has represented the university at University Nationals from 2016-2019, captained the Sydney University Boat Race crew to its maiden victory in 2017 and again captained the crew to victory in 2018 and 2019. Dyone has also represented SUBC at the Trans tasman regatta (New Zealand) and Royal Canadian Henley (Canada) and has competed at World Rowing Cup III (Lucerne, Switzerland, 2018), U23 World Rowing Championships (Poznan, Poland, 2018) and U23 World Rowing Championships (Sarasota, Florida, 2019). In 2017, Dyone was awarded a Sydney University Blue.</li> </ul>
	• Dyone is also a current resident at St Andrew's College within the University of Sydney and was elected as Pastoral Care Leader in 2020 and 2021. She enjoys kick-starting new initiatives within the college and surrounding communities
ANDREW SIERAKOWSKI (appointed 1 January	<ul> <li>Andrew completed a Bachelor of Commerce and is currently completing his Master of Business Administration, both at the University of Sydney.</li> </ul>
2023) Bachelor of Commerce, University of Sydney MBA*, University of Sydney AICD Foundations of Directorship Course	<ul> <li>Outside of studies, Andrew has represented the Sydney University Australian Rules Football Club (SUANFC) for the past seven years as an active member of SUANFC starting with the U19's and the Sydney University elite athlete program.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Andrew has worked at Stan, Australia's local streaming service since 2016 rising to the role of Business Planning &amp; Strategy Manager. Andrew has experience working on some the financial business cases of some of Australia's largest sports rights deals and worked extensively on business planning, forecasting and strategy.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>At Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited Andrew currently acts as the male student director on the board.</li> </ul>

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Natalie Brown (BSc (Hons), LLB) completed a Bachelor of Science in Applied Sports Science, graduating with Honours, from the University of Edinburgh, and a Law degree at Sydney University. She has held the role of Company Secretary of Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited since the inception of the company in July 2019. Natalie has over 12 years' experience in the legal profession, specialising in-house at various sporting organisations.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

The number of meetings of the company's Board of Directors ('the Board') and of each Board committee held during the year ended 31 December 2022, and the number of meetings attended by each director were:

	Board Me	eetings	Other Formal Meetings (Finance, Audit and Risk Committee)		
Director	No. of meetings attended No. of meetings held No. of meetings attended I		No. of meetings held		
David Mortimer AO	4	4	4	4	
Simone Whetton	4	4	0	0	
Warwick Lynch	3	4	4	4	
Jane Spring	4	4	4	4	
Kirsten Thomson	3	4	0	0	
Mike Wiseman	4	4	0	0	
Todd Stevenson	3	4	0	0	
Dyone Bettega	4	4	0	0	
David McDuling	2	4	0	0	
Andrew Sierakowski	1	1	0	0	

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS ON WINDING UP**

The entity is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, ordinary members are required to contribute a maximum of \$2 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity

At 31 December 2022, the total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the Company is wound up is \$84, (2021: \$84), based on 42 current ordinary members.

#### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out immediately after this directors' report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors

#### **DAVID MORTIMER AO**

of according

Director 25th May 2023 Sydney WARWICK LYNCH

Director



## **AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION REPORT**

William Buck ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS		
Sydney University Sport and F	itness Limited	
Auditor's Independence Declaration Corporations Act 2001 to the Direct		C of the
I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belie been:	ef, during the year ended 31 Dec	ember 2022 there have
<ul> <li>no contraventions of the auditor independence re relation to the audit; and</li> </ul>	equirements as set out in the Co	rporations Act 2001 in
<ul> <li>no contraventions of any applicable code of profe</li> </ul>	essional conduct in relation to the	e audit.
Yours faithfully		
William Buck Accountants & Advisors ABN 16 021 300 521		
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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The financial statements cover Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited functional and presentation currency.

Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are:

Registered office	Princ
Building G09	Build
Sydney University	Sydne
Darlington Road	Darlir
Sydney NSW 2006	Sydne

#### Principal place of business

Building G09 Sydney University Darlington Road Sydney NSW 2006

A description of the nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are included in the directors' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 25 May 2023. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	NOTES	2022 \$	2021 Restated \$
Revenue	4	13,296,184	12,670,164
Other income	4	57,962	932,287
		13,354,146	13,602,451
Expenses			
Employee benefits		8,034,330	6,367,220
Contractors		161,168	165,076
Club allotments		1,461,360	1,418,016
Student support services		567,298	650,985
University nationals competitions		463,148	36,934
Administration		400,383	590,619
Utilities		556,652	500,598
Professional services		181,057	270,604
Consumables & services		686,319	467,961
Maintenance		534,539	489,321
Marketing & publications		269,334	199,985
Venue hire & function costs		253,272	152,996
ICT costs		433,342	480,667
Lease costs		4,485	38,726
Bank charges		93,691	72,197
Bad debt expense		(45,835)	34,660
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets		(14,467)	0
Depreciation	5	583,426	581,157
Total expenses		14,623,502	12,517,722
(Deficit)/Surplus before income tax		(1,269,356)	1,084,729
Income Tax expense		-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus after income tax for the year attributable to the members of Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited	13	(1,269,356)	1,084,729
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax:		-	-
Total comprehensive (expense)/ income for the year attributable to the members of Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited		(1,269,356)	1,084,729

#### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

As at 31 December 2022

	NOTES	2022 \$	2021 Restated \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	5,400,217	6,750,360
Bruce Pryor Trust - deposits	6	6,348,505	6,328,610
Trade and other receivables	7	381,876	426,033
Other current assets	8	84,295	71,854
Total current assets		12,214,893	13,576,857
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	4,056,213	4,126,244
Total non-current assets		4,056,213	4,126,244
Total assets		16,271,106	17,703,101
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	3,249,970	3,250,674
Term facility	10	636,724	0
Bruce Pryor Trust liability	10	6,348,505	6,328,610
Employee benefits	11	752,905	1,043,077
Lease liability		0	4,471
Total current liabilities		10,988,104	10,626,832
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits	12	112,813	0
Term facility	12	1,273,508	1,910,232
Total non-current liabilities		1,386,321	1,910,232
Total liabilities		12,374,425	12,537,064
Net assets		3,896,681	5,166,037
Equity			
Retained surpluses	13	3,896,681	5,166,037
Total equity		3,896,681	5,166,037

#### **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the year ended 31 December 2022

2021 Restated	RETAINED SURPLUSES RESTATED \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance 1 January 2021	4,081,308	4,081,308
(Deficit) / Surplus after income tax before restatement for the Year	(221,164)	(221,164)
Restatement of 2021 accounts to comply with AASB 1058	1,305,893	1,305,893
Balance 31 December 2021	5,166,037	5,166,037

2022	RETAINED SURPLUSES \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance 1 January 2022	5,166,037	5,166,037
(Deficit) after income tax for the year	(1,269,356)	(1,269,356)
Balance 31 December 2022	3,896,681	3,896,681

#### **STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	NOTES	2022 \$	2021 Restated \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		13,246,186	13,974,782
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(14,150,878)	(12,199,306)
		(904,692)	1,775,476
Interest and distributions received		57,962	3,878
Interest paid		0	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	21	(846,730)	1,779,354
Cash Flows from investing activities Payments for property, plant and equipment Proceeds from sale of property,plant and equipment		(521,565) 22,623	(385,522) 0
Cash flows from financing activities			
Lease repayments		(4,471)	(38,726)
		(503,413)	(424,248)
Net (Decrease)/Increase in cash held		(1,350,143)	1,355,106
Cash on hand at the beginning of the financial year		6,750,360	5,395,254
Cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		5,400,217	6,750,360



### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

#### **NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'), the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities. These financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB').

#### Historical Cost Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

The company recognises revenue as follows:

#### Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the company: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, and any potential bonus receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraints continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

#### Sales revenue

Events, fundraising and raffles are recognised when received or receivable.

#### Donations

Donations are recognised at the time the pledge is made.

#### Grants

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the company satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the company is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

#### Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

#### Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

#### Volunteer services

The company has elected not to recognise volunteer services as ether revenue or other form of contribution received. As such, any related consumption or capitalisation of such resources received is also not recognised.

#### Income Tax

As the company is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt for paying income tax.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Current and non-current classification**

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the company's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the company's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are always classified as non-current.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Trade and other receivables

Other receivable are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

#### **Contract assets**

Contract assets are recognised when the company has transferred goods or services to the customer but where the company is yet to establish an unconditional right to consideration. Contract assets are treated as financial assets for impairment purposes.

#### Property, plant, equipment and vehicles

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Buildings	50 years
Plant and equipment	5 – 20 years
Motor Vehicles	10 – 12.5 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the company. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less cost of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

#### Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the company prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

#### **Contract liabilities**

Contract liabilities represent the company's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer and are recognised when a customer pays consideration, or when the company recognises a receivable to reflect its unconditional right to consideration (whichever is earlier) before the company has transferred the goods or services to the customer.

#### **Employee benefits**

#### Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

#### Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible the estimated future cash outflows.

#### Defined contribution superannuation expense

Contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

#### Fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For nonfinancial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstance and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

#### Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financial activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable for, or payable to, the tax authority.

#### NOTE 2 - CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENT, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgement and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenues and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to respective notes) within the next financial year are disclosed below.

#### Coronavirus (COVID -19) pandemic

Judgement has been exercised in considering the impacts that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had, or may have, on the company based on known information. This consideration extends to the nature of the products and services offered, customers, supply chain, staffing and geographic regions in which the company operates. Other than as addressed in specific notes, there does not currently appear to be either any significant impact upon the financial statements or any significant uncertainties with respect to events or conditions which may impact the company unfavourably as at the reporting date or subsequently as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

#### Estimation of useful lives of assets

The company determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

### Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite intangible assets

The company assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the company and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

#### Employee benefits provision

As discussed in note 1, the liability for employees benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### NOTE 3 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY AND RESTATEMENT OF 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited had previously adopted AASB 15 - "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" when accounting for Student Services Amenities Funds (SSAF). With the introduction of AASB 1058 - "Income for Not-for Profit Entities" management have restated the 2021 financial statements to recognise the impact of the change from AASB 15 to AASB 1058.

	2022 \$	2021 Restated \$
Surplus / (Deficit) prior to restatement	36,537	(221,164)
Restatement under AASB 1058	(1,305,893)	1,305,893
(Deficit) / Surplus after restatement	(1,269,356)	1,084,729

Prior to 2022 the company adopted AASB 15 - "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" as the standard for accounting for Student Services Amenities Fee (SSAF) which allowed the company to account for such funds on an accruals basis and apply the 'matching principle' that is, to match the revenue stream against the related expenditure in the same accounting period. In the financial year ended 31 December 2021, the company deferred \$1,305,893 of SSAF revenues received in late 2021 to be matched against the related expenditure, which would be incurred in 2022 and beyond until fully satisfied.

With the introduction of AASB 1058 - "Income for Not-for Profit Entities", the contract under which we receive SSAF funds was no longer deemed to be 'sufficiently specific' as required under this new standard and as a consequence the company is now required to account for such funds on a cash receipts basis. This has resulted in the company having to re-state the 2021 financial statements to comply with AASB 1058.

#### **NOTE 4 - REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME**

Revenue from contracts with customers		
Student & community services income	5,091,280	3,760,803
Venue & equipment hire	1,695,951	1,069,054
Other operational income	1,047,696	788,030
SSAF funding (see * below)	5,461,257	7,052,277
	13,296,184	12,670,164
Other income		
Interest and distribution income	57,962	3,878
Jobkeeper funding	0	738,050
Government grants	0	190,359
	57,962	932,287
Total revenue	13,354,146	13,602,451

Disaggregation of revenue

The disaggregation of revenue for contracts with customers as follows:

Geographical regions		
Australia	13,296,184	12,670,164

\*With the introduction of AASB 1058 "Income for Not-for Profit Entities", the contract under which we receive SSAF funds was no longer deemed to be 'sufficiently specific' as required under this new standard, and as a consequence the company is now required to account for such funds on a cash receipts basis. As a result of re-stating the 2021 financial statements to comply with AASB 1058 the SSAF funds in 2021 have been increased by \$1,035,893 the amount of the re-statement (see Note 3).

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

NOTE 5 - EXPENSES	2022 \$	2021 Restated \$
Depreciation of non-current assets		
Buildings	311,757	306,416
Plant and equipment	271,669	274,741
Total depreciation	583,426	581,157
Bad and doubtful debts	(45,835)	34,660
Rental expense on operating leases		
Minimum lease payments	0	38,726
NOTE 6 - CURRENT ASSETS - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on hand	1,900	1,900
Cash at bank	4,204,506	5,033,977
Club bank accounts	1,193,811	1,714,483
	5,400,217	6,750,360
Bruce Pryor Trust - deposit	6,348,505	6,328,610
	11,748,722	13,078,970
NOTE 7 - CURRENT ASSETS - TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade and other receivables	299,835	204,002
Prepayments	82,041	222,031
	381,876	426,033
NOTE 8 - CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER		
Inventories	84,295	71,854

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

NOTE 9 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES	2022 \$	2021 Restated \$
Land and buildings - at cost	10,261,560	10,104,958
Less: accumulated depreciation	(7,812,989)	(7,501,231)
	2,448,571	2,603,727
Plant and equipment and vehicles - cost	3,112,337	2,846,439
Less: acumulated depreciation	(1,504,695)	(1,323,922)
	1,607,642	1,522,517
Total - Property, plant and equipment and vehicles	4,056,213	4,126,244

#### Reconciliations

Reconciliation of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below.

	LAND AND BUILDINGS \$	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at 1 January 2022	2,603,727	1,522,517	4,126,244
Additions at cost	156,601	364,964	521,565
Disposals at cost	0	(99,155)	(99,155)
Depreciation expense	(311,757)	(271,669)	(583,426)
Depreciation recouped on disposal	0	90,985	90,985
Balance at 31 December 2022	2,448,571	1,607,642	4,056,213

#### **Occupational licence**

The occupational licences are held at a nominal value of \$1.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

NOTE 10 - CURRENT LIABILITIES - TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2022 \$	2021 Restated \$
Accounts payable	110,728	554,555
Club liabilities	1,472,128	1,958,480
Payments received in advance	548,712	296,282
Accrued expenses	1,118,402	441,357
	3,249,970	3,250,674
Term facility	636,724	0
	6,348,505	6,328,610
Bruce Pryor bequest liability	-,,	
	10,235,199	9,579,284
Bruce Pryor bequest liability NOTE 11 - CURRENT LIABILITIES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS Employee benefits		9,579,284 1,043,077
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NOTE 11 - CURRENT LIABILITIES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS Employee benefits NOTE 12 - NON - CURRENT LIABILITIES Employee benefits	10,235,199 <b>752,905</b> 112,813	<b>1,043,077</b>

#### **NOTE 13 - EQUITY - RETAINED SURPLUSES**

Retained surpluses at the beginning of the financial year	5,166,037	4,081,308
(Deficit) / Surplus after income tax for the year	(1,269,356)	1,084,729
Retained surpluses at the end of the financial year	<b>3,896,681</b>	<b>5,166,037</b>

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### **NOTE 14 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS.**

#### Financial risk management objectives

The company's activities do not expose it to many financial risks, with only liquidity risk being needed to be actively managed.

#### Market risk

Foreign currency risk

The company is not exposed to any significant foreign currency risk.

#### Price risk

The company is not exposed to any significant price risk.

#### Interest rate risk

The company is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

#### Credit risk

The company is not exposed to any significant credit risk.

#### Liquidity risk

Vigilant liquidity risk management requires the company to maintain sufficient liquid assets (mainly cash and cash equivalents) to able to pay debts as and when they become due and payable.

The company manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves by continuously monitoring actual and forecast cash flows and matching the maturity profile of financial assets and liabilities.

#### Remaining contractual maturities

The following tables detail the company's remaining contractual maturity for its financial instrument liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the discounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the financial liabilities are required to be paid. The table include both interest and principal cash flows disclosed as remaining contractual maturities and therefore the totals may differ from the carrying amount in the statement of financial position.

2022	Weighted average interest rate %	1 Year or less \$	Between 1 and 2 years \$	Between 2 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
Non- derivates						
Non-interest bearing						
Trade payables	-	110,728				110,728
Other payables	-	636,724	1,273,508			1,910,232
		747,452	1,273,508	0	0	2,020,960

2021 Restated	Weighted average interest rate %	1 Year or less \$	Between 1 and 2 years \$	Between 2 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
Non- derivates						
Non-interest bearing						
Trade payables	-	554,555				554,555
Other payables	-		1,273,508	636,724		1,910,232
		554,555	1,273,508	636,724	0	1,910,232

The cash flows in the maturity analysis above are not expected to occur significantly earlier than contractually disclosed above.

Fair value of financial instruments

Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### **NOTE 15 - KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES**

The aggregate totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel (KMP) of the company during the year are as follows:

	2022 \$	2021 Restated \$
Key management personnel compensation	802,811	568,176

#### **NOTE 16 - REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS**

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by William Buck, the auditor of the company:

Audit services - William Buck	42,000	0
Audit services - Manser Tierney & Johnston	0	42,649
Non-audit services - William Buck	12,000	0

#### **NOTE 17 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The company had no contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2022 or 31 December 2021.

#### **NOTE 18 - COMMITMENTS**

The company had no commitments for expenditure as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021.

#### **NOTE 19 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

*Key management personnel* Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 15.

Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the current and previous financial year.

Receivable from and payable to related parties

There were no trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

*Loans to/from related parties* There were no loans to or from related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

#### **NOTE 20 - EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

The impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is ongoing and while it has been financially positive for the company up to 31 December 2022, it is not practicable to estimate the potential impact, positive or negative, after the reporting date. The situation is rapidly developing and is dependent on measures imposed by the Australian Government and other countries, such as maintaining social distancing requirements, quarantine, travel restrictions and any economic stimulus that may be provided.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

NOTE 21 - RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS AFTER INCOME TAX TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2022 \$	2021 Restated \$
(Deficit) / Surplus after income tax expense for the year	(1,269,356)	1,084,729
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	583,426	581,157
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	(14,467)	0
Doubtful debts	(45,835)	34,660
Finance costs	4,485	38,726
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase/(Decrease) in trade & other debtors	159,003	376,209
Increase/(Decrease) in prepayments	(69,011)	209,357
Increase/(Decrease) in Inventories	(12,441)	45,144
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	(704)	(563,306)
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	(177,359)	31,173
Increase/(Decrease) in lease liability	(4,471)	(58,495)
	(846,730)	1,779,354



#### SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPORT AND FITNESS LIMITED ABN 45 634 542 644

## **DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION**

#### **31 DECEMBER 2022**

#### In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures, the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Act 2012 and the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made to section 295(5)(a) of the corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors

#### **DAVID MORTIMER AO**

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Director 25th May 2023 Sydney WARWICK LYNCH

Director

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **WilliamBuck**

ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

Sydney University Sport and Fitness Independent auditor's report to members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Sydney University Sport and Fitness (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company, is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Notfor-profits Commission Regulation 2013

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Other Information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **WilliamBuck**

ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Other Matter**

The financial report of Sydney University Sport and Fitness for the year ended 31 December 2021 was audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on the financial report on 31 May 2022.

#### **Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report**

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *ACNC Act* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

Yours faithfully

William Buck

William Buck Accountants & Advisors ABN 16 021 300 521

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**L. E. Tutt** Partner Sydney, 25 May 2023

### **USSF ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

#### **FOUNDATION GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – 2022**

The University of Sydney Sport Foundation recognises the importance and benefit of reviewing its adoption and alignment with governance principles and provides the following report.

#### Principle 1 – Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

#### Nature of the entity

The University of Sydney Sport Foundation is a part of the University of Sydney ABN 152 115 134 64 and not separately incorporated under a State or Commonwealth Act. The Foundation is required to gain prior approval for its fundraising activities from the appropriate University delegate. The Foundation's activities are not-for-profit and covered by the DGR status of the University of Sydney. The University is exempted from the requirement to hold an Authority to Fundraise and obligations upon holders of such an authority but is still required to comply with the balance of provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act.

#### Roles of board / council and management

The Foundation operates under the authority of the Senate of the University of Sydney, as approved on 4 August 2009 and has no powers of delegation. The Foundation conducts its affairs pursuant to the Foundation Rules and the relevant policies of the University. The Foundation presented its draft fundraising plan to the Council and similarly to 2020 and 2021, the Clubs are still feeling the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in relation to fundraising in 2022.

#### Principle 2 - Structure of the Council

The Council of the Foundation in 2022 consisted of the following members:

Ms Melissa Bonevska – BCom; BA University of Sydney – Ex-Officio University Councillor, Development Manager – University Foundations, Advancement Portfolio.

Ms Alexia Nicholson – Ex-Officio University Councillor, Development Manager – University Foundations, Advancement Portfolio.

Mr John Boultbee – BA, LLB (Hons) (Syd), LLM (London) – Former Solicitor and Barrister, former Secretary General of International Rowing Federation (FISA) and former Director of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), Sports Executive in various roles including High Performance Director of Football Federation Australia (FFA) and Volleyball Australia (VA), Member of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport and currently CEO of the National Sports Tribunal. A long-term member, and current Treasurer of the Boat Club (SUBC), University Blue in Boat.

Simon Philips – BA LLB (Hons) (University of Sydney), Grad Dip Legal Prac (UTS). Over 25 years experience as a commercial lawyer, with 20 years as a barrister. More than 30 years of involvement as a player, manager, committee member and administrator with Sydney University Soccer Football Club, including 4 years as (current) President. 5 years as a director of Football NSW. Member of National Sports Tribunal and various sporting judiciary bodies. Awarded Colours/Gold award by Sydney University. Currently Secretary of the Clubs Advisory Committee of Sydney University Sport & Fitness and Soccer Football Division representative on the USSF Council.

Mr Robert Goodall – Dip. Arch. Tech, over 20 years working within Architectural practices both in Ireland and Australia. 16 years to date association with SUANFC which includes playing, coaching, club umpiring, on-field leadership group, club committee member and football operations manager.

Mr Anthony McInnes – BComm & BScience (UOW), Dip Financial Services, CFA Level 1, MAppFin (Macquarie Uni – targeted March 2021). Over 14 years' experience in financial services and technology. Former President (4 years) and Club Captain (2 years) of Sydney University Hockey Club.

Mr David Miller – BappSc and MMgt (University of Sydney). 13 years association with Sydney University Cricket Club, including as a player, elite athlete program scholar, board member, coach and club administrator. 10 years' experience in financial services, technology, consulting and start-ups.

Professor Joanne Wright – Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and University Officer for the Foundation.

Mr Ed Smith – BA LLB (Hons) (Australian National University) – CEO of Sydney University Sport and Fitness. Former Solicitor, Consultant, University Planning and Property Manager and SUSF Deputy Director. Life member of the ANU Basketball Club, 25year member of the Cricketers' Club of NSW and the ANU Peter McCulloch Medallist for Contributions to Sport.

Ms Jane Spring – MPA, BEc (Hons) LLB (University of Sydney), FAICD FGIA. CEO at the NSW Public Service Commission. A senior executive in the NSW public sector who has held executive roles including Assistant Commissioner PSC, A/CEO at the NSW Institute of Sport and Executive Director Department of Industry. Jane held non-executive roles with Western Sydney Local Health District, Venues NSW, University of Sydney Senate, Wheelchair Sports Australia, and the Combat Sports Authority. President of the Sydney University Women's Rowing Club for 24 years and an Honorary Fellow of the University of Sydney.

Ms Larissa Stanley - BEc (Hons) (University of Sydney) – over 15 years' business experience, predominantly in Banking and Finance and currently working for HSBC. Committee member of the Sydney University Athletics Club (SUAC) for over 20 years and has been awarded a University Gold for service to the club.

All Members of Council were confirmed as eligible to continue or be appointed as Councillors at the 2021 AGM. There is not a separate nomination committee of Council. The full Council resolves nominations if there is a need to fill vacancies outside of the election process at the AGM. There was not a performance evaluation of the Council undertaken in the reporting period.

## **USSF ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

Name	Meetings Attended (inc AGM)	Eligible to Attend (inc AGM)
Melissa Bonevska	2	2
Alexia Nicholson	2	2
John Boultbee	2	2
Simon Philips	4	4
Robert Goodall	1	4
Anthony McInnes	3*	4
David Miller	4	4
Joanne Wright	2	2
Ed Smith	4	4
Jane Spring	4	4
Larissa Stanley	2	2
Jin Su Jung	2	2
Jo-Ann Matruglio	2	4

\*Represented by Brian Fitzpatrick at the August meeting

### Principle 3 – Promote ethical and responsible decision-making

Council members have been provided with the University of Sydney Foundation Rules, Code of Conduct, Work Health & Safety policy and the External Interests policy. All these policies are available on the University's Policy Register, as are other relevant University policies regarding harassment, grievance procedures and the Delegations of Authority.

#### Principle 4 - Safeguard integrity in financial reporting

The annual accounts of the Foundation are prepared by the financial staff of the University, signed off by the University Officer Professor Joanne Wright and included in this Annual Report to the Senate. The Foundation is part of the University and therefore does not have its own audit sub-committee. While the Annual Financial Report of the University is audited by the Audit Office of NSW, the Annual Report of the Foundation has not itself been audited.

The Foundation undertook no new major fundraising appeals<sup>1</sup> during 2022: As mentioned in Principle 1 above, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to impact fundraising by the Clubs' in 2022.

The three major capital fundraising appeals conducted in recent times continue to wind down.

The "Building on Excellence" Campaign commenced in 2014 with a fundraising target of \$2.5m, which was achieved in 2017, culminating in the erection of the new TAG Family Foundation Grandstand and the David Mortimer High Performance Gym on University No 2 Oval (now known as the Sydney University Football Ground). In all, \$2.616m has been given or pledged, of which only \$30k is yet to be received. We are confident that this will be honoured.

The "Home of Hockey" Appeal, launched in August 2015, had raised gifts and pledges of \$1.49m towards its target of \$1.5m. All has been received. As a result, the new Bruce Pryor Hockey Field was opened at the Cumberland Campus in October 2017. During 2018 a bequest of \$5m was received from the estate of Mr and Mrs Pryor, and an additional \$1.3m was received in 2019. It is intended that this will be used to build another hockey field and pavilion with Club rooms and changing facilities at Cumberland Campus, and to enhance the overall project.

"The New Boatshed" Appeal was launched in November 2015 with a fundraising target of \$1.6m. At the end of 2021, all but \$200,000 has been received. The new "Thyne Reid" Boathouse was opened in May 2017 at Linley Point on the Lane Cove River on the site of the original Sydney University boatshed, which was destroyed by an arson attack in 2006.

As part of its Strategic Plan, Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited launched a 2018 campaign to raise \$5 million for named sporting scholarships by 2025. At the end of 2021, another \$30,000 had been raised on top of the \$1.86m that had already been received or pledged towards 41 Named Sporting Scholarships. The Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated the need to pursue this project more urgently in order to consolidate the future of the Sporting Scholarship Program at the University. One more Named Sporting Scholarship was successfully established; the Jenny Lawler Scholarship.

In conducting these appeals, no commissions were paid or payable to any person as part of a fundraising appeal.<sup>2</sup> The Council has been apprised of the campaigns and updated on the progress as noted in the minutes of the Foundation meetings.<sup>3</sup>

#### Principle 5 - Make timely and balanced disclosure

The Foundation complied with the reporting and disclosure requirements of the Senate. These include an annual budget and this Annual Report.

Members and Council have been made aware of the processes for disclosure pursuant to the Code of Conduct and External Interests policy, which include protected disclosure to the ICAC, to the Ombudsman or the Auditor General.

### Principle 6 - Respect the rights of shareholders, members, staff, volunteers, clients, & other stakeholders

The Foundation Council consists of members of the community and the University. Their input is invited via the Annual General Meeting and Council meetings of the Foundation.

<sup>1</sup>See s5 Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)

<sup>2</sup> Reg 9(6) Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2008

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See s22(2)(b) Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)

Under the Charitable Fundraising Act, the University may be questioned about any appeal on details of the purpose of the appeal such as the appeal target, objectives, distribution of proceeds, and the process to provide answers.

During the year, the Foundation published information on the Sydney University Sport and Fitness Limited website and communicated with donors and potential donors via direct mail and email. Its income and distribution were noted in the Annual Report. There were no specific requests for information received from outside the University community.

#### Principle 7 - Recognise and manage risk

The Foundation recognises its activities within University premises or other premises require risks such as health and

safety, environmental protection, privacy, trade practices, and compliance with the Charitable Fundraising Act to be considered and managed. The Foundation has managed these risks during the year by complying with University policies such as the External Interests and the Workplace Health and Safety policies, and by adding both as standing agenda items at each Foundation Meeting.

#### Principle 8 - Remunerate fairly and responsibly

To date no member of Council has received any remuneration for acting in that capacity.

To date no member of Council has been reimbursed for any expenses incurred.



### USSF CERTIFICATE OF OPERATIONS



Annexure 1

TO:	Financial Control and Treasury	
FROM:	University Officer (Foundation)	
DATE:	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	
SUBJECT:	Certificate of Operations	

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the activities reflected in the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 of the University of Sydney Sports Foundation fully complies with the Foundation Rules.

Any areas of non-compliance or departure from such governing rules have been advised in writing to the Provost / Deputy Vice-Chancellor responsible for the overall governance of the Foundation's operations.

Joanne H. Wught

Professor Joanne Wright

Signature University Officer (Foundation) Name (Please Print)

Date:

16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## USSF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The University of Sydney Uni of Sydney Sport Foundation (47300\_DRED\_FND\_USSF)

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

For the year ended 31 December 2022	31 DECEMBER CY 2022	31 DECEMBER CY 2021
Income		
Scholarships, donations and bequests	856,610	553,712
Business and investment income	25,147	8,343
Realised gain/(loss) on investments	-	69,355
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	73,074	586,625
Investment administration fee	-	-
Internal and other income	27,000	6000
Total income	981,831	1,234,034
Expenditure		
Equipment and repairs/maintenance		
Contributions to external organisations	56,273	154,062
Total expenditure	56,273	154,062
Surplus/(deficit)	925,558	1,079,072
Accumulated funds	4,532,648	5,498,296
Accumulated funds adjustments	-	2,045,620

5,458,206

4,532,648

Total accumulated funds

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#### **BALANCE SHEET**

For the year ended 31 December 2022	31 DECEMBER CY 2022	31 DECEMBER CY 2021
Assets		
Current assets		
Short term funds	2,112,040	1,217,707
Total current assets	2,112,040	1,217,707
Non current assets		
Medium/long term investments	3,346,164	3,318,914
Total non current assets	3,346,164	3,318,914
Total assets	5,458,206	4,532,648
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	-	-
Non current liabilities	-	
Net assets	5,458,206	4,532,648
Equity		
Accumulated funds	5,458,206	4,532,648
Total equity	5,458,206	4,532,648

I certify that the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with the University's accounting practices and procedures. These Foundation accounts from part of the University of Sydney's financial reports.

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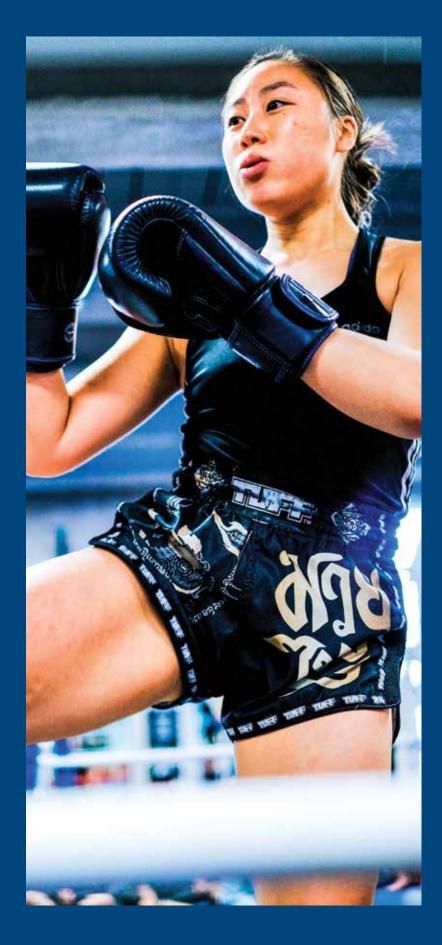
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