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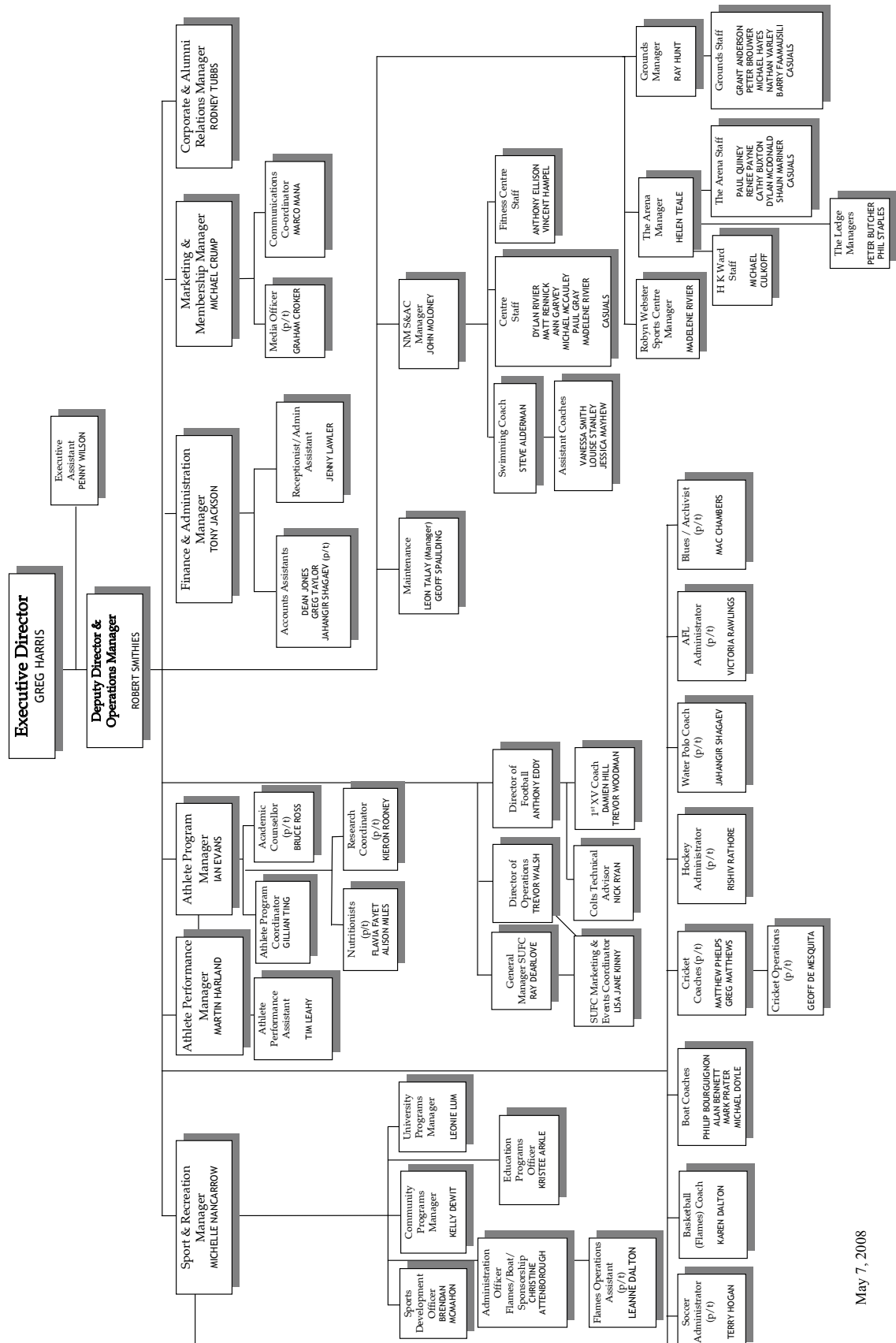
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Administration

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General Committee

In 2007, the General Committee met on 7 May and 3 December. A Special General Meeting was held on 3 December.

CLUBS

AFL (M&W) Rifle

American Football Rockclimbing & Mountaineering

Archery Rowing (W)

Athletics Rugby League

Badminton Rugby Union (M&W)

Baseball Sailing & Boardsailing

Basketball Ski

Boat (M) Soccer

Boxing Softball

Canoe Squash (M&W)

CLUBS

Cricket (M&W) Swimming

Cycling & Triathlon Table Tennis

Fencing Tae Kwon Do

Golf Tennis

Gymnastics Touch

Handball Ultimate Frisbee

Hockey Volleyball

Judo Water Polo (M&W)

Kempo Karate Waterski & Wakeboard

Kendo Wrestling

Netball

Management Committee

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

Bruce Ross

Greg Harris

Ed Binnie

Bill McCredie

Charles Perry

Cicely Sylow

Denise Wee

Patrick Cunningham

Christopher Noel

Anne Titterton

Felicity Goodwin

Anthony Gray

Brianna Heazlewood

Aaron Jones

Yasmin L'Estrange

James Yeung

BLUES COMMITTEE

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Greg Harris

Patrick Cunningham

Tony Jackson

Bill McCredie

Cicely Sylow

Sydney Uni, winner of the overall point score at the NSW Rowing Championships



President's Report

BY BRUCE ROSS

2007 was yet another year of great sporting achievement as detailed in other sections of this report, but it also turned out to be the final year in which Sydney Uni Sport was led by Greg Harris. I think it appropriate that I acknowledge his contribution here.

When Greg was appointed as Director in 1992, the Sydney University Sports Union and its member clubs were dispirited and directionless and living on past glories. Throughout the 16 years of his tenure, Greg was the public face of the Sports Union while it reinvented itself.

Our infrastructure which was dilapidated and run down was modernised and expanded. Our clubs were given the support which has enabled them to achieve preeminence to the extent that a number of them are recognised as world-class.

- In 1992 we had 8 sports scholarship holders - we now have 300.
- In 1992 our teams merely made up the numbers in the competitions they were involved in - now they tend to dominate those competitions. Other clubs used to try to kick us out because we were uncompetitive -

now they despise us because we are too competitive.

- In 1992 we had no professional coaches and no strength and conditioning coaches - now we have staff of equivalent standard to the professional franchises and institutes of sport.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work in partnership with Greg since his appointment. We also benefitted from having a considerable degree of continuity and expertise in the membership of our Management Committee.

Obviously Greg played the central role in our resurgence. But he was also the driving force not just for Sydney Uni Sport but also for Australian University Sport in the fight against the introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism. That legislation was very largely responsible for him leaving us. He became increasingly concerned about the security of our funding and what he perceived as a loss of operational autonomy.

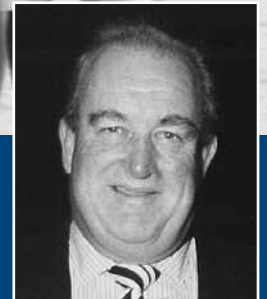
Sport at Sydney Uni will not be the same without Greg but he did not leave a void - we were able to find very capable replacements from his

own staff. Both Rob Smithies, our new Executive Director, and his deputy, Dr Michelle Nancarrow, had learned from working under Greg and were well-equipped to provide leadership to our organisation.

Negotiations which Greg conducted with the University administration throughout 2007 resulted in a strong foundation for future years. Late in the year the Senate of the University voted to provide us with very substantial expansion of our infrastructure and has since approved extraordinarily generous increases in our recurrent funding.

We are poised for a new period of growth and achievement.

Bruce Ross
President



Executive Director's Report

BY GREG HARRIS

This is my sixteenth and final annual report since my appointment to the position of Executive Director of the Sydney University Sports Union in January 1992. I am therefore justified I think to be a little self indulgent.

I recently reviewed the briefing notes which I prepared for my interview for the position back in 1992. Not many people would hoard such material but I am grateful that I did. Amongst other goals/strategies the following were notable:

"Public image of the university, participation rates and standards of performance, opportunities for athletes, facility development, relationship building, staff development."

I did not know about swanky concepts such as networking and brand management otherwise I am sure they would have been listed. I did know however that "the more mates you have the better you play". And that "our opposition did not have to like us as long as they respected us". A very non-academic understanding of the concepts.

I am confident that whoever is selected to mark my scorecard for my performances at the University during my tenure as Executive Director will be

able to provide me with much better grades than those I received as an undergraduate student back in the 1970's. Sport and enjoyment were my major focus back then. I certainly played better in my second stint with the club.

One is fortunate when what you do for work is your passion. One is also fortunate to be given the opportunity to work with great people to achieve what others thought would or could never occur. That has been my pleasure. Sydney Uni Sport was my farm and the people in it my family.

A very prominent sporting administrator once said "a great club is not about the four walls that surround it but the people inside the walls". Certainly by this definition Sydney Uni Sport is the greatest of clubs. The people that I have worked with, socialized with and achieved with have meant the world to me. I have been very privileged and I will always wear our many achievements with great pride.

There are many people who I would like to acknowledge and thank for their support and contributions to sport at our University during my tenure. It would be impossible for me to mention them all in this report. I would

however like to place on the record my sincere appreciation to two people, my President for 16 years Bruce Ross and my Vice Chancellor for 12 years Professor Gavin Brown. Both of these gentlemen provided me with good counsel and empowerment to drive the organisation.

I trust that Sydney Uni Sport will continue to develop, grow and achieve under the auspices and guidance of our students and alumni. The continued commitment and financial support of the University will also ensure that we maintain our pre-eminent position in Australian sport.

I leave satisfied with what I have done and comforted in knowing that the gate to No.1 Oval or the door to the Sports and Aquatic Centre will always be open to me.

Thanks for the great times,

Greg Harris
Executive Director



Sydney Uni 1st Grade celebrate victory at the 2007 Shute Shield

The year in review

BY GRAHAM CROKER

Sydney University provided six Australian captains during 2007 – a remarkable achievement from one sporting body.

Thomas Whalan captained the Australian men's water polo team and, when absent, the captaincy rested with Sydney University Lions teammate Trent Franklin. Phil Waugh captained the Wallabies in a one-off Test, Luke Inman captained the Australian sevens Rugby Union team; Lisa Sthalekar captained the Australian women's cricket team in three of the five Rose Bowl matches against New Zealand; and Olympic swimming representative Michelle Englesman was the female captain of the Australian team at the World University Games in Thailand.

Lisa also captained NSW to a 9th interstate title and was named International Women's Cricketer of the Year for 2006-07, an award she was to win again in 2007-08. She was joined in the Australian side by Universities' team-mates Alex and Kate Blackwell. Another team-mate, Sara Hungerford, captained NSW A.

But it's not just in captaincy that Sydney University athletes made their mark on the world, national, state and local stages during 2007.

Among many wonderful feats, some that stand out are Bronwen Watson coming out of retirement to win a gold medal in the women's lightweight quad at the 2007 World Rowing Championships held in Munich; Stuart MacGill and Stuart Clark retaining their places in the Australian cricket team, the Rowing Club providing six oarsmen at Senior World Cup regattas in Austria, The Netherlands and Switzerland, and the World Championships in Germany, 10 rowers and two coaches at the World U23 Rowing Championships, held at Strathclyde Park, Scotland, and they returned home with two silver and seven bronze.

Meanwhile, the Sydney University Football Club continued to provide Australian representatives, with Phil Waugh, Dan Vickerman, David Lyons and Julian Huxley earning Wallaby caps during 2007, and Nathan Trist and Luke Inman representing Australia at Sevens.

At the FINA Women's World Waterpolo Championships in Melbourne, Sydney Uni Scholarship holders Taniele Gofers

and Nikita Cuffe won silver, narrowly going down to the USA in the final.

Sydney University's Thomas Whalan, Trent Franklin, Rob Maitland and Grant Richardson earned bronze medals when Australia defeated Germany 7-6 in the play-off for third at the men's FINA Water Polo World League Super Finals in Berlin. Whalan also captained the Australian team at the World Championships in Melbourne, with Franklin, Maitland and Sam McGregor in the 13-man squad and Richardson one of four reserves.

Three Sydney Uni Sport Scholarship holders became part of sporting history when Australia won the 2007 FINA World Junior Women's Water Polo Championship, played at Porto in Portugal. Melissa Hammond, Keesja Gofers and Joanne Whitehorn were members of the Australian squad that went through the tournament undefeated, culminating with an 8-6 win over China in the gold medal final.

Dual Olympian and Sydney Uni Scholarship holder Robin Bell won bronze at the Canoe Slalom World Championships in Brazil and qualified for the Beijing Olympics. Bell competed at the Sydney and Athens Games,

where he placed ninth and fourth respectively. The bronze medal caps off a fantastic international season that saw him win two medals from four appearances.

In netball, Sydney Uni Sport Scholarship holder Susan Pratley was a member of the Australian team that won the 2007 World Netball Championship, held in Auckland. She was also nominated for the Most Outstanding Sporting Achievement award at the AUS Sports Awards.

Sydney University cross-country runner Lara Tamsett won the junior women's division at the 2007 WRMA World

Mountain Running Championships in Ovornnaz, Switzerland. Tamsett won the event in 20:48.6, from Hulya Bastug of Turkey (21:01.1) and Veronica Wallington of Australia (21:06.2). The Sports Scholarship holder and Australian Cross-Country champion also collected a team gold when fellow Australian Veronica Wallington recovered from a fall to finish third in the event.

Wheelchair athlete Angela Ballard bettered the qualifying times in four events for the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. Racing in wet conditions at the Swiss National Championships in Ibach,

the 24-year-old Sydney University Sport Scholarship holder set a personal best of 61.26sec in the 400m. She also bettered qualifying times by winning the 200m in 32.05sec, finishing second in the 100m (18.07sec) and fourth in the 800m (2:01.16).

And they are just some of the international highlights. To read the full year in review, go to www.susf.com.au.

Bronwen Watson (left) came out of retirement to win a gold medal in the women's lightweight quad at the 2007 World Rowing Championships held in Munich





The new Gladstone system makes it easier to process memberships

Operations

BY ROBERT SMITHIES

2007 was another busy and challenging year for the operations section of Sydney Uni Sport. Facing our first full year of voluntary student unionism meant that there was increased pressure on the facilities to produce revenue, in addition to the regular strains of running multiple facilities for multiple user groups. To their credit, the team of people involved in managing, maintaining and running our facilities worked very hard to ensure customer service standards remained high whilst adjusting to new prices, new facilities, new point-of-sale software and new cardio gear amongst a range of changes designed to maximise revenue whilst catering for all of our stakeholders and their varied needs. As much as ever, change was the dominant theme of 2007.

On 1 January 2007, one of the largest changes to the way we do business was ushered in - the implementation of the Gladstone point-of-sale computer system. The Gladstone system solved a number of problems with our former system but took a lot of time to adjust to and many hours of hard work to configure. A team of people spent a number of hours learning the system in late 2006 - Helen Teale, Paul Gray, Madelene Rivier, Renee Payne,

Michael Culkoff and Tony Jackson. However, the bulk of the configuration, implementation, training and troubleshooting can be credited to Paul Gray, Helen Teale and Michael Culkoff. In particular, Paul and Helen spent countless hours entering information into the system and configuring the software. It should be noted that neither of them has any IT qualifications - they simply learnt the system as they went and then taught others. Thanks Paul and Helen - Gladstone would not have got off the ground without you.

In late February construction of our RPM cycle studio was completed. Having identified the conversion of our 5th squash court into an RPM studio as a potential revenue generator, CMS Consulting was engaged and worked with Vincent Hampel, Leon Talay, John Moloney and Geoff Spalding to make the studio a reality. Vincent should be singled out as the driver of this initiative - well done Vince - 2 years of hassling me finally paid off! Vince also co-ordinated the purchase of 35 Bodybikes from Denmark to fit out the studio, turning it into one of the best RPM spaces in Sydney.

Early March saw the implementation of new cardio gear to fit out our cardio theatres in the Sports & Aquatic Centre and the Arena. True Fitness supplied the gear and was able to satisfy our requirement for more pieces of equipment within the same floor space, allowing us to cater for greater demand for the gear, particularly during peak periods. Previously we encountered queues and over-crowding during peak times - this has all but gone with the additional pieces of equipment. Anthony Ellison and Helen Teale were of great assistance in sourcing quotes, trialling gear, speaking with sales reps, comparing prices and finance and generally pushing the project ahead - thanks very much on a job well done.

During April, the learn-to-swim pool platform was finalised and "sunk" into lanes 7 and 8 of the pool at the Sports & Aquatic Centre. The platform keeps pool depth at a uniform level, allowing our learn-to-swim instructors and students greater pool space for instruction and satisfying heavy demand for these programs. Steve Alderman, John Moloney and Vanessa Smith were instrumental in the concept design and implementation of the platform and greatly assisted Dave Lavings and his team with ideas and information.

Sadly, July 2008 saw Simon Vagg, one of our excellent shift managers at the Sports & Aquatic Centre, leave the organisation after 7 years of service. Simon moved to Europe with his young family to start a new life closer to relatives and we wish him all the best. Simon's position was filled by Matt Rennick who had been a casual member of our staff at the Centre for 3 years.

Throughout the rest of the year, the projects continued, including constant work on the design and structure of the proposed boatshed at Cunningham's Reach, the refurbishment of the

Glebe boatshed, scoping work for new lighting on Oval No. 1 and the installation of trophy cabinets at the Grandstand. The end of the year saw our facilities (and our organisation) preparing for a re-branding project scheduled for early 2008.

Once again I remain indebted to the team of people working to deliver on these projects whilst continuing the day-to-day running of the facilities - Ray Hunt (Grounds Manager), John Moloney (SUSAC Centre Manager), Helen Teale (Arena Centre Manager), Michael Culkoff (HK Ward Centre Manager), Madelene Rivier (Robyn

Webster Centre Manager), Leon Talay (Maintenance) and their staff deserve enormous credit for their efforts throughout the year.

2007 was full of challenges and projects that our team met successfully. I look forward to the challenges of 2008 and delivering on a new and different set of initiatives that the year will no doubt bring.

God bless,

Rob Smithies
Operations Manager

Gym patrons enjoy the new state-of-the-art cardio equipment from **True Fitness**





Jonathon Newton, NSW Open Swimming Championships



Sport and Recreation

BY MICHELLE NANCARROW

The past 12 months have been the first full year under VSU. While there have been some challenges and tightening of the belt by our clubs, their achievements have continued to be outstanding which is testament to the dedication and hard work of our athletes, coaches, club officials and volunteers. Most other University sports organizations across Australia have had significant reductions to their funding and profound affects on their governance and activities. We have been extremely fortunate to have excellent support from Sydney University and the sporting alumni which has enabled us to continue with business as usual.

On the field we enjoyed a terrific win at Australian University Games, smashing all comers. A win made all the sweeter with huge participation numbers despite a reduction in funding. Many other universities continue to subsidize this activity while we have directed our resources towards our clubs programs and week to week sport where there is greater value in the investment. We also had many premierships and grand final victories in the club sport program and outstanding individual achievements on the world stage which are outlined below.

In the programs area we have had an outstanding year and in all facets finished either on budget or well ahead of it. Much work was done negotiating contracts to more favourable terms which sets us up well for years to come. Participation numbers were fantastic in the sports camps and first aid courses. The relationship we have been cultivating with the Education Faculty has resulted in elevated numbers through First Aid. Recreation has benefited from the energetic approach Leonie Lum has taken to revitalize the program. Intercollege sport has been a resounding success. We took this on in 2007 as a new project and much time has been invested in working with the student representatives and Heads of Colleges on policy and procedure which has ensured a smooth integration into our activities. More details on the highlights of the year's activities are listed below.

Staff

Megan Walker was replaced by Brendan McMahon as the Sport Development Officer mid year. Karen Stevenson moved to Perth in late November and was replaced by Kelly Dewit as the Community Programs Manager. Kristee Arkle took over from Ben Chiarella in

early 2007 looking after the Education Programs. Christine Attenborough was appointed in January to work on the Flames administration, Boat Foundation and support the Blue and Gold functions. Leonie Lum changed title to University Programs Manager and had carriage of Intercollege Sport in addition to Social Sport, Interfaculty Sport, Recreation Courses and the Affiliated Campuses this year. Intern Steven King worked with Leonie 2 days per week on interfaculty sport. Part-time club administrators for men's waterpolo (Jahangir Shagaev), AFL (Victoria Rawlings), soccer (Thomas Bailey-Smith), cricket (Geoff De Mesquita) and hockey (Rishiv Rathore) were appointed during the year. Mark Prater and Michael Doyle joined the coaching staff for the Boat Club and Anthony Eddy was appointed Director of Football. During the year coaches Bill Millard and David Rodger departed from the Rugby Club and Boat Club respectively.

World Champions

There were a number of outstanding international performances from Sydney University athletes in 2007, some winning world championships. Of particular note are the performances of our elite women. Over the course of

the year world championship winners included: Susan Pratley (netball), Bronwen Watson (rowing Senior A lightweight quad), Melissa Hammond, Keesja Gofers and Joanne Whitehorn (junior women's waterpolo), Georgia Woodyard, Eva Afeaki and Melissa Smith (WUG basketball), and Lara Tamsett (junior division at world mountain running). Cricketer Stuart Clark was a member of the successful Australian team that won the One Day World Cup.

Cyclist Kaarle McCulloch won gold at Oceania Championships in the keirin and 500m time trial and silver at the Los Angeles World Cup in the team sprint. Other noteworthy results are the silver medal performances of: Renee Kirby and Charlotte Walters (rowing U23 quad), Jono Newton (WUG swimming), Taniele Gofers and Nikita Cuffe (women's waterpolo), Prashanth Sellathurai (pommel horse Paris World Cup), and Mikaela Dombkins and Rachel Herrick (youth women's basketball). Canoeist Robin Bell finished 3rd at the Canoe Slalom World Championships. Six rowers were part of the men's eight that took bronze at the U23's. Robert Maitland, Thomas Whalan, Trent Franklin and Sam McGregor were part of the men's waterpolo team that took bronze at the World League Super Finals.

Club Highlights

Sydney University sporting clubs had a successful year in 2007. Achievements in 2007 are highlighted below.

Sydney Uni American Football Club added another Waratah Bowl to its trophy cabinet by defeating UTS 34-28 to take out the 2007 NSWGFL Championship. The Lions have now won 9 NSWGFL Championships and the last 5 in a row.

The Athletics Club had a successful meet at the Telstra A Series in January winning two gold, a silver and a bronze. This success continued at the NSW State Championships where they gained three gold and two silver. The Athletics Club then dominated proceedings at the National Championships where they won six gold. At this championship the Men's Team finished 2nd overall.

The ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames finished the 2006 / 2007 season as minor premiers and were narrowly defeated at Penrith Sports Stadium in the grand final by the Canberra Capitals. The 2007 / 2008 season started well for the Flames with the team sitting second on the ladder after 12 rounds. Off the court there have been several

developments. GET withdrew as major sponsor and was replaced by ACUVUE. An independent board of management has been established. A junior Flames program has been established. Marquee games have been negotiated to be played at the State Sport Centre and Entertainment Centre in front of the Razorbacks and Kings.

The Boat and Rowing Clubs had a fantastic year on the water. At the NSW State Rowing Championships in February Sydney University won 20 gold, 9 silver and 11 bronze medals and finished in 1st place overall. At the National Rowing Championships in March Sydney University athletes achieved 9 gold, 12 silver and 11 bronze medals. The National Rowing Selection Trials were held in April. At this meet seven Sydney University athletes were selected in the Australian Senior A team and ten athletes were selected in the Australian U23 team. Highlights at international competitions included gold to Bronwen Watson in the Senior A lightweight quad, silver to Charlotte Walters and Renee Kirby in the U23 quad, and bronze to the men's eight with 6 Sydney Uni rowers.

The Women's AFL 'Gold' team became the 2007 Premiers of the Sydney Competition, defeating Newtown in the final 46 - 17. The Men's AFL was promoted to Premier Division for 2007. Due to the increase in competition standards 1st Grade finished the season in 8th position winning 5 matches from 18 starts. Five men's teams were entered for the first time in the club's history signaling the growth of the club.

Sydney University Football Club retained the overall Rugby Union Club Championship for the fourth season in a row and the Colts Club Championship for the third successive season. The club won five of a possible eight premierships and supplied a host of players to National, State, Super 14 and Australian Rugby Championship Teams. The First Grade team were named NSWRU Team of the Year after winning the Tooheys New Shute Shield for the 3rd successive year. Four Sydney University players were selected for the Wallabies to contest the World Cup in France: Phil Waugh, Daniel Vickerman, David Lyons and Julian Huxley.

Rugby Union Women ended the year reasonably well finishing second after the regular season but bowed out after two close semi final games, losing 15-7 to Warringah (who ended up winning the competition) and 12-10 to Paramatta. Alex Hargraves was named

in the Australian side that toured New Zealand in a three match series.

At the annual Alan Border Medal Presentation Sydney Uni cricketer, Lisa Sthalekar, won the Women's International Cricketer of the Year Award. Sthalekar was also named NSW Women's Cricketer of the Year at the Steve Waugh Medal Awards. Sydney University Cricket Club's Stuart Clark was called into the 2007 World Cup One Day Squad to replace an injured Brett Lee and has been a valuable member to both the One Day and Test teams ever since. Stuart Macgill was also reselected in the Test team before being forced out due to injury. Both the Women's Cricket Club and the Men's Club have had a successful start to the 2007 / 2008 Season with all grades high on their respective tables.

At the Western Australian International Fencing Tournament (#3 on the Australian Fencing Federation senior circuit) in Perth, Sydney Uni's team of Carolyn Casali, Sarah Dean and Kasia Loboz won the event with a 45-44 victory over the UTS team. Harriet Jordan came 3rd in the Open Women's Sabre and the Veteran Women's Foil, and 1st in the Veteran Women's Sabre.

Sydney University Gymnastics Club was represented by two athletes, Prashanth Sellathurai and Luke Wiwatowski, at the World Gymnastics Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. Greg Clune dominated the National Club Championships in Adelaide in the Tumbling event and has earned a spot at the World Gymnastics Titles in Quebec, Canada held in November 2007.

Women's hockey history was made with 3rd and 6th Grade winning grand finals. This year the club also celebrated its centenary.

In netball the State League Division 1 and 8 sides made their respective finals. Division 8 went through to the grand final but lost by 1 goal. Division 1 finished 4th after the finals, our best result to date.

The Sydney Uni Rugby League team finished the season top of the table and beat UTS in the grand final 28-6 to take the premiership undefeated.

The season ended for the Soccer Club with most of the teams making the finals and three going all the way to win their grand final. The stand-out success for the year was the Women's Super League squad with both First and Reserve Grade undefeated during the regular season and grand final wins. Sydney

Uni was also comfortable winners of the Women's Club Championship and secured promotion to the Premier League for 2008. Astrid Larssen won the FNSW Women's Super League Player of the Year. The Men's Super League squad finished sixth and All Age 1st Grade won their grand final.

Sydney Uni Tennis Club's Men's Blackwell Cup Team successfully defended their NSW HCTA Slazenger Inter-District Blackwell Cup title. After a rain-interrupted season this year, Sydney Uni Tennis went one better than their 2006 Open Men's Inter-District triumph by taking out the competition's Minor Premiership by the slenderest of margins. Following a comprehensive 8/61 to 4/44 semi-final victory over Picton at Cintra Park on the previous Sunday, the Blackwell Cup boys stunned the challengers from Bulli on finals day at Leumeah, winning 7/45 to 1/15.

Sydney University swimmers began their preparation for the Olympic trials in fine style at the NSW Metropolitan Championships. Scholarship holders Kate Johnson and Jonathon Newton both won gold. Kate won the Open 200m butterfly event with Jonathon winning the Open 50m freestyle in the record time of 23.01. The High Performance Squad has recently returned from a gruelling two week training camp in Hawaii. Head Coach Steve Alderman explained that the aim of the camp was to launch the swimmers from a platform that would hopefully lead to Olympic selection. 13

swimmers competed at the Australian Short Course Championships where Jono Newton took silver in the 50m freestyle and Michelle Englesman bronze in the 50m freestyle.

The combined Women's Touch Varsity team (Macquarie, UTS and Sydney Uni merged at representative level) defeated Campbelltown 5 - 4 in the grand final of the Vawdon Cup for the first time.

In 2007 Sydney Uni and UTS merged volleyball clubs for National League. The combined UTSSU Women's Australian Volleyball League team took silver after losing to University Blues 1 - 3 in the gold medal match at the Sports and Aquatic Centre in August. The Div 2 Women took gold in the NSW State League.

Our waterpolo clubs hosted the National League elimination finals at Sydney University in 2007. After close elimination final games the men's team had to settle for the silver medal. In the best of three grand final, the QLD Breakers defeated the Lions 9-7 in the first game and 8-6 in the second. The Women's National League team also had a hard fought finals series and was unfortunately defeated in the bronze medal match. Melissa Hammond, Keesja Gofers and Joanne Whitehorn played in the Australian Junior Women's Waterpolo team that won gold at the 2007 FINA World Junior Championships in Portugal. Nikita Cuffe and Taniele Gofers won silver at the 2007 Women's World Championships. Robert Maitland, Trent Franklin, Thomas Whalan and Sam McGregor won bronze with the

Australian Men's team at the World League Super Finals defeating Germany 7-6. Nathan Cargill and James Young were part of the Australian Men's U20 team that finished 5th at the FINA Junior Men's World Championship.

Other club events of note were the disaffiliation of the Sydney University Rifle Club and Golf Clubs in 2007.

Many thanks must be extended to the coaches, administrators, club officials and volunteers who freely give their time to further the success of club sport at Sydney University. Without their continued support we would not enjoy the level of participation and success that our vibrant club structure currently boasts.

Sports Awards

Several performances of individuals and teams were acknowledged throughout the year. At the 2007 Sydney University Sport Annual Sports Awards Dinner the following performances from 2006 were acknowledged:

- Sportsman of the Year – Stuart Clark (Cricket)
- Sportswoman of the Year – Taniele Gofers and Fiona Hammond (Waterpolo)
- Premier Coach of the Year – Phil Bourguignon (Boat)
- Club Coach of the Year – Yvette Higgins (Women's Waterpolo)

Sydney Uni Tennis team claims victory at AUG '07



- Rosenblum Family Trophy for Clubman of the Year – Robert Jackson (Tennis)
- Pat Sharp Trophy for Clubwoman of the Year – Melinda Hyland (AFL)
- Premier Club of the Year – Boat / Rowing
- Club of the Year – American Football
- Ann Mitchell Award for the Best Performance at an AUG/AUC – Baseball

AUS Sports Awards:

- 2006 Female Athlete of the Year – Elsa O’Hanlon (Rowing)
- 2006 Coach of the Year – Phil Bourguignon (Boat)
- 2007 Female Athlete of the Year – Georgia Woodyard (Basketball)
- 2007 Service to Sport – Chris Noel (Boat)

Australian University Sport Events

A service agreement was signed between AUS, the University and Sydney Uni Sport to utilise Federal Government Funding to assist with the costs of sports services on campus from 2007 – 2010.

As a result of VSU, AUS reviewed its operations and reduced the calendar of events in 2007. The most significant change was the omission of regional qualifier for AUG. In effect all Eastern University Games and Championships were deleted from the schedule. One Challenge event was programmed in each region to offer participation opportunities for students. Given that this was not a qualification event, we did not actively support the East Coast Challenge but rather invested our resources into AUG, AUC and WUG.

East Coast Challenge

The East Coast Challenge was hosted by UNSW from 1-4th July. Sports included badminton, basketball, lawn bowls, hockey, soccer, table tennis, taekwondo, touch ultimate frisbee and waterpolo fast 5’s. Approximately 100 Sydney University students opted to participate and use the event as trial games for AUG. Students were also entered separately from Cumberland campus. Teams were entered for badminton m/w, basketball m/w, taekwondo, touch m/w, ultimate

frisbee, volleyball m and waterpolo w. Results listed below.

Australian University Games

Sydney University won the Australian University Games at the Gold Coast for the first time in 4 years. An outstanding result given the cut to funding since VSU and omission of travel subsidies. Sydney University was well represented and won in emphatic style over Monash and Melbourne Universities. We won 11 gold medals in team events: badminton m, hockey w, kendo, rowing, soccer w, swimming, tennis m Div 1 and Div 2, tennis w, touch m Div 2 and waterpolo w. 39 students were selected in green and gold teams.

A total of 422 participants attended comprising 396 students, 30 team managers, 12 coaches and 4 staff. Of the 396 student athletes there were 225 males and 171 females. 99 scholarship holders attended. The staff included Michelle Nancarrow, Brendan McMahon, Gillian Ting and Leonie Lum. No staff member from CSG was made available for the Games. Three rowing coaches also attended to look after their group. Tony Jackson coached the Women’s Basketball team and had no role in the overall team management.

This was the first year that a Division structure was in place. Before the event we had the opportunity to apply for promotion from Division 2 to 1 where applicable. Most applications were successful and most of our teams competed in Division 1 (applied for promotion for netball w/mx, softball, AFL m, rugby m, basketball m, volleyball m and touch m). Touch m remained in Division 2. The system works on a promotion/relegation basis and soccer m and basketball m are facing demotion next year. Touch m won Division 2 and will be promoted to Division 1 in 2008.

Sydney University was represented in AFL m, athletics m/w, badminton m/w, baseball, basketball m/w, cross country, golf, fencing, handball m, hockey m/w, judo, kendo, lawn bowls, netball w/mx, rowing, rugby union m, soccer m/w, softball, swimming m/w, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis m/w, tenpin bowling, touch m/w, ultimate frisbee, volleyball m/w, waterpolo m/w. We were unable to field competitors in AFL w, beach volleyball, cycling, handball w, rockclimbing, rugby league, rugby union w, squash m/w and touch mx. Competitions were cancelled for handball w, rugby union w, squash w, and table tennis w. Tennis m had teams

in Division 1 and Division 2. Two teams were also sent for lawn bowls which competed in Division 2.

2007 Australian University Games – Overall Results

University Placing	Points
1 University of Sydney	728
2 Monash University	701
3 University of Melbourne	611
4 Macquarie University	575
5 Griffith University	501

Australian University Championships

Snowsports was held from 27-31st August at Perisher, NSW. 36 Sydney Uni skiers participated in the event which was won overall by Sydney Uni; 40 points clear of Melbourne Uni and UTS. We won the Women’s Pointscore and finished second in the Men’s Pointscore behind UTS.

Emma Wilson won gold in the Giant Slalom and Super Giant Slalom and silver in the Slalom, giving her the overall women’s alpine title. Melanie Halliday won silver in the individual women’s cross country, bronze in the Slalom and Super Giant Slalom. Aimee Watson won silver in the individual women’s cross country, while Rachel Friend, Rebecca Murray and Nicole Barnes won silver in the women’s team cross country. Gemma Ferris won gold in the Ski Rails and bronze in the Half-Pipe to take silver in the women’s overall freestyle. Renee McConnell took bronze in the women’s Board Half-Pipe.

In the men’s events Max Simmons won gold in the Half-Pipe, silver in Ski Rails and gold in the overall freestyle. Toby Kane won bronze in the Slalom. Hamish McLean, Nick Gregory Roberts and Alistair Blackburn-Hart won silver in the team Cross Country.

AUC Orienteering was held in Twigham, Burra, South Australia. Sydney University was represented by two athletes - Ben Rattray and Phoebe Dent. Ben unfortunately didn’t place and Phoebe finished 15th overall.

The Distance Running Championship was held on 1st July in the Gold Coast. Kathryn Archbold, Edward Ovadia, Lauren Spence and Tara Wood represented Sydney Uni. Kathryn won the 10km run, Lauren and Tara finished

4th in the half marathon and marathon respectively and Edward finished 21st in the 10km run. Sydney Uni finished 11th overall.

The inaugural AUC Twenty20 Championship was held at UNSW in the first week of December. Unfortunately the women's tournament was cancelled due to a lack of interest and the demonstration match planned was also cancelled due to a number of elite players having representative commitments. The men however took full advantage of the opportunity and won gold after a see-sawing week of competition. The final was played against Macquarie Uni, the team that beat Sydney Uni in the preliminary rounds, and came down to the wire with the Sydney Uni boys finally prevailing.

Final Placing at AUS Events in 2007

SPORT	ECC	AUG/AUC
AFL m	-	8th Div 1
Athletics	-	2nd
Badminton m	1st	1st Div 1
Badminton w	3rd	5th Div 1
Baseball	-	5th Div 1
Basketball m	4th	8th Div 1
Basketball w	3rd	3rd Div 2
Cricket m	-	1st
Cross Country	-	3rd
Distance Running	-	11th
Fencing	-	8th
Golf	-	3rd
Handball	-	3rd Div 1
Hockey m	-	3rd Div 1
Hockey w	-	1st Div 1
Judo	-	4th
Kendo	-	1st
Lawn Bowls	-	9th & 10th Div 2
Netball w	-	3rd Div 1
Netball mx	-	7th Div 1
Orienteering	-	15th
Rowing	-	1st
Rugby Union m	-	2nd Div 1
Snow Sports	-	1st

SPORT	ECC	AUG/AUC
Soccer m	-	8th Div 1
Soccer w	-	1st Div 1
Softball	-	3rd Div 1
Swimming	-	1st
Table Tennis	-	3rd Div 1
Tae Kwon Do	2nd	3rd
Tennis m	-	1st Div 1, 1st Div 2
Tennis w	-	1st Div 1
Tenpin	-	4th Div 1
Touch m	4th	1st Div 2
Touch w	3rd	4th Div 1
Touch mx	4th	-
Ultimate Frisbee	-	7th Div 1
Volleyball m	2nd	2nd Div 1
Volleyball w	-	3rd Div 1
Water Polo m	-	4th Div 1
Water Polo w	2nd	1st Div 1

AUG – Green and Gold Selections

SPORT	ATHLETE
Athletics	Justin Merlino
AFL m	Ben Mankarious
Baseball	Jonathon Freeston
Basketball w	Kiera Shiels
Cross Country	Lara Tamsett
Golf	Julia Boland
Hockey m	Mathew Butterini, Thomas Lobsey
Hockey w	Zoe Michaleff
Kendo m	Daniel Yang
Kendo w	Ervin Peng
Netball w	Elizabeth Bornstein
Rugby Union m	Daniel O'Keefe
Soccer w	Jessica Francis, Emma Schiller
Softball	Michelle Edgton, Annabel Davis
Swimming m	Matt Jaukovic
Swimming w	Kate Johnson
Table Tennis m	Ka Wai Ng

SPORT	ATHLETE
Tennis m	Adrian Sommerville, Daniel Davis, Henry Mortlock
Tennis w	Melissa Anderson, Bianca Chidrawi
Touch m	Charlie Kang
Touch w	Anna Floyd
Volleyball m	Luke Carroll, Chris Todd, Alex Rodgers
Volleyball w	Hayley French, Gabrielle Woodhouse
Waterpolo m	Aaron Jones, James Rodgers, David Carrick
Waterpolo w	Melissa Hammond, Amanda Cox, Amanda Russell, Danielle Bower
TOTAL	39

World University Games

At the World University Winter Games, Torino, Italy, Sydney Uni Sport scholarship holder Aimee Watson placed 52nd in Women's 5km Cross Country.

The World University Summer Games were held in Bangkok, Thailand from 8-18th August. Sydney Uni was represented by:

NAME	EVENT & PLACING
Justin Merlino	Athletics 110m hurdles - 8th
Lachlan Renshaw	Athletics 800m - 5th in heat
Eva Afeaki	Basketball - 1st
Melissa Smith	Basketball - 1st
Georgia Woodyard	Basketball - 1st
Julia Boland	Golf - 31st; team finished 14th
Stephen Alderman	Swimming - Assistant Coach
Michelle Engelsman	Swimming 50m freestyle - 6th; 100m freestyle - 29th
Tim Laforest	Swimming 4x100m relay - 4th

NAME	EVENT & PLACING
Jonathon Newton	Swimming 50m free - 2nd; 50m butterfly 29th; 6th in B final
Thomas Woodwyk	Waterpolo - 8th
Alex Croak	Diving 1m springboard - 15th; 10m platform - 7th
Thomas Rickards	Diving 1m springboard - 22nd



Indoor Soccer, Lunchtime Sport

University Programs

RECREATION COURSES

2007 was a successful year for the recreation program with a total of 491 participants compared to a budget of 347.

The program finished ahead of budget by \$1,915 with a net of \$10,629. The most popular courses were surf camp, pilates, latin dance fitness, golf and fencing but an increased participation rate across all courses was observed. The success of the program this year has been attributed to factors including:

- Updated, more user-friendly and visually appealing webpage
- Targeted promotion at residential colleges and international students
- Distribution of a sport and recreation e-newsletter to past and interested participants
- Strengthened relationships with affiliated campuses, residential colleges, local community and university groups
- The addition of 'trendy' dance courses
- Revision of course timing and scheduling
- Ability to access HK Ward at earlier, peak times
- Advertising through Roar and Life at Sydney websites

Despite the significant increase in participation numbers in 2007 from 2006, the net income of the program was negatively affected by a few factors including: increased instructor costs, workers compensation fees, increased promotional costs in semester 1, 20% discount for members, and low profit margins on courses run by external providers. Course prices were increased in semester 2 to minimise the impact of these factors and this

did not seem to have any negative ramifications on participation rates. Advertising in external publications was cut and surprisingly did not affect numbers either.

For 2008, the factors which attributed to the popularity of the program will be applied again to encourage further success. The 20% fixed member discount has been revised to also ensure that the program receives greater income from externally run courses. Greater market research will also take place in 2008 to ensure that promotions remain valid with technological changes.

LUNCHTIME SPORT

There has been a decrease in interest in lunchtime social sport this year. Open indoor soccer was the only competition to attract enough teams in semester 1 with less than four teams registering for mixed netball and dodgeball. The open indoor soccer was fully booked in semester 2 and the mixed netball competition just managed to run with 5 teams while 3-on-3 basketball was cancelled due to insufficient registrations. The Co-Op Bookshop became the sponsor of the open indoor soccer competition and provided prizes to winning teams and funding for equipment. The new fixtures for this competition which involve all teams playing off to find an ultimate winner were popular. The program was on budget by careful management of expenditure on salaries, equipment/uniforms and prize money.

Indoor mixed soccer, open soccer and mixed netball will be the only sports offered in semester 1 2008. It is hoped that new promotions will help to renew the popularity of the mixed netball competition and the introduction of an extra mixed indoor soccer competition

at SUSAC will help attract female players who would otherwise not participate.

Competition was high in interfaculty sport in 2007 with Education emerging as overall winners of the Emily Small Combined Interfaculty Shield, ending the undefeated reign of Medicine in recent years. Fifteen sports were contested throughout the year including touch football, twenty20 cricket and ultimate frisbee, with only handball being cancelled due to insufficient interest. The final point scores are as follows:

PLACE	FACULTY	PTS
1st	Education	146
2nd	Medicine	117
3rd	Vet Science	75
4th	Commerce	65
5th	Science	50
6th	Dentistry	28
7th	Engineering	26
8th	Law	13
9th	Pharmacy	10
10th	Health Sciences	7
11th	Arts	3

Participation from traditionally strong faculties such as Engineering and Law was lower than previous years. Despite a slightly reduced individual participation rate, the program still operated very successfully under the great management of the 2007 interfaculty sport intern, Stephen King. He played a significant role in introducing and implementing efficient systems for team and individual registration for the various competitions and ensuring the effective operation of the program.

The Co-Op Bookshop and Ralph's Café continue to provide support to the program through prizes. A large interfaculty sport banner was purchased to help promote the program as well as its sponsors and appears to have been successful in ensuring the popularity of the program.

2008 sees 16 sports on offer with the return of squash and female soccer at the request of 2007 faculty representatives.

INTERCOLLEGE SPORT

The new venture between Sydney Uni Sport and the residential colleges was a success in 2007 with the college community enjoying the delivery of an improved intercollege sport program and receiving the opportunity to take advantage of Sydney Uni Sport's programs, services and facilities at member's rates. Wesley College emerged as the overall winner of the Rosebowl while St. Paul's College retained the Rawson Cup after many closely contested tournaments and events between the colleges such as the rowing, swimming, soccer and tennis.

The management of the intercollege sport program underwent significant changes with Sydney Uni Sport's involvement in its administration and operations in conjunction with the Intercol Committee and the newly appointed Intercol Council. Policies and procedures were created and modified and will come into full effect in 2008. Systems of communication were greatly improved and through much hard work a safe and successful sport program eventuated. Behaviour and conduct

of the college residents at events was significantly improved resulting in renewed relationships with external venues such as the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre and reduced expenditure due to loss of deposits and breakages. The highlight of the program was perhaps the final of the Rawson rugby tournament which was held under lights at St. Andrew's Oval. The event attracted around 1,500 spectators from the college and university community, including a large number of alumni.

The administration of Sydney Uni Sport memberships under the new agreement with the residential colleges was a logistical challenge but all college residents received their memberships and Sydney Uni Sport promotional packs containing information on all facilities, programs and services. 2008 will be an exciting year with only greater improvements to be made. With much focus in 2007 being placed on the administration and operations of the Intercol sport program, emphasis in 2008 will be placed on improving the services and programs currently run by Sydney Uni Sport to better cater to the needs of the college community.

AFFILIATED CAMPUSES

Funding to the affiliated campuses was reduced in 2007, however most campuses remained fairly active in promoting sport and recreation opportunities for their students. Sydney College of the Arts utilised their funding for recreational courses such as yoga and to host a popular on-campus soccer competition whilst Medicine, Law and the Conservatorium of Music participated in annual intervarsity/faculty

sporting events and conducted faculty sport days.

Community Programs

SPORTS CAMPS

The school holiday program continues to be very popular with 3,256 enrolments taken in 2007. Large enrolments in the sports camps persist largely due to the database of previous participants, sporting clubs and childcare organisations that are sent a brochure every school holiday period. The data shows that the majority of enrolments are previous participants and that word of mouth is also an effective marketing tool. The mail out to past camp participants has reached its largest ever distribution.

80 sports camps were offered throughout the year, an increase on the 77 camps offered in 2006 and 72 in 2005. Enrolments were slightly down from 2006 where 3,340 were recorded. There were 3,076 enrolments taken in 2005. The multi-sport camps at both HK Ward and St Andrew's Oval proved very popular, selling out every camp period. Soccer, cricket, tennis, netball and basketball also proved favourites this year often reaching their maximum numbers.

PERIOD*	CAMPS	ATTENDANCE
Summer	28	892
Autumn	17	756
Winter	18	809
Spring	17	799

Campers enjoy fruit supplied by sponsor **Sydney Markets**



PERIOD*	CAMPS	ATTENDANCE
TOTAL	80	3,256

* Periods are in 2007; Summer is 2006/07.

Key relationships were continued with the West Sydney Razorbacks and the West Tigers Rugby League Football Club to assist with the promotion and delivery of the basketball and rugby league camps. Rugby league was noticeably more popular this year after the Wests Tigers began managing the camp. Both organisations made player appearances and assisted with promotional material. The Sydney Uni Flames maintained their involvement in the camp periods with players delivering coaching sessions and player appearances. The Sydney Uni Rugby Club supplied coaches for the rugby camps and also organized player appearances from the NSW Waratahs. The Sydney Uni Cricket Club has always been very good at supplying coaches and they continued to support the program in 2007. The Sydney Swans AFL Club were also very generous with their time, sending players to visit the Autumn camps bringing promotional material and taking the time to talk to all camp participants.

The multi sport camps throughout the year included the usual compliment of excellent coaching staff. The camp directors were all qualified and experienced PE teachers and the guest instructors included instructors in judo, hip hop dance, aikido, the NSW development officer for lacrosse, a Level 3 fencing instructor and Maestro of Arms and an Australian Oz Tag representative. A young Matildas player also coached on the soccer camps providing coaching tips for young female players. Recently appointed NSW Blues Cricket representative, Ian Moran was director of our cricket camp and Australian waterpolo representative, Nathan Cargill directed the water polo camps.

Rebel Sport completed their first twelve months as the major sponsor of the school holiday program in which they became the exclusive supplier of sporting apparel, goods and equipment to Sydney Uni Sports Camps. Over the three years of this arrangement, Rebel Sport will be providing approximately \$50,000 'in-kind' and cash sponsorship. Sydney Markets began their sponsorship of the school holiday program from autumn, supplying fresh fruit to camp participants as well as promotional material to give away. They replaced Uncle Toby's as the camps snack supplier.

The contractual agreement between Camp Australia and Sydney Uni Sport was renegotiated in autumn resulting in Sydney Uni Sport paying a lower percentage. This percentage is commensurate with the services that Camp Australia provides given their reduced level of sponsorship.

Support for disadvantaged community groups such as the Boys and Girls Brigade and NASCA were continued through free camp placements in 2007.

SCHOOL SPORT

Three primary schools and four high schools from the local area participated in the school sport program in 2007. Schools included Paddington Public School, North Newtown Public School, Summer Hill Public School, St Mary's Cathedral School, St Andrew's Cathedral School, Alexandria Park High School and Brigidine College, Randwick. Each school participated in various activities including kickboxing, rock-climbing, judo and other sports such as soccer, ultimate frisbee and netball.

Unfortunately, Leichhardt and Annandale North Public School did not participate in the 2007 program citing rising bus costs and amount of traveling time as the reasons why. However, Alexandria Park High School and St Andrew's Cathedral School joined the program, which made up for this loss. In term 3, Brigidine College Randwick brought approximately 130 students to participate in a Year 9 Activities Day at Sydney University after running it in 2006 for the first time. This again proved a success with the feedback being all positive.

In comparison to the 2006 figures the number of schools participating in the program decreased by one school. The number of students taking part in the program in 2007 decreased from 1,115 in 2006 to 885 in 2007. The number of classes being taken as part of the school sport program dropped from 48 in 2006 to 38 in 2007.

SCHOOL SPORT ENROLMENTS 2007

TERM	1	2	3	4
Schools	2	4	6	3
Classes/wk	5	11	16	6
Students/wk	100	275	295	115

Education Programs

2007 has seen exciting new developments for the education programs. First Aid, Sports Medicine Awareness and Taping as well as PDHPE courses were offered to high schools, commercial groups and University faculties and are continuing to grow in popularity.

Enrolments in First Aid courses (run in conjunction with Cynergex Group rather than Parasol EMT for most of they year) have again increased and continue to do so with the expansion of the program. This year First Aid qualifications have been deemed mandatory for all Education students in their first year of practicum. Courses tailored for Education students were arranged and many students have signed up with us resulting in a huge increase on previous years (803 participants in 2007 compared to 652 in 2006). As we continue to work closely with the faculty, it is anticipated that participation will increase further in years to come. We have also experienced an influx of students from the Medicine and Engineering faculties as well as the residential colleges of the University and plan to expand the program to the Cumberland Campus to further involve the Health Sciences students in 2008. Moving our business from Parasol EMT to Cynergex has been excellent and the terms of our agreement are much more financially favourable. In 2008 we look forward to developing an online option for both enrolments and completion of the workbook.

The PDHPE program covers topics for years 11 and 12 students. The content of the four courses available has

ENROLMENTS	PDHPE	SPORTS MEDICINE/ TAPING	TAPING	FIRST AID/ CPR
Classes	56	15	3	52
School Students	1030	243	51	160
University Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	516
General Public	N/A	N/A	N/A	127
TOTAL	1030	243	51	803



Marketing & Memberships

BY MICHAEL CRUMP

With increasing competition in the sport and fitness market in the local area, the need to become more commercially focused was realised and in 2007, Sydney Uni Sport subsequently introduced a marketing department consisting of a Marketing and Memberships Manager, a Publications and Design Coordinator and a part-time journalist.

The main objective has been to revitalize Sydney Uni Sport's image in order to appeal to a wider audience and increase our gym memberships, a major source of revenue to the organisation.

REBRANDING

RGC Brand Consultants were engaged to review our existing brand and propose a number of creative concepts which would appeal to a wider market. This process involved research, naming/branding concepts, brand identity development, website development and advertising concepts. New designs were created for a consistent look across all applications including stationery, website, uniforms, signage, publications and advertising.

After much research and consultation with key stakeholders, the new brand, 'Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness' launched in early 2008 with an extremely positive reaction by staff of the University, Sydney Uni Sport members, corporate sponsors, students and alumni.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

A major component of the rebranding has been the total overhaul and redevelopment of the Sydney Uni Sport website. This website is the primary means of communication to both our internal and external stakeholders and thus needs to be a first class product, reflecting our image and positioning as a first class sporting organization with the highest quality facilities and services. We experience on average over 450 unique visitors and over 20,000 hits each day. With the website being the first point of contact for many potential customers we must ensure their first impression is a good one.

The main objectives of the overhaul were to:

- Create an easy to navigate, informative, up-to-date website which is interactive, functional

and provides a unique and useful experience

- Inclusion of online payments and booking options providing convenient customer service and lessening the work load of many of our front line staff
- Inclusion of a staff intranet where images and files such as logos, leave forms etc, can be accessed whenever and wherever they are
- Improve the efficiency of editing and publishing the website by increasing speed and inclusion of an intuitive editing interface; and
- Create a website which reflects our image and positioning as a first class fitness centre appealing to students, staff and the local community.

MERCHANDISING PROGRAM

To coincide with the launch of the new "Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness" brand it was proposed that Sydney Uni Sport enter into merchandising activity and adopt an appropriate marketing strategy

to achieve a successful outcome. Two major benefits were identified, namely:

1. Develop another supplementary source of income
2. Assist in exposing our new brand to a wider audience in a cost effective way.

It was proposed that we offer two distinct product ranges:

1. Premium range – sold both on and off campus and of superior quality with a well recognised brand. Off campus locations would include outlets such as Rebel Sport, International Airport, Tourist locations etc. Online sales would also be a major component of off-campus sales.
2. Budget range – sold only on campus, appealing to students with lower disposable income.

Classic Sportswear was confirmed as the official supplier for Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness merchandise while The Co-op Bookshop will be the official retailer on campus and at their other two Sydney based stores off campus. The merchandising program is forecast to generate in excess of \$300,000 in royalty fees over the next 3 years.

MEDIA

2007 saw an increased focus on developing and facilitating relationships with the media and ensuring that results and performances of the athletes and clubs received maximum exposure.

The introduction of a media scholarship with the faculty of Media and Communications assisted us in utilising their talented students to write articles to be used on our website and submitted to local media.

We have continued to provide regular feature articles in University publications such as the UniNews and Sydney Alumni Magazine.

ADVERTISING

Several advertising campaigns were implemented throughout the year. A cross promotion was conducted with STA Travel, who generously offered a trip for two to the Whitsundays for the winner. We also conducted a cross promotion with Apple and held an open day where Apple provided an iPod Nano for a member prize. A promotion focusing on increasing group fitness at HK Ward was implemented and on several occasions we conducted promotions in conjunction with MBF in order to help drive corporate health insurance take up.

Sydney Uni Sport attended all University promotional events including: Orientation Week, Re-Orientation Day, Information Day, International Orientation, UniLive and several events at affiliated campuses and residential colleges. These events remain a crucial aspect of marketing and promoting the facilities and services via face to face contact with the students.

RESEARCH

Several research projects were undertaken including a comprehensive competitor analysis with a detailed price matrix, and a survey of our members which looked into the importance placed on different aspects of our facilities. These research documents were used to assist in the development of the first comprehensive strategic marketing plan.

MEMBERSHIP

The total number of Sydney Uni Sport members averaged approximately 13,000 during 2007 with 53% students

(undergrads and postgrads) and 47% from the local community. Members with gym memberships totalled approximately 5000 while the remaining 8000 were annual members. There were approximately 260 junior members during 2007.

In order to ensure members were getting value for money we developed a member benefits program which provided a series of discounts and benefits as a part of their \$55 annual membership. Highlights included 20% discount on Sport and Rec Courses, 20% discount at The Centre Sports Store, access to the MBF Corporate Health Plan and discounts at the Grandstand Sports Bar, Co-op Bookshop, Seymour Centre, Rebel Sport, and STA Travel among others.

For 2008, it was proposed that the membership options and pricing structure be modified to simplify the communication with our customers. The passes are to be changed to Gold, Silver, Bronze and Blue Lion Passes, providing a visual way of showing the different options available and also ensuring consistency with our new branding. The prices will also be modified with students, life members and aged pensioners to receive 20% discount on gym membership passes.

In 2008 our objective is to create more awareness of the great facilities we have on offer for students, staff and the local community and to enhance our image, increase our revenue and remain a force in the highly competitive fitness industry.

Michael Crump
Marketing & Membership Manager





Coach **James Moar** issues instructions to the Lions during the National Water Polo League finals at the University Sports & Aquatic Centre



Elite Athlete Program

BY IAN EVANS

In 2007, 220 athletes from more than 35 sports received Sport Scholarships. Applications for Sport Scholarships were slightly higher than 2006, with applications once again of a higher calibre than in previous years. Many new scholarship holders registered UAIs in the high 90s, which was reflected in the excellent marks attained by the majority of Sport Scholarship holders throughout the year. Two exceptional student-athletes, Justin Merlino (Athletics, Physiotherapy) and Kate Johnson (Swimming, Medical Science), were awarded Vice Chancellor's Sport Scholarships for academic and sporting excellence. Justin's sporting achievements in particular were of a very high standard. He became the second-fastest Australian of all time in the 110m hurdles event when he won gold at last year's Australian National Athletics Championships.

After the devastating impact of the VSU legislation in 2006, the support of the University of Sydney to the Elite Athlete Program has proved immeasurable and I sincerely thank the University for its ongoing support of the program. I would also like to acknowledge the Residential Colleges and Sydney University Village for their continued support.

The invaluable partnership between Sydney Uni Sport and the Faculty of Economics and Business continued to grow in 2007, and it is safe to say that ties between the two organisations are stronger than ever. Thanks to Dean Peter Wolnizer for his incredible assistance and support for the Elite Athlete Program. The Faculty's Postgraduate Sport Scholarships, introduced in 2005, were once again a great success and provided excellent recognition of the sporting achievements and leadership abilities of athletes studying with the Economics and Business Faculty. Notable recipients included Australian Test and NSW cricketer Stuart Clark, and Olympian and Acuvue Sydney Uni Flames basketballer Natalie Porter. In 2008, Wallaby and NSW Waratahs captain Phil Waugh and Australian Boomers basketball captain Jason Smith will join the program.

2007 will also mark the commencement of the inaugural Sydney Uni Sport/ Faculty of Economics and Business Undergraduate Scholarships. Two recipients entering their first year of studies with the Faculty will be selected on an annual basis, with the scholarships worth \$10,000 per annum over a period of four years (including an Honours year). Australian U23

rower James Goswell (Commerce/ Law) and Australian Schoolboy rugby representative David McDuling (Commerce) were the first recipients.

The 'Blue & Gold' Club continued their support with two scholarships awarded to Tom Carter (Rugby, Science) and Elizabeth Kell (Rowing, Education). The Blues Association supported Angela Ballard (Wheelchair Athletics, Psychology), Jacqueline Bonnitca (Sailing, Liberal Studies) and Greg Mail (Cricket, Science). The Dr Philip Rundle Athletics Scholarship was once again awarded to Justin Merlino (Athletics) and the Marie Gavel Memorial Scholarship recipients for rowing were Edward Boyce (Management) and Sarah Phillips (Agricultural Economics). The Faculty of Pharmacy Scholarship recipient was Elsa O' Hanlon (Rowing).

An additional 60 athletes with outstanding potential were offered a place in the Talented Athlete Program (TAP), allowing them access to all services available to full scholarship recipients without direct financial assistance. The largest group of scholarship athletes came from the faculties of Health Science and Economics and Business. More than 25 athletes from the NSW Institute of

Sport also received scholarships. The support of our strategic partners was greatly appreciated. New athletes were inducted in March at the Grandstand overlooking historic No 1 Oval.

Athlete recruitment was highlighted in August with a talent identification seminar held for over 130 students and parents. These athletes were identified as having significant academic and sporting potential by either Sydney Uni Sport coaches or through targeted sporting schools.

The aim of the seminar was to provide information to potential scholars, athletes and their parents about the sporting and academic opportunities/support available through Sydney Uni Sport.

Athlete Performance Highlights

2007 was dominated by several stellar individual and collective sporting performances. The achievements of our first-grade rugby team were a particularly memorable highlight and their third successive Grade premierships was a remarkable victory. Special thanks must surely go to the team's skipper, Tim Davidson, an outstanding leader both on and off the field and a remarkable individual. Of course no Sydney Uni Sport publication would be complete without mentioning recent graduate (and husband!) Thomas Carter, an inspiring person and great clubman who continues to be a great mentor in the development of our younger scholarship athletes. Congratulations must also go to William Caldwell, who graduated with a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics degree and had a great season for the Students, Waratahs and Australia A.

Under the outstanding leadership of the "Zen-Master" Nick Ryan, the Colts program, featuring several scholarship holders, secured three premierships, an absolutely freakish performance and one of the first instances any club has made a clean sweep of the First Grade, Seconds and U19 Colts competitions. It's hard to single out any particular scholarship holders but certainly the leadership of Justin Bosilkovski (Commerce) and James McMahan (Commerce/Science) and the talents of Mitch Inman, Adam Campbell, Ben McCalman and Nathan Charles deserve special praise.

The rowing squad had an incredible season, with the performance of the Australian U23 representatives a particular highlight – a silver medal

for the Women's Four, led by two scholarship holders Charlotte Walters and Renee Kirby. The Men's Eight, featuring scholarship holders Andrew Conolly, Ed Boyce, Mitch Estens, James Goswell and Terrence Alfred narrowly missed out on a silver medal by the slightest of margins. The outstanding efforts of Ed and Terrence were recognised by the Australian Institute of Sport as both were offered spots in the training squad. At short notice, both boys were required to re-organise their exams to accommodate the AIS requirements, Terrence in particular did an outstanding job to complete the final four subjects of his Bachelor of Economics degree whilst in Canberra.

Stuart Clark continued his great run with the Australian Test cricket team, whilst making progress through his Master of Commerce degree. Current scholarship students Greg Mail and Mark Cameron recorded great performances for NSW, whilst former scholarship holder Ed Cowan looked to cement a regular spot in the NSW cricket team. For our University cricket team, Greg Mail led the charge to the finals for SUCC scoring by breaking scoring more runs than anyone else in Sydney University, breaking an 87-year-old club record, scoring 1164 runs for the 2006-07 season, an outstanding achievement from a class player and person. Marty Paskal and Nick Dunford continued to show improvement for Uni during the season. Unfortunately Uni's hopes of making a third Sydney grade cricket final in four years were dashed when Bankstown won their semi-final encounter by two wickets but midway through the current 2007-08 season, Uni's first grade team was on top of the table.

One of the more incredible performances came from the men's water polo squad, taking their team to the finals of the National League Water Polo competition. After putting up a gallant fight, the lads lost to the Brisbane Breakers but the performances of Trent Franklin and Aaron Jones in particular were of outstanding quality. Former scholarship holder Trent Franklin does not always receive the credit that he deserves and I would like to formally acknowledge his leadership, skill and commitment to our team. His efforts in the National League were rewarded with Trent receiving the captaincy of the Australian men's team which recently won against New Zealand, to qualify the team for Beijing.

The National League women's water polo team finished an admirable fourth, with scholarship holder Taniele Gofers sidelined with injury. Taniele, a Media and Communications student, was an outstanding performer during the year, spearheading the Australian women's national team to a silver medal at the FINA World Championships in Melbourne in March.

A silver lining also appeared in the form of an unexpected win by Australia in the World Junior Women's Water Polo championships, held in Portugal. Scholarship holders Melissa Hammond and Keesja Gofers were members of the victorious side and are expected to play prominent roles in this year's National League.

Sydney University Flames' hopes of winning the Womens National Basketball League title were dashed at Penrith Sports Stadium when the Canberra Capitals triumphed 73-59 in a tense match. Current Australian players Nat Porter and Alicia Poto had outstanding seasons and continue to play prominent roles for the Flames during the current 2007/08 season. Australian selectors acknowledged Eva Afeaki's great potential by selecting her in the Opals training squad for the first time. Looking ahead to the future, scholarship holder Rachel Herrick won silver with the Australian Sapphires at the 2007 FIBA U21 World Championships. Sydney University athlete Sarah Stewart returned home to Australia with a silver medal after the Australian women's wheelchair basketball team finished runners-up to world champions Canada in the Osaka Cup in March.

Led by scholarship holders Michael Higgins and Joel Carr, Sydney Uni AFL had a promising season in the Premier Division, recording four wins from their last seven games and building a solid foundation for 2008.

Looking ahead to 2008, several scholarship athletes are hoping to make national teams for Beijing in August and we wish them all the best.

Support for International Representatives

In 2007, the University of Sydney provided travel grants to more than 30 student-athletes and life members of clubs who were selected to represent Australia in international event competition. 17 members of the Sydney University Boat and Rowing

programs were recipients of such financial assistance.

Athlete Services

Many thanks go to our tutors for providing invaluable assistance to the athletes to achieve high academic results. The focus on high academic achievement for athletes was highlighted by the addition of supplementary tutorials provided across 20 subjects. The tutorial program once again proved to be an essential service to the academic success of many student-athletes with more than 200 hours of tutorials conducted last year. The main areas covered were economics, econometrics and accounting, as well as biochemistry and biomechanics.

Personal development seminars were held on topics such as time management, essay writing techniques, dietetics and sport psychology.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Nutrition services in 2007 welcomed the addition of Alison Miles and later Zoe Prohasky when Alison went on maternity leave. Joining Flavia Fayet, Alison and then Zoe, provided dietetic advice and support to scholarship athletes as well as to major sports programs including rugby, rowing and basketball.

In conjunction with Exercise and Sport (ESS) staff, Dr Kieron Rooney and Dr Helen O'Connor, a 12 month pilot nutrition intern program was established and commenced in late September 2007. The best students from the B.App.Sci (Exercise and Sport Science) / BSc Nutrition course were selected and allocated (in pairs) to nominated Sydney Uni Sport clubs (rugby, basketball, rowing and swimming). Under the direction of the coaches, staff, dieticians and sport scientists, the students were responsible for the collection, analysis and dissemination of designated sports science/nutrition related assessment results to athletes and coaches.

The intention of this program is to provide students demonstrating high academic achievement and commitment valuable professional training and experience while delivering sports science/nutrition support to clubs and athletes. It is hoped that the introduction of the student interns will allow nutrition services to continue to expand and service more athletes and clubs in the future.

SPORTS SCIENCE

The 2007 sports season was an exciting time in the athlete performance domain. For the first time Sydney Uni Sport had 2 full-time strength and conditioning specialists to service the athletes between 6.30am and 8.30pm. Tim Leahy started as Assistant Manager to help Exercise Scientist and Manager Martin Harland. Tim moved to Sydney from Bathurst in late 2005 and performed admirably in a voluntary capacity training the SUFC colts' sides during 2006. He has revelled in the full-time role, servicing a number of sports in 2007 including rugby, cricket, netball and basketball.

Martin and Tim supported 60% of the 270 scholarship and TAP athletes with the top 10% serviced by either NSWIS or a state team such as the NSW Blues or Waratahs. For team sports the service of rugby, rowing and basketball is well established.

Players in the Elite Development Squad for rugby continue to get bigger, stronger and faster, and combined with the hard work from the club, we have become the premier 'farm' for rugby players to cultivate their physical and technical capacities after leaving school. The hard work of the players culminated in University winning the Sydney Grade and Colts Club Championships and 1st Grade and all Colts' grand finals in 2007. The fact that SUFC supplied more than 25 players to play in the inaugural professional Australian Rugby Championships, signals that the future for developing rugby players at Sydney University is brighter than ever.

The sports science team continued to provide the weights program for rowing, and with the tremendous support received from coaches Phil Bourguignon, Alan Bennett and Mark Prater, the current crop of rowers continue to receive all the benefits of structured gym based strength programs integrated with their ergometer and on-water training to maximise their rowing potential. Highlights included 18 athletes selected into Australian junior and senior teams, winning the Australian University Games overall title, and winning the Club Championship for the 5th straight time at NSW state championships. Strength programs were also provided for the U23 Australian Men's Eight, four

of which were Sydney Uni athletes and whom Phil Bourguignon directed to a bronze medal at the 2007 U23 World Championships.

The WNBL side, the Sydney Uni Flames were physically conditioned by Martin and Tim for the first time for the 2007-08 season. The program was integrated with their on court training with the great support and planning of the head coach Karen Dalton. The players worked very hard for a long pre-season starting early April 2007, with seven players rewarded by making national teams. Two players won silver at the World U23 Championships, 3 players won gold at the World University Games and 2 players made the Opals team that toured USA/NZ during 2007.

Further great support from club coaches in the sports of netball (Lisa McConchie), cricket (Matthew Phelps), swimming (Steve Alderman) and athletics (Dean Gleeson) has done much to foster a superior training environment in the gym for their athletes to complement the great training they do in their chosen disciplines.

Blues

Liz Kell (rowing) was named Sydney University Female Blue of the Year and gymnast Prashanth Sellathurai was named Male Blue of the Year at the 2007 Blues dinner, held in the Great Hall in November.

Kell and Sellathurai were among 41 Blues awarded for outstanding sporting achievement in 2007.

Kell, a Bachelor of Education student, took out the 2006 World Rowing Championship in England, when she and former Sydney Uni Sport Scholarship recipient Brooke Pratley edged out the reigning Olympic and World Champion New Zealanders to win the women's double scull.

Health Science student Sellathurai won a silver medal in the men's pommel horse at the 2006 World Gymnastic Championships held in Denmark. He also won silver at the Commonwealth Games, becoming just the second Australian male to win a medal at the World Championships.

Coaching and University Staff

Special thanks to all the coaches who provided assistance with our scholarship athletes. The efforts of the rowing and football coaches in particular were

outstanding. Nick Ryan, Anthony Eddy, Trevor Woodman and Damien Hill (rugby), along with Phil Bourguignon, Mark Prater and Alan Bennett (boat/rowing), provided great support with the recruitment and retention of our student-athletes. Special thanks also to SUFC President David Mortimer and SUBC Vice President Chris Noel for their support throughout the year.

Sincere thanks must also go to swimming head coach Steve Alderman, Greg Turner (waterpolo), Matthew Phelps and Greg Matthews (cricket), Jason McClennan (AFL) and Flames coach Karen Dalton.

We also acknowledge the efforts of the academics and tutors who assisted the athletes throughout the year, in particular Charles Areni, Giuseppe Carabetta, Nigel Smith, Vivienne Schell and Kerry Pattenden (Economics and Business); staff from the Student Information Office and Student Centre - in particular David Bowan; Kate Collins and Terry Heath from the Faculty of Arts, Steve Georgakis from the Education Faculty and Kieron Rooney from the Faculty of Health Science.

Departures

Vice-Chancellor Gavin Brown's passion and support for sport at the University will be sadly missed following his departure in June 2008. His impact on Sydney Uni Sport was acknowledged with a new sporting pavilion to be completed in 2009 named in his honour. Gavin's support for the NSWIS strategic partnership and the scholarship program in particular has been very welcome over the last five years and I sincerely thank him for his outstanding leadership.

We also thank Marg Torode (Health Science) for her stirring efforts over the last few years, Dr Bill Porges from St Andrew's College, Liz Hepburn from Sancta Sophia College and Malcolm Harrison from St Paul's College.

Special thanks must also go to the recent graduates, in particular Robin Bell, who has been a wonderful sporting ambassador for Sydney University and one of its favourite sons; Chris Clyne (boat); Kate Blackwell (cricket); Kate Lawrence (canoe-slalom); David Haydon (football); Adrian Somerville (tennis); Yasmin L'Estrange (rowing); Jacqui Bonnittha (sailing); Bradley Wiblen (soccer); Jono Newton

(swimming) and Amanda Russell (water polo). Thank-you all for your great efforts as scholarship recipients and students.

Of course it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Gregory "Huey" Harris. I could speak about Greg's many talents in a wide diversity of areas but I will confine my thoughts predominantly to Greg's significant imprint with the Elite Athlete Program. His incredible affinity with all athletes ranging from Test cricketers to colts footballer will be greatly missed. It is testament to Greg's legacy that, under his outstanding leadership, the Elite Athlete Program progressed from two scholarship holders to more than 220 during his 16-year tenure. What perhaps is just as significant to note is his relationships with the athletes, coaches and staff during this period. Greg, on behalf of the several hundred athletes that you have assisted in a mentoring capacity during your time as Executive Director, we thank-you for your friendship, loyalty and invaluable assistance.

Ian Evans

Elite Athlete Program Manager

Mark Cameron defies gravity





Blues Association

BY ANN MITCHELL

The Blues Association increased its efforts to raise funds for the Sport Scholarships and at the same time to encourage past Blues to attend reunions and keep in touch with sport happenings at the University. This work has become more important as Sydney Uni Sport lost over \$3 million with the abolition of compulsory student fees in 2007 and needs the support of its alumni members.

Funds were provided for three Sports Scholarships and the recipients for 2007 were: Angie Ballard (wheelchair athletics), Jacqueline Bonnitcha (sailing) and Greg Mail (cricket). We followed their progress throughout the year and they attended Blues functions when they were available.

Two reunions were organised for Young Blues, one in April to eat, drink and watch the National League water polo in the Peter Montgomery Pool at the University Sports and Aquatic Centre and the second in October to see the ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames kick off their season for 2007-08. Good numbers attended the April event but the mid-week reunion in conjunction with the Flames game was cancelled as there was a poor response and it did

not seem to suit our busy young Blues. The Blues Committee will review this part of their program in 2008.

The Pin Function at The Grandstand on 3 August proved to be a highlight of the year. Over 100 people attended and had lots of fun, watching the pins being presented to those who received their Blue in a year ending in "7", listening to some of their own being interviewed and reminiscing on days and feats of years ago. MC and ANL Blue 1967 Rod Tubbs was quite surprised when we turned the interviews onto him but he gave some quick answers and showed his skill at handling any situation. Chairman of the Senate Sport Liaison Committee, John McCarthy QC, presented the pins on the night and gave his endorsement of the Blues program in getting the sporting alumni of the University to continue their support of university activities. It was very pleasing to come up with a profit of \$3000 from this function, a great improvement on previous years, mainly as a result of expanding our raffle ticket distribution. Thanks go to Cheryl Collins, Mac Chambers and Jenny Lawler for their hard work behind the scenes to ensure

the success of the Pin Function. The Blues Committee has noted that the lack of disabled access to The Grandstand is affecting this function and Brendon Hyde was asked to investigate and provide Sydney Uni Sport with access options and costings so that remedies could be considered.

The annual Golf Day was combined with the Rugby Club on 10 October at the St Michael's Course this year and the combination proved to be a success. A good number attended and just over \$2000 was raised to go into our scholarship fund, helped by sponsorship from ACUVUE and a donation from Rod Phelps.

The year ended with the traditional Blues Dinner held in The Great Hall on 17 November. It was a bumper year for Blues with 42 being awarded on the night while there 12 Gold awards presented, two being surprise announcements for the former Chancellor and Rowing Blue, Justice Kim Santow, and the soon-to- retire Vice Chancellor, Professor Gavin Brown. Both of these men, together with the other Gold recipients, were thrilled to receive the first Gold blazers presented at Sydney University. Dr Anna Reidy,

formerly Windsor, was guest speaker and spoke humbly of her days as an Australian swimmer and described what life was like in the Olympic Village - a fitting lead-up to Beijing in 2008! Ann Mitchell interviewed Blues Association scholarship holder Greg Mail who had just been awarded a Blue for cricket in 2007. Greg is doing a Science Degree and is Captain of the 1st Grade side this season after scoring 1225 runs last season and breaking several records. Our thanks to VC Gavin Brown for presenting the blazers in place of new Chancellor Professor Marie Bashir, who was unable to attend, and for concluding the dinner with the announcement of the Blues of the Year, Liz Kell, World Champion Rower, and Prashanth Sellathurai, silver medallist at the World Gymnastic Championships.

Our congratulations to Peter Kerr Water Polo Blue 1970 who received an AM in the Australian Day Honours in 2008 and to the three new Blues Association scholarship recipients for 2008: Mel Hammond (water polo), Matija Jaukovic (swimming) and Charlotte Walters (rowing)

Our thanks go to members of the Blues Committee for 2007: Cheryl Collins, Ed Cowan, Michael Dickson, Kyeema Doyle, Stuart Grieve, Brendon Hyde, Gillian Ting, Rod Tubbs and archivist Mac Chambers. We invested wisely this year even though our Finance sub-committee did not really get a chance to meet. Consequently the Blues Association is in a healthy financial state and able to continue supporting Sydney University Sport. We were pleased this year to have our President involved in the selection of new Blues as a member of the Sydney Uni Sport Blues Committee. This marked a

step forward in the integration of our activities with Sydney Uni Sport.

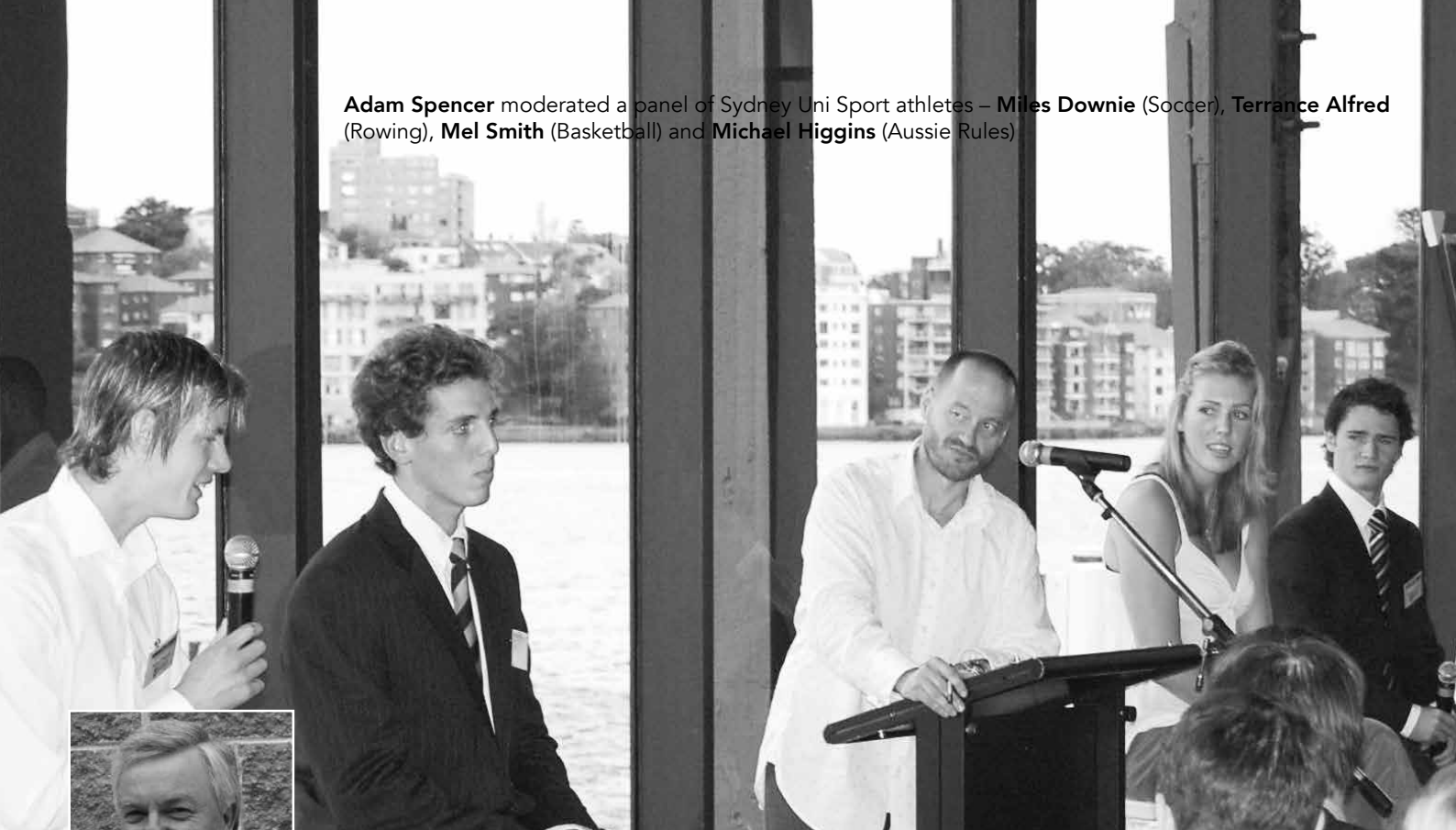
Finally, I want to thank Executive Director Greg Harris and the Sydney Uni Sport staff for their continued support during the past year, especially Jenny Lawler, Tony Jackson, Ian Evans and Gillian Ting. We also appreciated Michael Crump's presentation on the latest marketing plans for Sydney Uni Sport at our Committee meeting in November. We were very sorry to hear of Greg Harris' departure from Sydney Uni Sport in February 2008 as he has been a great leader over the past 16 years and has helped us to establish a strong Blues Association through his encouragement and support for new ideas. We wish him all the very best for his future endeavours.

Ann Mitchell
President

Vice-Chancellor **Gavin Brown** with President of the Blues Association **Ann Mitchell**



Adam Spencer moderated a panel of Sydney Uni Sport athletes – Miles Downie (Soccer), Terrance Alfred (Rowing), Mel Smith (Basketball) and Michael Higgins (Aussie Rules)



Corporate & Alumni Relations

BY RODNEY TUBBS

In 2007, the 'Blue & Gold' Club staged five major functions for its members, who are all sporting alumni and/or supporters of sport at Sydney University.

The tenth consecutive staging of the annual 'Blue & Gold' Cricket Luncheon took place at WatersEdge Restaurant on Friday 9th February.

The entertainment commenced with Adam Spencer's panel dissecting the recently completed Ashes Test series and previewing the 2007 Cricket World Cup to be played over March and April in the West Indies. The panel comprised Lisa Sthalekar, current Women's International Cricketer of the Year; David Gilbert, former Test fast bowler and current CEO of Cricket NSW; plus Greg Matthews, former Test allrounder who played key roles in Sydney Uni's two most recent 1st Grade cricket premierships.

Later that afternoon, Mike Coward, one of Australia's most experienced cricket writers and commentators reviewed 150 years of Sheffield Shield/Pura Cup cricket with former Australian Captains Neil Harvey and Brian Booth.

The 2007 'Blue & Gold' Aussie Rules Luncheon was held at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney on Wednesday 28th March.

This was earlier than usual (just three days prior to the opening match of the 2007 AFL season between the 2006 Grand Finalists the West Coast Eagles and Sydney Swans). It was promoted as the 'AFL Grand Final Rematch' Luncheon.

Adam Spencer conducted interviews with Jason Ball and Matthew Nicks (both recently retired Sydney Swans' players) plus SUANFC coach, Daniel Archer. Later that day, Adam got the very best out of his panellists, three current Sydney Swans' players – Jude Bolton, Jared Crouch and Peter 'Spida' Everitt.

The 2007 'Blue & Gold' Annual Sports Luncheon also took place at the WatersEdge Restaurant on Friday 18th May.

Between entrée and mains, Adam Spencer moderated a panel of Sydney Uni Sport athletes – Michael Higgins (aussie rules), Mel Smith (basketball), Terrance Alfred (rowing) and Miles Downie (soccer). After mains, Adam

conducted another round of very entertaining interviews with four more Sydney Uni Sport athletes – Annabelle Smith (athletics), Shane Stanton (cricket), Tim Davidson (rugby) and Trent Franklin (water polo).

We were back at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney for the eleventh consecutive staging of the annual 'Blue & Gold' Rugby Luncheon on Friday 17th August.

Between entrée and mains, Adam Spencer conducted entertaining interviews with the Sydney Uni Football Club's first grade coaches Anthony Eddy, Damien Hill and Trevor Woodman.

The principal entertainment that day was the annual 'Blue & Gold' debate, which this year saw the Gentlewomen of Rugby (our World University debating Champions, Julia Bowes and Anna Garsia) successfully assert that "a woman's place is on the sidelines". Although soundly defeated for the eleventh consecutive year, the Low-Life Academia team (Adam Spencer and Dr Harry Whiteball ... pronounced Wibble ... aka Rhys Muldoon) brought the house down. Unfortunately, they

once again fell foul of a totally and unashamedly biased adjudicator – the former Australian Rugby Union President, Mr PL Harry!

The eleventh consecutive 'Blue & Gold' Xmas Hamper Golf Day was once again held at the New South Wales Golf Club on Tuesday 27th November.

Twenty teams competed for the Chancellor's Cup, which was won by the Southern Design Group team (representing this major sponsor of Sydney Uni Sport). But ... as always ... everyone was a winner, because all participants took home splendid Xmas hampers.

ACUVUE-sponsored 'Blue & Gold' Sporting Functions in 2008

For our sporting alumni and supporters of sport at Sydney Uni...

'BLUE & GOLD' CRICKET LUNCHEON AT TATTERSALLS CLUB ON FRIDAY 29TH FEBRUARY.

Tickets will also be available to the One Day International First Final at the SCG on Sunday 2nd March.

'BLUE & GOLD' AUSSIE RULES LUNCHEON AT FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SYDNEY ON FRIDAY 11TH APRIL.

Tickets will also be available to the Sydney Swans vs West Coast Eagles clash at the ANZ (formerly Telstra) Stadium on Saturday 12th April.

'BLUE & GOLD' OLYMPIC DINNER AT THE GREAT HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY.

A special function held only in (Summer) Olympic years - every table hosted by a Sydney Uni Olympian.

'BLUE & GOLD' ANNUAL SPORTS LUNCHEON AT FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SYDNEY ON WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY.

This is the function at which 8 to 10 Sydney Uni Sporting Scholarship holders and their sports are showcased in the highly entertaining "Adam Spencer panel discussions".

'BLUE & GOLD' RUGBY LUNCHEON AT TATTERSALLS CLUB ON FRIDAY 25TH JULY.

Tickets will also be available to the Bledisloe Cup match at the ANZ (formerly Telstra) Stadium on Saturday 26th July.

'BLUE & GOLD' XMAS HAMPER GOLF DAY AT NEW SOUTH WALES GOLF CLUB ON TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.

A team event in which every player takes home a Xmas hamper.

If you enjoy sport and appreciate good ol' University wit, then do some memorable corporate entertaining at the above functions in 2008.

For advanced table bookings (ensuring the best seats in the house) contact Rodney Tubbs on 9351 7958 or 0402 003 042.

Rodney Tubbs

Corporate & Alumni Relations Manager



Adam conducts another round of very entertaining interviews with **Annabelle Smith** (Athletics) and **Shane Stanton** (Cricket).

Club Reports



AFL Men

2007 was a very exciting, demanding and ultimately satisfying year for the Sydney University Australian National Football Club (SUANFC). The year commenced with anticipation with SUANFC returning to Sydney's top level of Australian Rules football after a 15 year absence. The Sydney AFL Premier Division beckoned for players in SUANFC's Senior and Reserve teams.

The club also expected to field two teams in the Sydney AFL Second Division. These sides were unexpectedly joined in the Sydney AFL Second Division by a fifth SUANFC side when a neighbouring club was unable to field a team previously committed to the Second Division competition. In a strong testament to the abilities of SUANFC's management, volunteer coaches and assistants, we were able to fulfil all playing and reporting obligations throughout a long season.

An extended period in Sydney AFL's First Division left the playing list a little underprepared for the rigours of hard contested football. The draw was not kind either with the first six matches being contested against the top 6 teams of the previous year. It was a tough road, with the only slightly bright note a narrow loss to the prior year's minor premiers. SUANFC confronted some difficult truths about the level required for competition in the Premier Division. A big first win against nearby rivals Balmain in Round 8 provided hope and renewed enthusiasm for the second half of the draw. Another 4 wins

were to come for the Seniors in the next 10 matches including a particularly satisfying defeat of arch rivals UNSW/ Eastern Suburbs by 2 points in front of a large and boisterous Old Boys' crowd at No. 1. The Seniors finished the season two places off the bottom of the ladder with 5 wins from 18 rounds. The 5 wins taking in 4 different opponents. Further, 3 matches were decided by one straight kick or less. Given these results, optimism and expectations are high for the Seniors in 2008. Senior Coach Daniel Archer was named Sydney AFL Coach of the Year by his peers for these results which considerably outstripped Sydney AFL community expectations for SUANFC. SUANFC proudly congratulates Daniel and all senior players for the 2007 season and expects you back at training yesterday.

While the Seniors undertook masses of soul searching and extra training to try and make them competitive, the Reserves, themselves newly promoted to the Sydney AFL Premier Division Reserves competition, admirably demonstrated the depth of the club and reasons to hope for future success. The Reserves stood tall in 2007 finishing third with 12 wins and 6 losses after the regular season. The Reserves were also able to carry the day against the St. George Crows in the first semi final, falling short against the East Coast Eagles in the preliminary final a week later. Reserves Coach Tony Overall and his squad are thoroughly congratulated

for retaining SUANFC's long association with finals football.

The Blues, under Coach Fintan O'Connor, also represented SUANFC in finals football in Sydney AFL's Second Division. The Blues promised much late in the season following an upset of the UNSW/ES Bulldogs. The late season charge never gathered sufficient momentum however and the Blues bowed out in the first semi-final to South West Sydney. The Reds and Golds successfully introduced new players to Aussie Rules football and provided many ageing former greats the chance to duck family responsibilities with a weekend gallop on the footy field. The Blues, Reds and Golds are an integral part of the club. Our thanks to coaches, Fintan, Chris Lowe (Reds) and the ever generous Paul Stanley (Golds), there are no better people to teach the love of Aussie Rules than these.

Finally, thanks to President Jason McLennan who provides SUANFC with a strong vision and steady leadership, Football Operations Director Robert Goodall who keeps the club training, playing and generally compliant with multiple governing body requirements and Sponsorship Director Chas Wilkinson who contributed significantly to the club's ongoing strong financial health.

SUANFC would love to see any supporters of Australia's national sport or the University – i.e. you – at a match sometime during 2008!



AFL Women

The Sydney University Women's AFL Club had a successful 2007 and were fortunate to be able to field two teams in the Sydney Women's AFL competition (SWAFL) for a third consecutive year.

Both Sydney Uni Gold (SUG) and Sydney Uni Blue (SUB) were competitive throughout the season, with the teams finishing the regular season in second and fifth positions respectively. While SUB was unlucky to miss out on the finals, SUG went on to defeat the minor premiers (Newtown Breakaways) in the grand final in convincing form.

The victory was an appropriate send off for both retiring players and the SUG coach. Special congratulations go to Emma Yuen who was awarded the Deb Rogers Memorial Trophy for Best Player on Ground.

The club had a number of players that polled well at the SWAFL Presentation Night, and had strong representation in the NSW Blues side at the National Championships held in Canberra.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007 AWARD RECIPIENTS

SU Gold:

Best and Fairest – Jemma Still

Players Player – Kyrsten Winkley

Golden Boot – Jemma Still

Rookie of the Year – Melissa Casey

Coaches Award – Melissa Casey

Most Improved – Annie Phillips

SU Blue:

Best and Fairest – Corrine Quaratino

Players Player – Belinda Michalk

Golden Boot – Amelia Dever

Rookie of the Year – Christine McDonald

Coaches Award – Belinda Michalk

Most Improved – Alex Roberts

NSW REPRESENTATION

Shelley Bates, Amelia Dever, Keran Durston, Meredith Grey, Jane Leyshon, Christine McDonald, Belinda Michalk, Kellie Nolan (Team Manager), Claire O'Neill, Corrine Quaratino, Kim Rielly (VC), Jemma Still, Heidi Weidner, Emma Yuen and Jason King (Coach)

Sydney University Blues Award:

Shelley Bates and Amelia Dever

The club would like to thank all who have been involved this season with special mention to sponsor The Forest Lodge, SWAFL, Sydney Uni Sport and SUANFC.

Thank you to the coaching staff Lachlan Worthy (retired), Jason King, Jo Hall, Peter King and Kaya Lyons, and to the Club Administrator, Victoria Rawlings, who has been an important asset this year. The club looks forward to the challenges of 2008 and beyond, with the aim of retaining the SWAFL Premiership Shield.



American Football

The 2007 season was another highly successful one for the American Football Club (SUAFC) culminating in our 5th straight NSW Championship. This was the 8th year in a row that the club has made the State Championship game, the first team in league history to achieve that feat. The Lions went undefeated in 2007 and have now recorded 60 wins and only 2 losses over the last 5 years.

At the start of the year, the team faced its share of challenges, particularly in coping with the loss of its starting quarterback from last season. However, strong recruiting on campus and the return of former quarterback, Dan Kelen, saw the team head into the season in good shape. Head Coach Stephen Dunne varied his offensive scheme to use more two back formations and the team responded with greater offensive production; while new Defensive Coach, Ryan Wonser, kept the Lions as the top ranked defence in the league with coaching support from Captains Joe Lim and Leigh Louey-Gung. Highlights included an opening round 54-12 thrashing of the West Sydney Pirates

and a commanding 33-7 victory over the UTS Gators in week 4. However, the Lions had to fight to win the NSW Championship, rallying back from 14 points down to defeat the UTS Gators 34-28 in the Waratah Bowl. Game reports from the season can be found on the club website (www.sydneyunigradiron.com). This win kept intact the University's perfect record of 20 wins from 20 games against UTS over 14 years of competition. These performances were rewarded with a number of players being selected to the train-on squad for the NSW team to compete in the National Championships to be held on the Gold Coast in 2008, as detailed below.

The Colts (U18) team, the Sydney Uni Cubs, also had a strong season, finishing the regular season in 2nd place with a record of 8 wins and 2 losses and winning through to the Gridiron NSW Colts grand final following a strong 20-6 win over the top seeded Penrith City Chiefs. Unfortunately, the Cubs were beaten in the grand final, but Head Coach Chady Aoun and Assistants David Thode, Joe Lim, Leigh Louey-Gung and Keirnan

Dorney are to be congratulated on a fine season.

Off the field, the club has also had a big year, with special mention needing to be made of the Junior Development Program. This involved obtaining financial support to bring over two players from the United States with college football experience to play for the Lions in 2007, coach the Cubs in 2008 and run flag football coaching clinics at high schools during fourth term. The two athletes involved, Colby Myers and Brad Ryals, have performed with distinction and the club is sure to reap the rewards of their efforts in running coaching clinics and coaching the Cubs in the years to come.

2007 NSW Wolfpack: David Allen, Chady Aoun, Fady Aoun, Troy Carrick, Tristan Cauhepe, Matt Croasdaile, Liam Erby, Mathew Freeman, James Gifford, Leigh-Louey Gung, Dan Kelen, Cameron Lawrence, Joe Lim, Keenan Mackett, Colby Myers, Piotr Milewski, Brad Ryals, James, Shine, Anthony Sinton, Chris Snagg and David Thode.



Archery

Another year has passed with increased success and activity for the Sydney Uni Archery Club (SUAC) in 2007. The club was able to maintain a good number of memberships and a new core of dedicated archers have developed from last year. In terms of activity, there have been some highlights and disappointments. Highlights include strong results at the Australian Open National Championships with two top 10 results, solid performances at State Championships and Club Leagues and the awarding of the club's second Blue in three years.

Disappointment was caused by the storms that struck the Central Coast earlier in the year, resulting in the cancellation of the Eastern University Archery Championship to be hosted by Newcastle University at Erina.

The club is slowly following SUAC's long-term goal to convert the old wooden bows to newer competition grade equipment. The addition of electronic timing equipment this year has also raised the club's ability to train and prepare for competition shooting. Three new members are shooting their debut competitions this year, and

hopefully this trend will increase in the years to come. The club has also seen an increase in community interest with many local residents inquiring about the club's activities.

2008 will hopefully see more competition entries, and a continuation by the club to develop the solid foundations already built by the hard work and dedication of previous members.

Don Chiou
President

Athletics

2007 has been a stellar year for the Sydney University Athletics Club (SUAC). The year started with the club's equal best placing at the National Club Championships in February in Hobart, finishing 2nd overall and dominating the track events contested. Several athletes also represented SUAC in the Telstra A-Series meets, with Justin Merlino winning the 110m hurdles in March, recording the second fastest time by an Australian.

SUAC wheelchair athlete Angela Ballard continued her impressive form this year, recording qualifying times for the 2008 Beijing Paralympics in four events: 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m. A number of SUAC athletes competed on the international stage, with Justin

Merlino and Lachlan Renshaw selected in the 2007 Bangkok World University Games team. Justin finished 8th in the 110m hurdles, improving his PB along the way. Lachlan finished 5th in his 800m heat. Cross country athlete, Lara Tamsett, represented SUAC and Australia at the World Mountain Running Championships in Switzerland and ran a fantastic race to take out the Junior Women's individual title. Assisted by her Australian team mates in the event, Lara also helped the Australian Junior Women take out the team event.

Following a number of second place titles in recent years, SUAC finally overcame rivals UQ this year to take out the team title at Australian

University Games (AUG) on the Gold Coast. There were a number of notable individual performances at AUG, with Justin Merlino (110m hurdles), Werner Botha (800m), Annabelle Smith (400m), Tara Holt (100m hurdles) and Jessica Heazlewood (5000m walk) all winning gold in their respective events. These strong individual performances were complemented by some remarkable relay runs. The medley team narrowly missed the AUG record.

These are just a few of the notable achievements by SUAC athletes this year. All club members should be congratulated for contributing to what has been a remarkable 2007 and the club is looking forward to building on these great performances in 2008.





Badminton

2007 was a very successful year for Sydney University Badminton Club (SUBC) with respect to achievements of the university team and club members as well. Membership continues to thrive with over 50 annual members.

SUBC has a long tradition of performing well in competitions, and 2007 was no exception. A strong performance in the local inter-club competition strengthened the club's reputation of being tough competitors, with the Division A team achieving 3rd place against formidable opposition.

Individual club members participated in several tournaments throughout the year, accumulating many trophies along the way. In the autumn of 2007 SUBC hosted a doubles tournament, which received over 100 entries. The tournament provided a great spectacle, and attracted many players that included state representatives. The tournament raised over \$1,400 for

the club and aided the sponsorship of the Australian University Games (AUG) team. This year's team was comprised of state team representatives: Tina Chow, Alex Lee, Alan Ng, Kenny Ng, Raymond Tam and Tommy Wong. The men's badminton team was incredibly proud and elated to return from both the East Coast Challenge and AUG with their longed for gold medals.

The successes of the year were celebrated at the SUBC's annual dinner at Zilver Restaurant in November. Members, students, the AUG team, past committee members, casual players and their peers were among the 45 guests who attended the dinner. The night's festivities were filled with activities such as trivia and lucky draws. During the night, annual members were also given a club shirt.

The badminton year has started off with new student board members having no knowledge of how to run a club.

Thank you to those that contributed to the club's administration, in particular past committee members. Their advice and experience has helped to achieve great times during the year. The board members are now well prepared for the arrival of 2008's badminton season.

Finally, special thanks to SUBC members who have joined in the previous year and again this year. Thank you for your support which made 2007 an exciting and incredibly successful year. SUBC looks forward to further successes in 2008, and hope that our partnerships in badminton will continue long into the future.

Alan Ng
President



Baseball

As in the past, the Sydney University Baseball Club (SUBC) entered three grades in the Sydney Winter Baseball League. The club had such strong turnout at its trials that it was also able to enter a fourth team into the suburban Pacific Coast Baseball League.

In the Sydney Winter Baseball League, first grade continued its recent trend of being one of the stronger teams in the competition, maintaining its position in the top four throughout the whole season. First grade ended the season losing to Cronulla in the final in contentious circumstances. Shanin Hislop won the league batting title by a significant margin, and new scholarship holder Steve Smith provided solid offence and defence.

Special mention must be made of coach Jason Moir. Although that elusive first grade premiership has not yet been attained, with Jason at the helm, this should not be far off.

2007 also saw the club win the University Cup (against UNSW) for the first time. Coming into the home fixture, Sydney Uni led 2-1, and clinched the win with an emphatic sweep of UNSW at home at the Cynic Dome, winning the trophy 5-1. Suffice to say, the club celebrated long and hard into the night at club sponsor The Roxbury Hotel.

Unfortunately 2007 was a lean year for both second and third grade. As the club was hit with multiple injuries and absences, there was considerable

movement between the grades. Although the lower grade players performed above expectations when called up to higher levels, this inevitably left the lower teams under strength for many games. Thanks must go to lower grade coaches Barry Hoare (second grade) and Chris Hills (third grade) for their admirable effort in ably managing an ever changing player roster.

Fourth grade proved the biggest surprise of the year. With a team containing multiple baseball novices and a mix of students, fourth grade took out the Pacific Coast C2 premiership against North Ryde. Many are predicting the 2007 crop of fourth grade players will make a big impact on the 2008 SWBL squad, and beyond.

Fielding lower grade teams has been identified as a key area for the club's future success. Without a junior base the club has often struggled to attract young players. This is also an issue given the high level of competition which the top three grades compete in, and it means the club is unable to cater for baseball novices, which ultimately restricts the club's growth.

The club sent a team to AUG to defend the 2006 national title. The team was hampered by a lack of depth, and some injuries to key players. The 5th place finish was viewed as a disappointment by the players at the time of the tournament. In hindsight this was a fair result given the player shortages. The

result ensures Sydney Uni's qualification for the Division 1 tournament in 2008.

Congratulations must go to club stalwart James Chiswell, who received the Pam Garret ("the stump") award for his unselfish contribution to the club. Kyle Hampson also received the Jenny Finlay award for an undergraduate for the amount he gave to the club in 2007. Scott Moran should be congratulated for winning the Club MVP for the second straight year, and congratulations must also go to Steve Smith for making the NSW U23 side in 2007, as one of the youngest members of that team.

Administratively, the club is in a good position for 2008 and the future, which should result in the club going from strength to strength. Thanks must be extended to club treasurer, Andrew Franklin, in his first year in that role. More action is needed to ensure the future success and viability of the club. This includes exploring sponsorship, strengthening the alumni network, and possibly looking to make connections with local junior baseball associations to ensure a flow of young talent to the club.

Anthony Gray
Secretary



Basketball

2007 was a year of development for the Sydney University Basketball Club. The club embraced the merger between the men's and women's clubs, which came into place in 2006. Michael Tan and Lucy Buchanan were sworn in as Co-Presidents, supported by Alice Goldsmith and Chris Wild as Vice Presidents, Eloise Matheson and Sophie McGrath as Treasurers and Simone Conacher as Secretary.

The hard work and dedication from the club's new coaches, Michael Farrell (men) and Tony Jackson (women), combined with an influx of talented new members, generated a marked improvement in the club's performance in local and intervarsity competitions. Membership numbers were strong with the men entering five teams in the North Sydney basketball competition and women committing three and four teams to the two seasons of the City of Sydney competition at Alexandria.

Several club traditions were followed with the usual rigor and enthusiasm. The introductory welcome party held in the first few weeks of university was a success. The annual chocolate fundraiser continued to raise funds for the club.

Highlights for the year included the club's participation in the Australian University Games (AUG), East Coast Challenge (ECC), and a new Sydney-based intervarsity competition, an initiative from NSW Basketball. Vast improvements for the women's team saw them not just looking good in new uniforms, but placing 3rd at the ECC and 3rd in Division 2 at AUG, leaving the wooden spoons of previous years far behind them.

The men's team also enjoyed a successful season, coming 5th at the ECC and placing 8th in Division 1 at AUG. The team was ably led once

again by stand-out veterans James MacCann, Phil Kanis, Ivan Popovic, and Ben Turner, and looks in safe hands with the continued development of its younger team members. Many thanks also go to the coaching talents of Michael Farrell who helped the boys tune their game, on and off the court.

The club would like to add a special thanks to outgoing presidents Lucy Buchanan and Michael Tan, whose efforts over the years have guided the club into a new era of growth and competitiveness. In 2008 we hope that more club members take on the challenge of joining the committee, bringing new ideas and enthusiasm and helping the club continue its strong growth.



Sydney Uni Flames - Basketball

Playing Roster and Staff

Eva Afeaki
 Trish Fallon
 Briana Hennessy
 Jessica Mansell
 Michelle Musselwhite
 Mikaela Dombkins
 Melissa Smith
 Natalie Porter
 Alicia Poto
 Kristen Veal
 Georgia Woodyard
 Rachel Herrick
 Chimene Gordon
 Coach: Karen Dalton
 Assistant Coach: Darren Allie
 Assistant Coach: Vlad Alava
 Assistant Coach: Michael Haynes
 Manager: Jodie Craig
 Trainer: Donna O'Connor
 Physiotherapist: David Philpott

Season Highlights

PRESEASON TOURNAMENT – TOWNSVILLE

The Sydney Uni Flames competed against the AIS, Perth and Townsville in September. This gave the team much needed match practice before the season. The team was undefeated in the four matches defeating Townsville in the final.

2006/7 WNBL SEASON

In stark contrast to the 2005/6 season the Sydney Uni Flames started the season with their whole team fit and healthy. The addition of AIS recruits Mikaela Dombkins, Rachel Herrick and

Melissa Smith provided much needed depth to the Flames bench.

The team got off to a fantastic start, with a great win in Townsville and despite a couple of close losses at home their early good form continued throughout October/November to give them a great opportunity for a top two finish. The Flames had a great away record winning 8 of their 10 matches on the road.

Despite a bit of a form slump over the Christmas period their confidence returned after a couple of great wins over Adelaide and AIS which set them up for the match against Canberra which would decide the minor premiership. The 25 point win saw the Sydney Uni Flames secure the minor premiership for the first time since 1998.

FINAL SERIES

As minor premiers the Sydney Uni Flames hosted the first semi-final, in what was a tough game against Canberra. Star performances by Michelle Musselwhite and Natalie Porter helped the Flames clinch the semi 74-65.

With Canberra winning the preliminary final against Adelaide, it set the grand final up to be another hard fought game between the Sydney Uni Flames and the Canberra Capitals. The team went into the grand final with two weeks of hard training behind them.

In a close and physical encounter, the lead see-sawed throughout the game. The Flames hit the lead 52-50 with 5 minutes to go. Three 3 pointers from the Capitals gave Canberra the edge

and the title. It was a disappointing end to a fantastic season, but the Sydney Uni Flames are all the more determined to come out firing and have a successful 2007/8 season.

Club Milestones and Awards

50 games	Michelle Musselwhite
Most Improved	Rachel Herrick
Coaches Award	Kristen Veal
Best Defensive Player	Alicia Poto
Players Player	Trish Fallon
MVP	Natalie Porter

WNBL Milestones

Eva Afeaki	100 games
	500 rebounds
Mikaela Dombkins	50 games
Trish Fallon	250 games
Rachel Herrick	50 games
Michelle Musselwhite	500 rebounds
Natalie Porter	200 games
Alicia Poto	100 games
Melissa Smith	50 games
Kristen Veal	500 fouls
Georgia Woodyard	100 games
Karen Dalton	150 games (coaching)



Boarders & Skiers

Despite the relative drop in membership due to VSU, 2007 was a successful year for SUBSKI, with just over 2000 members. The club was represented by an executive committee of 6, as well as a general committee of 21.

Presidents: Patrick Gaynor, Nadia Friend

Vice Presidents: Nicholas Peacock-Smith, Kat Phillips

Secretary: Dru Aoukar

Treasurer: Alice Weekes

At the Australian University Championships held in August in Thredbo, Sydney University was well represented by a strong contingent of SUBSKI skiers and boarders.

SUBSKI achieved some excellent results, especially in the women's events including:

1st – Cross Country Individual

2nd - Cross Country Team

1st – Slalom

1st – Giant Slalom

1st – Super Giant Slalom

1st – Rails

3rd - Snowboarding

SUBSKI also excelled in the men's events, with some results including:

2nd – Cross Country Individual

2nd – Cross Country Team

2nd – Giant Slalom

2nd – Super Giant Slalom

1st – Rails

In addition to participating in events all members of SUBSKI supported their team mates and enjoyed the spectacles included in events such as the Big Air event – often the most impressive and thrilling event of the championships – the rails and the individual races. These combined performances lead to SUBSKI coming first in the women's events and second in the men's, with a combined point score of 443. Our outstanding results gave Sydney Uni a position of first overall, winning back the first prize trophy which eluded us for two years previously.

Lucinda Clarke
Secretary



Boat Men

Sydney University Boat Club (SUBC) has cemented its place as one of Australia's leading clubs in rowing and clearly the top university club over the last 12 months. The season began with a dominating performance in the New South Wales Rowing Championships in February, with large numbers of the club's athletes gaining medals across all classes of boat. Overall the club attained 20 gold, 9 silver and 11 bronze medals. In the overall championship for the New South Wales Honours Trophy, Sydney University attained 82 points for first place, well ahead of University of Queensland with 25 points. In the blue ribbon men's eight event, Sydney University crews attained 1st and 3rd place, making it three wins in a row.

During 2007 a number of SUBC rowers obtained scholarships to attend the Australian Institute of Sport, continuing a steady stream of club athletes to this centrepiece of Australian sport. Athletes at the AIS in 2007 included Francis Hegerty, Marty Rabjohns, Matt Ryan, Jeremy Stevenson, Fergus Pragnell and Terrence Alfred. Francis Hegerty pulled the second best Australian ergometer

score in the lead up to selection. By the end of the season, 17 rowers and 2 coaches were selected in the 2007 World Cup and U23 Championship teams, following the announcement of the Australian Rowing team. The U23 team which competed in Strathclyde, Scotland, for the World Championships, included seven Sydney Uni athletes in the national eight and ultimately won the bronze medal. Additionally, Cameron Girdlestone competed in the men's lightweight coxless four. Mitch Estens, a member of the U23 eight was honoured in the Sport Australia Hall of Fame awards in Melbourne, one of 12 athletes from different sports around Australia who were awarded scholarships.

One of the bases of these considerable successes has been the exceptional performance of the club coaches headed by Phil Bourguignon who himself has been recognised by receipt of a number of significant awards, including the Australian University Sport Coach of the Year and New South Wales Rowing Coach of the Year. Phil

was also selected to coach the men's U23 eight at the World Championships.

At the Australian University Games, Sydney University dominated, winning both the men's and women's eight, the mixed eight and men's lightweight four enabling it to attain an overall point score of 555 points to beat Melbourne on 443. In winning the Oxford and Cambridge Cup by a staggering two lengths, Sydney University Boat Club equalled our best performance in this event of four wins in a row. The first time this has been attained since 1938. In 2008, the club will be chasing its first ever five in a row in this event.

In closing it should be remembered that the club boatshed burnt down in March 2006 and all of these achievements have been attained without a permanent home. Thanks should be given to Saint Ignatius College Riverview who has very kindly provided space to the club to operate during this period. Thanks are also given to the generous support being provided by contributors to the Boat Club Foundation.

Boxing

The Sydney University Boxing Club (SUBxC) was fortunate to have Captain William Tse, Coach Dennis Moffat, Treasurer Chris Foster and President Patrick Cunningham to lift the club banner at the Orientation Week stall of 2007 extolling the virtues of the sweet science to new undergraduates.

The club expresses its sincere thanks to the coaching staff, Dr Tony Collings, Omar Colakaglu, Greg Stanton, Pardeep Jagdev, Laurence Abdul-Reheim, George Psellis, Dennis Moffat, Patrick Cunningham and Bryce Sait. Instilling an appreciation on the physical and mental benefits of boxing was the missionary zeal of Paul Miller in the conduct of the Aerobox classes.

The club held a combined University championship and intervarsity tournament in October in front of a boisterous grandstand crowd overlooking No 1 Oval. The 11-bout card featured boxers mostly from SUBxC but featured two intervarsity bouts, and for the first time at University a female boxing exhibition bout.

Bout 1. A fast moving light welterweight exhibition between Michael Shergold (61kg) and Shaun Mulligan (62kg), opening with quick exchange of jabs with light fast footwork. Both declared joint winners in the exhibition friendly bout.

Bout 2. Pat Cunningham came out in a veterans match against Tim 'Le Tank' Wharton. Tim took an aggressive manner from the start and kept closing in to try and engage body blows. A split points decision was awarded to Patrick.

Bout 3. An exhibition match between two of the club teenagers; featherweight, Ibraheim Sleiiham (57 kg), and Ray Ingram (65kg). Ibraheim finished with superior freshness.

Bout 4. Welterweight William Tse 67kg, took on, at equal weight, Billy Tang. Billy kept a healthy respect for William's right jab. The close quarter exchanges increased but with William's arm dropping the points flowed in greater number to Billy. In a split decision Billy Tang was declared the winner.

Bout 5. As NSW is the only state to ban women's boxing competition, the Club sought to promote the petition to remove the ban by holding an exhibition bout. Leanne Reid 64 kg,

with 7 kick boxing fights under her belt competed with Angela Patrice 67kg. Leanne fired her left jab with plenty of power, Angela using her weight advantage to let fly head-chopping haymakers to get around the high arm defence of Leanne. One feint from the right, drawing Leanne's defence low, allowed a straight left through to the chin, checking momentarily Leanne's ascendancy. Angela settled on wide left hooks to try and break through Leanne's strong frontal defence. Leanne countered peppering staccato left jabs scoring over the top of Angela's now heavy hands.

Bout 6. Light heavyweight Andrew Mortimer (80kg) took on Tom Gow Coates (76kg). Andrew approached ducking and weaving with fast feet and attacking with body punches and overhead rights. Tom maintained composure with the whirlwind that sought to surround him. But Andrew was settling into some combinations and corralled Tom on the ropes pinning him there. Tom tried responding with an attempted left jab but Andrew timed another right with full force and stunned Tom in his tracks. The referee assessed that Tom was still rocked by the full force of the blow and correctly stopped the fight.

Bout 7. An intervarsity match between Ed Mullin (Sydney Uni) and Simon Gunn (Queensland Uni). Ed started on the front foot with two solid right hooks. Ed holding the advantage of slightly longer reach sought to stay just out of range and post away jabs and power rights. Two driving combinations by Simon had Ed falling backwards into the neutral corner post and suffering a compulsory eight count. Ed's corner coach withdrew him from further rounds.

Bout 8. The second intervarsity contest with David Ro (Queensland Uni) and Jack Henry. David started sharply, sending left jabs through Jack's defences. Dave's attack took its toll with each flurry of combinations adding weight to his arms. After a final barrage by Jack the referee stopped the bout awarding victory to Queensland Uni.

Bout 9. David Pardomu took on Andrew from SUBxC. Andrew showed the benefit of a couple of years of regular club training, keeping his cool and tidy en garde stance as he stalked David

around the ring. Andrew pressed the attack that caused David to lapse in technique and make elementary errors dropping his right each time he led with his left. Dave received one standing eight count but with Andrew landing direct jabs the referee ended the fight awarding the bout to Andrew.

Bout 10. Steve Mar (SUBxC) taking on Scott Barnes 72kg. Steve started the bout with a series of left, right left combinations. Scott received a standing 8 count after one such barrage. The referee stepped in and again rather than a standing 8 count ended the fight with a win to Steve.

Bout 11. The final match of the night pitted two evenly matched heavyweights Matt Jones and Keerthi Prasad. Keerthi combined fast arm combination with long steps. Matt sought to ride out the onslaught covering up and countering when Keerthi's closed in. Keerthi's combination of repeat left jabs with one overhand right. Matt started on his attack with a right then left to the body. Just towards the end of the second round Keerthi started to tire and Matt seized an opening with an upper left collecting an oncoming Keerthi staggering Keerthi onto his back foot. Matt's reflexes held their strength in the 3rd round and found their mark with straight left. The round finished with both exhausted. The bout was awarded on split decision to Matt.

Omar Colakaglu and Scott Thomson drove to Albury to challenge in the State Championships in October. The bout went the distance but the winning points eluded Scott. Scott said the road trip was a worthwhile experience to gain the knowledge of pressure competition.

The club looks to celebrate its centenary in 2008 and aim to host a series of events culminating in a centenary dinner to raise funds towards scholarship funds. Along the way we hope to have the University Championships on No. 1 Oval, the same oval where it was held in 1908.

Patrick Cunningham
President



Canoe

Sydney University Canoe Club (SUCC) had a great 2007, bolstered by some decent rain in the catchments. The year started well with a whitewater trip to New Zealand, where a number of South Island Rivers were run and instruction courses undertaken.

SUCC had a successful beginner instruction day at Manly Dam in March where new kayakers were taught a number of paddling skills; deep water rescue, paddle strokes and Eskimo rolls. This year's beginner whitewater trip was held on the Kangaroo River between Gerringong Bridge and Bendeela Reserve in April. The Rivers' long pools, with the occasional gravel race and fast flowing water were ideal for beginner instruction. Rainfall in the catchments also allowed a number of other whitewater trips to the Wingecaribee, Kangaroo and Barrington Rivers.

Tim Sindle competed in the 25th Anniversary Coast to Coast in an event known as 'The Longest Day'.

It comprises a gruelling 243km multisport race across the South Island of New Zealand which includes a 67km whitewater paddle.

Flat-water paddling continues to go from strength to strength with both recreational and competitive paddlers getting out regularly. A number of paddlers trained at Lane Cove on Wednesday nights for marathon events under the supportive guidance of Ric Barnes. This culminated in several paddlers competing in the 30th Annual Hawkesbury Classic; a 111km flat-water paddle held on Hawkesbury River in October.

The annual Barr Island trip once again proved popular with club members new and old enjoying a weekend of good food, drink and scenery as well as the paddling.

Sydney University canoe polo players remain an enthusiastic and integral part of the club. They have been

actively involved in the planning for a revitalised Sydney Canoe Polo 2007-2008 competition.

Our scholarship holders continue to excel. Sydney University has four kayak and canoe representatives in the Australian senior slalom team. Kate Lawrence was selected in the women's kayak squad. Robin Bell was selected in the men's C1 (canoe). Lachie Milne and Christian Fabris were selected in C2 (two-man canoe) crews. Robin Bell won a bronze at the Canoe Slalom World Championships held in Brazil in September, qualifying for the Beijing Olympics.

Overall it has been an enjoyable and successful year for the club and things are shaping up well for 2008.

Megan Woodley Higgins
President



Cricket Men

The 2006/7 cricket season showed the strong character of the Sydney University Cricket Club (SUCC) in coming back from a slow start to the season. From around 13th position at Christmas, the club almost caught St George and eventually finished 2nd in the Club Championship. This was a great turn around. SUCC reached the semi finals in 1st Grade, were minor premiers and finalists in 2nd Grade, semi finalists in Poidevin Gray and 6th Grade; and the performance resulting in equal 6th in Green Shield was a great result.

The teams which did not make the semi finals enhanced their position on the table post Christmas and contributed valuable Club Championship points.

There were also a number of records broken as a result of some outstanding individual performances. Special mention to:

- Ed Cowan, now the highest 1st Grade run scorer for the club, surpassing Ian Fisher. Shane Stanton and Ian Moran also passed the record during the season;
- Greg Mail, who set a new 1st Grade batting aggregate of 1225 runs for the season;
- Dave Butchart, who did a magnificent job as 2nd Grade captain and established a new Sydney Cricket Association record of 1017 runs in a season, beating a record established in 1920; and
- Mark Cameron for his 40 1st Grade wickets and performances in the NSW team.

The club can also be very proud of its Australian and NSW representatives. Stuart Clark, Stuart McGill, Eddie

Cowan, Greg Mail and Mark Cameron – all performed well and were great representatives for SUCC.

Stuart Clark represented Australia with distinction during the Ashes series and was a member of the successful World Cup squad. His individual success as part of a dominant national team demonstrated his great skill and tenacity. His appearances for the club in the early part of the season were successful and enthusiastic.

The club owes a lot to the wonderful off field support provided by a range of people:

Coaches - Matthew Phelps did a great job co-ordinating training, improving player and team performances and made a major contribution to off field issues such as the management of scholarship holders and club development.

Greg Matthews in his role of High Performance Coach, contributed to the development of many players and showed in the matches he played his amazing talent and competitiveness.

Managers of the Green Shield team – Ian Moran as Coach and Jeff Warland, did a great job in recruitment and organisation. It is great to see the team's success and a number of players have already begun playing in our senior teams. Ryan Bulger also did well as manager of the PGs.

Administrators - It is important to thank members of the board for their contributions to the management of the club. SUCC is indebted to Bruce Collins, who is in his final year as Chair of Sydney Cricket Association. Bruce has done a great job for cricket and a great job for Sydney Uni.

We especially thank Ben Burgess, SUCC Executive Officer, who was tireless in his administrative and organisational efforts throughout the season.

Scorers – Geoff De Mesquita, Marty Amy, John Kilford and Green Shield scorer, Jill Mihalyka were fantastic in their commitment and contribution to the club. Geoff has also served as our practice captain this year.

Chairman of Selectors – Phil Logan is deserving of a major note of thanks. His ability to cope with the administrative demands and make the inevitable phone calls regarding team changes was much appreciated. Phil and son Alex filled in for 6th Grade and were great contributors to the season on and off the field.

Groundsmen – Ray and his team worked to have the grounds looking good all year and in the latter part of the season put in some particularly tireless efforts during the rain affected semis.

SUCC should also pay special tribute to Shane Stanton, who is standing down as 1st Grade Captain. Under Shane's leadership; two Premierships, 2 semis in 5 years as captain is a great record. His determination, focus and self belief have been the characteristics to back up his great talents as a wicket keeper and batsman. These strengths helped produce fantastic results for the team and indeed for himself as a player.

Thanks again to all the players and to everyone who contributed to the club and its success during the season.

SUCC looks forward to a great 2007/8.

Michael O'Sullivan
Chairman



Cricket Women

The start of the 2007/08 season saw the Universities Women's Cricket Club (UWCC) make a number of decisions aimed at securing the club's long-term future. Off-field saw a new committee, with a number of club members stepping up to unfamiliar positions. Sara Hungerford was elected as Club Captain, Lizzy Farrell as Secretary, Rebecca Lewis as Treasurer and Felicity Goodwin as President. The committee has handled their workload with great enthusiasm and their assistance and efforts are greatly appreciated by all members of the club. UWCC would like to thank the previous committee, especially outgoing President Lena Caruso, for their hard work which has placed the club in such a strong position for the incoming committee to build from.

After an unsuccessful 2006/7 season, the club made the decision to enter only 1st and 2nd Grade in the Sydney Women's Grade Competition in 2007/8; which has proven to be a valuable decision, with the focus on high performance, while still maintaining a social environment.

The pre-season saw UWCC welcome Paul Howse as Head Coach. Paul's background in fitness meant the pre-season was a testing time for all players. Paul has been unfailing in his

eagerness and encouragement during his first season, taking training sessions and warm-ups and his presence has been noticed in the results of both 1st and 2nd Grade. 1st Grade are guaranteed a finals position, currently sitting in third place and 2nd Grade have won more games than last season, with games still to play.

Lisa Sthalekar, Kate Blackwell and Alex Blackwell retained their positions in the NSW Breakers, Lisa Captain with Alex named as Vice-Captain. The Breakers won their 10th title in twelve years, with the UWCC girls featuring strongly with both bat and ball throughout the season.

Ros Kember has earned international representation with the New Zealand White Ferns. The UWCC 1st Grade opener impressed selectors with consistent performances in the Sydney Grade Competition.

Lisa Sthalekar, a previous Sydney Uni Sport scholarship holder, was one of the final three players nominated for the ICC International Cricketer of the Year. In 2007 Lisa was awarded a retrospective Blue for her achievements in the Australian Cricket team over the past four seasons.

Ellie Kennett, UWCC communications officer, was rewarded for her service to UWCC and Sydney University Women's Cricket with a Gold. Ellie has been heavily involved in the club, as a player, as 2nd Grade Vice-Captain and a committee member, having held each executive committee position at various stages.

Sara Hungerford, Kate Owen and Alison Parkin played in the successful NSW A's side that contested the Cricket Australia Women's Cup in Canberra, with Sara leading the way as Captain.

UWCC again ran the Twilight 12's competition at Moore Park, with six teams competing. This competition is an abridged version of the game lasting just over an hour, with six-a-side and smaller fields. Our thanks go to the coordinator Alex Vaughan and umpires Dr Sthalekar, Lizzy Farrell and Erica Meyer.

Our thanks also go to Sydney Uni Sport and UNSW Sports Association. UWCC is looking toward the future, and to continuing the development of women's cricket in Sydney.

Felicity Goodwin
President



Cycling & Triathlon

Another formative year was experienced by the Sydney University Cycling and Triathlon Club (SUCTC). The membership fee was minimal at \$20 per person annually, to entice new members to participate. With the summer holidays coinciding with the heart of triathlon season additional funds will be used for weekend training events throughout NSW, race fees, and social events to encourage camaraderie amongst club members.

Group training was offered at least once per week per discipline (swim, bike, run). Swimming had the most regular training at three times per week. This is done in the form of group training, which usually consists of 3-5 people every session. Running sessions also are well attended with nearly five

people on average, once per week. These sessions take part throughout the university grounds and utilising the track at Oval 1 for sprint workouts.

Cycling continues to be more on the weekend departing from various meeting places and is organised through key members of the club.

Throughout the year, members participated in various competitions, which included regular NSW cycling events and local triathlons. A few members this year have participated in events such as the Nepean Triathlon. Unfortunately, we did not provide a team for the AUC Triathlon due to graduating members and timing of new members in Semester 2.

Planning has already begun for AUC 2008 where SUCTC will have at least two members participating in the Individual Time Trial and Team Time Trial events.

With new members from Exercise and Sport Science, SUCTC are looking forward to an increase in participation in 2008. Additionally, the club's goal is to provide an outlet for club members to gain knowledge regarding sports science and nutrition as it applies to the sport of cycling and triathlon. As triathlon season has begun members are training regularly, both individually and with the group. Social events will be used to introduce members who cannot attend the regular training sessions, a movie night, watching the Tour de France, pub meetings and BBQs.



Fencing

The Sydney University Fencing Club (SUFC) was well represented at events on the State and National circuit, gaining top results in all age categories and weapons.

SUFC won a total of 14 top-3 medals from the National circuit open and age-based events, with special congratulations going to Jess Brooks, the Australian Women's Sabre Champion. Other medallists were Sarah Osvath, Harriet Jordan, Hilary Byrne, Joe Raciborski and Zoe Tranter. The Australian Fencing Federation ran Club Team Foil and Club Team Sabre events in one of its tournaments. The Sydney Uni Women's Foil (Carolyn Casali, Sarah Dean, Anna Kovacs and Eszter Kovacs)

and Men's Sabre (Josh Fox, Brendan Nicholson and Joe Raciborski) teams won their respective events. 31 club members were selected to represent NSW in National Team events.

At the State level, SUFC collected a total of 50 medals in the "A" and "B" Grade events and a further 13 in the age based events. Congratulations to State Champions Sarah Osvath (Open Women's Epee), Joe Raciborski (Junior Men's Sabre), Zoe Tranter (Cadet Women's Epee and Sabre), Richard Oldcorn (Veteran Men's Sabre) and Harriet Jordan (Veteran Women's Foil and Sabre). In the State Team Events, Sydney Uni teams won the Women's Foil, Women's Epee and Men's and Women's Sabre.

Club training continued to be well attended throughout the year. Group training sessions were run by Tuko Maia on Wednesday evenings, and Tony Watts or Brendan Nicholson on Saturday afternoons. The amount of private tuition increased, with a number of senior club members moving into coaching roles.

The club continues to provide the successful working model to other fencing clubs in this state on how to combine a seriously dedicated training environment within a positive social and developmental club atmosphere.

Harriet Jordan

Golf

The Sydney University Golf Club was disaffiliated from Sydney Uni Sport in 2007. Memberships have dwindled over recent years and the decision was made to wind up the club. The sport will continue to be supported by Sydney Uni Sport for intervarsity sport and an allocation of funds will be maintained to subsidise 4 members of the Sydney Uni AUG Golf team to participate in the Sydney Uni Sport Annual Golf Day.

2007 highlights included participation at Australian University Games where scholarship holder Julie Boland again dominated the competition. Members of this team later enjoyed a round at the Sydney Uni Sport Golf Day at St. Andrews. Thanks go to Sydney Uni Sport for their assistance with funding students to participate in this event.





Gymsports

Sydney University Gymsports Club (SUGC) enjoyed another successful year. 2007 has seen great progress for the club in many areas such as competition, participation and results. The club adopted several measures to ensure the success of the club, whilst maintaining and improving services to members. These included increased fundraising, investments in new equipment in the Old Teachers College gymnasium (with the assistance of Sydney Uni Sport and the Education Faculty) and more opportunities for members to become involved in competitions.

Recreational classes were coached by long-standing SUGC member Martin Tio on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The classes boasted the highest attendance in the last four years catering for all, from beginners to competitors and former gymnasts looking to regain some strength and flexibility, get fit and have some fun. Monday morning strength sessions were also well-attended in first semester. Hopefully this training arrangement will continue in 2008 as a means of allowing gymnasts of all abilities to be involved.

Pei Ling Kong was awarded a Blue for her achievement in sports aerobics, while Prashanth Sellathurai was awarded a Blue for achievement in men's artistic gymnastics. This year, Pei competed at the FISAF State Aerobics Championships finishing fourth and qualifying for Nationals. She was also selected to represent Malaysia in the South-East Asian Games. Pei competed at the Malaysian National Sports Aerobics Championships, winning the Open Division. Prashanth was selected to attend the World Gymnastics Championships in Stuttgart, Germany this year where he performed well.

The cheerleading team enjoyed successful achievements, finishing first at the NSW State Cheerleading Championships and the National State Cheerleading Championships. Coached by Zoe Ross, the team trained twice per week at Homebush and should be congratulated for this impressive effort.

In trampolining, Greg Clune placed first in Senior Tumbling and fourth in the Senior Double Mini at the Trampoline Sports National Championships.

The women's artistic gymnastics squad performed credibly at the State Open Stream held at Homebush in September, with many top 20 placings. The team was composed of Laura Ingram, Trieste Corby, Elizabeth Andrews, Maree Groslière and Jana Viteneskova. At the Lakeside Invitational Competition in November Yasmine Loupis won the overall trophy for highest score, as well as winning the all-round on level five and many apparatus medals. Susanna Amara won the level six all-round. Trieste Corby, Laura Ingram, Lizanne Wilmott, and Elizabeth Andrews competed in level four. Frances Hardy, Yasmine Loupis and Trieste Corby finished third in the triples event. A special thanks should go to Yasmine Loupis for her assistance with training and organisation.

Overall, the year has been highly successful in terms of competition results and member attendance. Thanks are extended to President Laura Ingram, Treasurer Emma Rollinson, Vice-President Sam Mason, coach Martin Tio, coach Zoe Ross and club member Yasmine Loupis for all the time they have put in to the club this year.



Handball

In 2007 the Sydney University Handball Club (SUHC) was represented by one women's and one men's team at the State Handball Championships, held at Olympic Park. The women's team was on the top of the ladder all season and won the competition. The men's team took third place.

Rajan Palovic was appointed SUHC coach again in addition to the NSW U21 and NSW Senior women's teams. Both State teams were undefeated champions during the National Handball Championships. Everyone was impressed with Sally Potocki who won the best senior and junior national player award under Rajan's coaching. SUHC thanks Rajan for his dedication, hard work and excellent results.

Pascal Winker coached the men's team again and the NSW Senior Men's team. Pascal was also the NSW Men's team Manager and a competitor. The NSW team were undefeated and Pascal's goalkeeping skills were phenomenal. SUHC would like to thank Pascal for his contribution, patience, dedication and professionalism.

For the first time, Sydney University was represented at the Australian Uni Games where the men's team took third place.

Many members took on special tasks in different competitions. Dorothy Potocka, Kim Briggs, Kelly Morgan and Alex Tighzer were referees in state competitions. Dorothy Potocka was also the referee and technical table official during the Senior and Junior National Championships. Kim Briggs was selected NSW U16 women's coach and referee for the junior event together with NSW Manager and player for the Senior Championships. Dorothy Potocka and Kim Briggs were selected as International Handball Officials for the Oceania Women's World Championship Qualifications and the Handball Pacific Cup held in Australia. Dorothy Potocka was the Oceania Technical Official for the Oceania Nations Pacific Cup held in New Zealand as well as second Oceania Continent representative at the Women's Handball World Cup in France.

Seven Sydney University women's players and six men's players were selected on the NSW Senior State teams to compete at the National Handball Championships held in October, in Canberra. Seven Sydney University junior women's players and one men's player were selected to the NSW Junior teams to compete at the

National Handball Championships held in June in Sydney.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN 2007 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- Milan Slavujevic- Men's World Cup, Germany
- Aminta Thomas, Sally Potocki- Women's World Cup, France
- Vanja Smiljanic, Vikki Loveridge- Oceania, U16 Women's World Cup, France
- Ogi Mattic- Men's Youth World Championship, Bahrain

Throughout the year SUHC organized a social BBQ, movies and karaoke nights as well as a ski/snow boarding trip and end of season dinner. All of these activities were accompanied by fundraising activities.

Dorothy Potocka
Secretary



Hockey

Sydney University Hockey Club (SUHC) celebrated a proud milestone in 2007, acknowledging the club's 100 year dominance in the various Sydney hockey competitions and intervarsity games.

In 2007 SUHC, participated in the Sydney Hockey Veterans competition. The club boasted a strong number of players in the Sydney Hockey Association Men's Premier League and the women dominated the Sydney Women's Hockey League. SUHC is proud to also cater for juniors,

fielding teams in the Sydney Junior Hockey Association.

In the local competition most of the women's teams played in semi finals and finals. The juniors dominated their association with many teams making semi finals, and the men giving it their very best. All this hard work did not go unnoticed and the club was well represented in the various representative teams. Players were selected in the junior, men's, women's and Sydney Veterans teams. A few were also selected in the Australian teams:

Harriet Moore (Australian U19's Girls) and Michael Irby (Australian Veterans).

2007 can be marked not only as a historic year, but a year that will bring on change and further development to make the club stronger. Ensuring the club is well represented, recognised and revered. With the ongoing support of Sydney Uni Sport, current and past players, and a very active committee, the club can only head in a positive direction.



Judo

2007 presented the Sydney University Judo Club (SUJC) with its share of success and tribulation. The first priority of the executive was to increase the number of new members, following low numbers last year. The club decided that advertising was the way to go and O-Week was given a lot of importance. During O-Week, the club organised a stall, along with an impressive main stage demonstration, handed out many brochures and accepted many expressions of interest. This resulted in a fairly large turnout for the first beginner class as well as an impressive turnout for the women's classes. A consistent batch of new and renewing players has strengthened our finances and membership base.

The executive for this year were all new to running the club. They had much to learn and their studies and

other commitments meant that this process was not smooth. However their commitment was good and although they still have a lot to learn with regards to administration, they are set to take the reins for next year with some experience.

SUJC performed very well at tournaments, with many new players and new faces galvanising the fighting spirit of the club. The biggest accomplishments with the club's tournaments this year was coming 3rd at the Australian Uni Games in the teams division, and winning the University Challenge in November against arch rivals UNSW. The individual performance of the judoka has also been quite outstanding. A few players this year started out as complete beginners and via the rigorous training provided by the club's

experienced coaches they won several divisions in individual competitions.

The biggest challenge for the club has been the registering of its players under JFA (Judo Federation of Australia). This process is fairly difficult and often confusing for players since JFA do not have an EFT system and requires cheques to be made out. Secondly finding 2 signatories to fill in club payment requisitions can prove to be difficult at times. Finally because Sydney Uni Sport processes all payments on the Friday, sometimes players are present at tournaments and aren't registered because the JFA hasn't received payment at that time. This will be a topical issue to discuss at the AGM.



Kendo

The Sydney University Kendo Club (SUKC) has enjoyed great success in 2007, with each competition yielding a medal. Both the veterans and newcomers displayed excellent skill and enthusiasm.

The 10th Korean Kumdo Championships at the University of Macquarie, was a great success. Many SUKC participants had their first taste of competition at this tournament and fought well, especially the female participants. Quite a few of the kyu grade players, managed to make it to the second and third rounds. It was at this competition that SUKC secured its first ever kyu grade 1st place, by Louis Estrada. The dan team played extremely well and managed to secure 2nd place in the team competition.

The 2007 Dae Han MooDoKwan Open Invitational Tournament held in September really showed what the SUKC kyu team was capable of. Veteran Dong-Heuk (Daniel) Yang, secured 3rd place in the dan individual event, with a new inexperienced kyu team coming 2nd.

Australian University Games, was a clear triumph for the club, who emerged as overall champions, and secured medals in each division. Ervin Peng and David Weng secured the 3rd and 2nd place, respectively for the kyu individuals. The dan individuals were a landslide win. Daniel Yang secured 1st place and Maowei Cheng, the Club President and newly graded dan kendo player, secured 3rd place. The dan team had no competition as it won first place in the team competition, for the 3rd year in a row. Daniel Yang and Ervin Peng were further honoured with their efforts by being the recipients of Green and Gold medals.

The Founder's Cup grading and competition was held in August. Many club members went to Wollongong to attend this annual event. All SUKC candidates secured their first grade on their first try. The kyu candidates even managed to double-grade to higher ranks, which shows the quality of training. Instructor, Tae Kyun Kim, managed to earn his well-deserved 3rd dan grade. At the Founder's Cup competition, the dan team lost narrowly to the Sydney Kendo Club.

The kyu team's determination to fight their best against all odds was truly remarkable and looked very promising for future competitions.

Apart from competition wins, SUKC hosted foreign kendo masters such as Masters Yoon and Park from Korea, as well as special events at Cumberland, such as the famous M. Chiba-sensei's recent visit. Social events were also very popular and successful.

Overall, 2007 has been a great success for SUKC. The club has worked closely with fellow clubs with cross-training and social events, and earned a reputation of being a highly skilled and friendly group despite our relatively young age. The club has gained more and more members, local and international, not only through O-Week but also through word of mouth and reputation. Many of 2007's initial recruits have progressed well and are now training with the veterans. SUKC hopes for this great success to continue in 2008.

Maowei Cheng
President

Louis Estrada
E. Officer



Netball

The 2007 netball season saw strong representation from the Sydney University Netball Club (SUNC). Both State League Division 1 and 8 teams finished well placing 4th and 2nd respectively, both teams losing by one goal in their finals. State League Division 3 had a challenging season, and although they did not receive a placement in the finals, their hard work and improvement throughout the season, should be commended.

The intervarsity teams displayed great sportsmanship and talent at the Australian University Games. The women's team performed exceptionally well under the pressure of strong competition, bringing home bronze. The mixed team also fought hard and performed tremendously given their lack of experience as a team. Green and

Gold selection was deservedly awarded to Liz Bornstein from the women's team.

Congratulations should also be given to Susan Pratley, the recipient of a Blue award and Tania Finikiotis, the recipient of a Gold award, in 2007. Susan represented Australia throughout the year in multiple International Test series and at the 2007 World Netball Championships, coming away with a gold medal. Tania was awarded a Gold award following 7 years of service to SUNC. This award recognised the club's appreciation for her hard work and dedication over the years.

2007 also saw changes to coaching staff with the welcoming of Nerrida Cracknell as coach for Division 3, whilst Lisa McConchie continued to lead Division 1 and Landell Archer once again coached Division 8. All coaches

did an excellent job and are to be highly commended.

Many thanks go to Lynn Quinn and the Fairfield City District Netball Association for their support and assistance throughout the season, and Sydney Uni Sport for their help. A special mention must be made of former President Erin McGushin. Erin has placed much time and energy into the club not only in 2006 but for several years prior. Her dedication and commitment as President should be commended and her hard work has played a pivotal role in the club's development and successes.

The club looks forward to a successful and enjoyable 2008.

Liz Bornstein and Georgina Brunsdon
Co-Presidents

Rifle

Sydney University Rifle Club (SURC) was sadly wound up and disaffiliated from Sydney Uni Sport in 2007 after over 90 years. As one of the oldest University clubs it was very disappointing to see the decline in interest and in membership to the club, and in the sport as a whole. Unfortunately, many other rifle clubs in NSW are also struggling for memberships.

A wake was held at the Malabar Rifle Hut where many alumni attended for one last glimpse of the club shed and to share fond memories. Thanks must be extended to David Turner and Sydney Uni Sport for facilitating this event.

Following the farewell function, items at the hut have been sold or removed and the hut returned to NSW Rifle Association. The billiard table remains at the hut, pending sale.





Rockclimbing & Mountaineering

We thought 2007 was always going to be a challenging year for the Sydney University Rockclimbing and Mountaineering Club (SURMC). Membership has always consisted heavily of people new to climbing and wanting to try something different, whom the club thought might be discouraged by the new fee structure. It is to the great credit of everyone involved, that SURMC was able to keep the 2007 membership the same as the year prior.

One of the great drawcards for the club was the number and variation of outdoor trips that were able to be run. Beginner trips and Learn to Lead days, in locations such as the Blue Mountains, Palm Beach and Nowra were always full, giving people the chance to climb on real rock and push their boundaries. SURMC ran a women's day, this year in the Blue Mountains, to help promote independent women's climbing by bringing together female climbers of all levels. Bouldering trips to Lindfield Rocks, the Balkans and Queens Park helped remind the club that you don't have to go far to climb and also gave the club the opportunity to run its first social trip with the other local

university rockclimbing clubs. Three advanced trips, with local guide Mic Rofe, were also run this year. On these weekends, experienced members and potential trip leaders learned a variety of rescue and anchor building skills. For those members who like the cold, a mountaineering training trip was run in the Snowy Mountains, at Blue Lake.

Beyond the official 'training' trips, social trips went to far reaching places such as Frog Buttress (QLD), Point Perpendicular (NSW) and Arapilies (VIC). SURMC also had a contingent that went to Thailand in February and for some Deep Water Soloing on the Hawkesbury. One brave group went to the Warrumbungles to pioneer some new routes, with Dave Hinder nabbing his first 'first ascent' with 'Honeymoon' (14) on Wedding Cake Mountain. Chris Berwick and Greg Salway put their new mountaineering skills into action with a trek across the Tasman and Murchison glaciers and ascents of a number of peaks in New Zealand.

Back in the gym, Wednesday Club Night continued to be as busy as ever. As climbing is no longer part of intervarsity or interfaculty sport, SURMC

held its own club climbing competition, which was a huge success. This year the Club also ran a seminar series which included slide nights and lectures on topics such as alpine medicine and climbing injuries.

Finally, 2007 saw the beginnings of new ties between the club and the wider climbing community. Groundwork was laid for running more events with the outdoor clubs at UTS and UNSW and the Club pledged financial and volunteer support to an environmental program at one of the local crags, as well as continued support of rebolting programs in our area. SURMC would like to take this opportunity to again thank renowned photographer Simon Carter for donating copies of his 2007 calendar for the O-Week show bags. They will certainly be hard to top in the coming year.

Overall, 2007 was a fantastic year and the club hopes to be able to expand upon its outdoor trips, competition opportunities and community involvement in 2008.

Kaitlin Beare
President

Rowing Women

The Sydney University Women's Rowing Club (SUWRC) had a very successful year in 2007 with record numbers competing for the club. Here are some highlights:

Two of the club's rowers were part of the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in January. Alex Handley and Chloe O'Regan were in the NSW team, winning silver in the eight. Alex also won silver in the coxless four and Chloe won silver in the single.

There were excellent performances at the NSW Championships in February where SUWRC won the overall point score. Renee Kirby had an incredible regatta and won five events. Brooke Pratley and Liz Kell won the open double scull in their 2006 World Championship winning combination. Bronwen Watson and Elsa O'Hanlon won the open lightweight double. SUWRC won the open lightweight quad scull, U21 quad scull, U21 eight and open eight.

At the National Championships in March Renee was again spending more time on the water than off it by contesting six events and medalling in all. Renee was partnered in four of these events by Charlotte Walters. In the newly formed event, U23 eight, a fiercely fought race between arch rivals Melbourne University saw them win – the club plans to win next year! In Senior A competition Liz and Brooke showed their versatility by gaining four 2nd places – two in sweep and two in sculling. Every SUWRC member bar one came home with at least one medal. Eight rowers represented NSW in the Interstate Regatta. Renee, Chloe and Emma were in the 2nd placed NSW Youth eight. Brooke and Liz were in the 2nd placed NSW eight.

At the 2007 Edward Trickett Regatta in April SUWRC won in a convincing manner. It was truly a club effort and shows the strength, harmony and combined resolve of all club members.

Awards flowed throughout the year. At the Sydney Uni Sport Awards in April SUWRC and SUBC combined to be awarded Premier Club of the Year for 2006. At the Australian University Sport Awards in May Elsa O'Hanlon received the AUS Female Athlete of the Year award, recognising her

achievement in winning the lightweight single scull at the World University Rowing Championships in 2006. Phil Bourguignon received the AUS Coach of the Year Award for 2006.

Approval of the Rozelle Bay Dry Boat Store (DBS), near the Glebe Boat Shed, was announced in May. The DBS includes storage for up to 670 boats, parking for 272 cars and a marina for brokerage and temporary berths. Significant conditions to protect rowers were included: morning curfews, permanent cameras, a complaints mechanism, annual review of operations and limitation on boats to be moored at the Super Yacht marina to under 50m. Verity Firth, the new local MP and Minister for Women worked hard to make sure the conditions addressed our issues. Groups involved in opposing the Dry Boat Store included: NSW Rowing Association and many rowers from clubs in Sydney who rowed across the Harbour to our Mass Row protest; Dragons Boats NSW; Leichhardt Council and the City of Sydney Council. Particular thanks go to the Glebe Society with Tony Larkum doing a wonderful job of leading efforts to protect the club.

At the NSW Rowing Association Awards in June Liz Kell and Brooke Pratley were named the Oarswomen of the Year and Phil Bourguignon NSWRA Coach of the Year. Georgia McCaughan was Coxswain of the Year. The club received a large number of awards including the Intermediate Shield, Women's Elite and U23 Shield and NSWRA Honours Recipients Trophy.

A squad of ten rowers competed at the Women's Henley in July. Elsa O'Hanlon qualified for the Henley Royal Regatta reaching the semi final. Particular thanks to AB for organising this trip and to Lizzie's parents for housing the rowers (again). Renee Kirby and Charlotte Walters won silver as part of the Australian quad scull competing at U23 World Championships, Strathclyde in July. At the World Championships in Munich in August Bronwen Watson won gold as part of the lightweight quad scull. Brooke Pratley stroked the quad scull in the B Final achieving the necessary 7th place overall to qualify the boat for the Olympic Games.

The club has continued to be supported by a strong masters squad who have assisted in fund raising and providing volunteer support for major regattas and Championships, as well as rowing and competing. At the Masters State Championships in Taree, the team won 1 gold and 3 bronze and Lorna Harrison, Kerrie Bigsworth and Jo Pollett were selected to represent NSW in the Interstate Eight. Twelve of the club's masters competed at the FISA World Masters Championships in Zagreb, Croatia in September, winning 1 silver and 5 bronze medals.

At the Youth Cup in Adelaide in September Emma Costello, Lauren Sedgman and Chloe O'Regan were part of the NSW team. At the Australian University Games, rowing on Hinze Dam, the team won the eight, single, light single and light quad, women's point score (Amanda Young Rosebowl) and overall point score.

Seven Blues were awarded to rowers in 2007 (Kate Beasley, Emma Costello, Irma Kajan, Renee Kirby, Liz Kell, Chloe O'Regan and Charlotte Walters). Liz Kell was Female Blue of the Year.

A Foundation Party was held in November at the home of Paul Espie. Contributions to the Women's Rowing Foundation have been relatively modest. SUWRC hope more alumni will become supporters of the program. This support is critical for the rowers and we ask that any alumni wishing either to return to row or to support the program contact our President Jane Spring.

Thanks to Sydney Uni Sport and the University whose help and support of SUWRC and our scholarship holders post VSU has been tremendous. We salute our marvellous coaches. Finally thanks to the many members of the community who have contributed to the club's wonderful performances.

Rugby League

The Sydney University Rugby League Club (SURLC) was down to one team in 2007 and only a handful of the older players remained for the season, most notably Luke Meredith, Nicholas Forwood, Adam Tindall and Ghassan Darghan. It was the new recruits that told the story of 2007 with a flock of young players being herded by coach Michael 'Elvis' Alexander. Elvis became the club's Head Coach in 2007 after several seasons as Lower Grade Coach and Assistant Coach.

The season got off to a fantastic start with the club winning the annual pre-season 9-a-side tournament hosted by the Tertiary Student Rugby League. Shortly after this SURLC began some hard fought victories over the minor teams in University Rugby League. It was in Newcastle in round four when the team finally achieved its cohesion with an incredible 46 – 0 drubbing of Newcastle University on their home turf.

After this opening verse the season seemed like a dream with team after team being crushed by Sydney University's 2nd Division side, however, as the season progressed it was clear that the opposition teams were taking the opportunity to train hard and refine their technique during the season.

As is quickly becoming traditional for Sydney University, the team was the lightest and the youngest in the competition. The success of the team depended on the work rate of the forward pack especially the Saliba brothers, Zein and Richmond, as well as club favourite Bernie Zachulski. The skill of the back line was outstanding with a new halves combination of Brendan Lee and Adam Hansen demonstrating what a bright future they have. Outside of them were centres Emad Elbeb and Adam Sarkis who both at times seemed like unstoppable juggernauts.

Towards the end of the season the SURLC had secured the minor premiership but could manage only draws against Cumberland and UTS and finally a loss to UWS Campbelltown to round out the regular season. This was perhaps the event which served to galvanize the team and subsequently trainer Steve Freeborn was called in to organise tough training sessions during the time off granted the minor premiers.

After giving UTS a hiding earlier in the final series, SURLC went on to defeat them again 30-6 in the grand final at Leichhardt Oval. Bernie Zachulski was deservedly given the Man of the Match Award. The benefits of the championship are starting to flow with Michael Alexander agreeing to coach again in 2008 after seven coaches in as many years.

After such a successful season the club is looking forward to 2008 with more players, sponsors and of course more silverware.

Rugby Union Men

Sydney University Football Club (SUFC) retained the overall Club Championship for the fourth season in a row, the Colts Club Championship for the third successive season, won five of a possible eight premierships, supplied a host of players to National, State, Super 14 and Australian Rugby Championship teams, continued their participation in junior rugby, and attracted a number of new sponsors.

SUFC also congratulates Dan Lewinski and Lawrie Weeks on being awarded Sydney University Blues a deserved honour for the two young front rowers who were thrust into First Grade at an early age.

On the team front, congratulations to all players who represented First Grade – the Club's Team of the Year and the NSWRU Team of the Year - on achieving three successive premierships. Those congratulations extend to coaches Damien Hill, Anthony Eddy and Trevor Woodman as well as fitness guru Martin Harland,

whose Elite Development Squad program has been the catalyst for much success through the ranks. The players have never been fitter or better prepared.

Others teams worthy of mention are Colts 1, who capped the season with a comfortable 41-13 win over Eastwood, Colts 2, who played the second half of the grand final with 14 men to come from behind to defeat West Harbour 13-10; and Colts 19s, who also came from behind to defeat Eastwood 25-13. The three teams had each finished minor premiers and collectively won the Colts Club Championship.

The Colts' efforts reinforced SUFC's dominance of Sydney Club Rugby. The Students also collected two of the four premierships in the senior ranks, with First Grade defeating Eastern Suburbs 34-11 in the Tooheys New Shute Shield, and Third Grade defeating Northern Suburbs 16-3 to take out the Henderson Shield. With Second and Fourth Grades having made it through

to the finals, Sydney University won the overall Club Championship. The club also contested the Meldrum Cup final with Fifth Grade losing a nail-biter 7-5 to Dee Why.

During the year, another four players joined that select group to have played 100 club games. Congratulations to Tom Harrington (108), Nick Haydon (106), Dallas McInerney (107) and Joel Rivers (105). Nick also played his 50th First Grade game.

Due to the disrupted season, 35 players made their First Grade debut in 2007. Such is the depth of talent, First Grade kept its home-ground winning streak running to 22 consecutive games. Congratulations to all concerned.

The club has fielded many players on the representative front through the year. Congratulations to the Test representatives for 2007: Phil Waugh, Dan Vickerman, David Lyons and Julian Huxley. Particular mention should be

made of Phil, who also became the latest Wallaby captain and captain of NSW Waratahs for 2008.

Congratulations also to Nathan Trist and Luke Inman, who played Australian Sevens, and to Pat McCutcheon, Mitch Inman, Ed Jenkins, Ben McCalman, Tim Davidson, Ben Martin, Nathan Trist and Peter Owens, who have been selected in a 27-man squad to train for the 2007/08 IRB Sevens World Series, to be played in Dubai and South Africa in December 2007.

On the Super 14 front, congratulations to NSW Waratahs representatives David Lyons, Phil Waugh, Daniel Vickerman, Will Caldwell, Daniel Halangahu, Dean Mumm, Jeremy Tilse, David Dennis and Tim Davidson; ACT Brumbies representatives Julian Huxley, Jone Tawake, Al Campbell and Peter

Playford. Commiserations to former SUFC player Brendan Cannon, who suffered an untimely injury which forced him to retire with a World Cup looming. Thanks and congratulations to the 29 players who were called on to participate with various teams in the inaugural Australian Rugby Championship.

SUFC junior rugby program continues to thrive through the collaboration with the Canterbury Junior Rugby Club. Four teams were fielded in representative competitions this year. Playing in the traditional University strip, three of the teams competed at the NSW Championships, which included representative teams from premiership clubs, regional country areas, state teams from Victoria and South Australia as well as provincial

teams from the ACT. The U13 side became the first Sydney University side to win a Junior State Championship this year.

During the season the club supported the National Breast Cancer Foundation by having jumpers made with a pink stripe added to the traditional blue and gold hoops. The sale of the jumpers and other fundraising events resulted in the club raising \$26,000 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. This was not only a worthy cause, it was a fine achievement from all those concerned.

David Mortimer AO
President





Rugby Union Women

This season saw plenty of new players join the Sydney University Women's Rugby Union Club (SUWRUC), from abroad and other teams from within the competition. New combinations saw success throughout the competition, with only two games lost in the season. SUWRUC had an unlucky loss in the major semi-final to see the team finish in third position. While injury proved to be the most damaging part of the team's ability to make the final, all players who rose to the occasion established that the diversity in players' ability and strengths can be tapped in times of difficulty to position the team in excellent standing for the 2008 season.

The club is indebted to the coaching staff of Kelly McCallum, Michael Lancaster and Jo Hall. Their efforts this season have been terrific, thank you.

Other highlights for the season included Alex Hargreaves and Rachelle Pirie representing Australia with the Wallaroos. The Sydney representative side contained all but three of the SUWRUC team. The Sydney 1st XV won the National Championship and the 2nd XV finished in their highest position ever.

In 2007 the club was sponsored by Alfred Hotel who provided financial support as well as a venue for functions including the presentation night.

A special thanks is extended to them for their support. Club awards were won by:

- **Best Forward** - Sofi Bjorkman & Haruka Takahashi
- **Best Back** - Faryaneh Hayati
- **Best & Fairest** - Lauren James
- **Players Player** - Haruka Takahashi
- **MVP** - Alex Hargreaves
- **The Merrin Hodge Award for Club Contribution** - Amy Kermode



Sailing & Boardsailing

Over the past 12 months there has been a change in the administration of the club. New administrators were sworn in to positions and immediately began to reorganise the club. This was hampered by the state of the fleet of boats which had been neglected in the past and there were overdue payments to Woollahra Sailing Club where the fleet was being stored. Eventually the fees were paid and the boats were gradually restored to sailing condition so that the club now has a fully working fleet of boats consisting of three lasers and three tasers at Woollahra with several windsurfers. There is also one laser stored on campus.

During the year there were regular social sailing events on Sundays. More experienced members elected to sail on other days of the week. Members have now begun to sail in the Sunday afternoon regatta at Woollahra Sailing Club representing Sydney University and the plan is to expand the club into

more regattas and sailing events in future years.

Because of the disintegration of the previous administration at the beginning of the year, member numbers were low. The new administration is hoping to change this in 2008 with an active recruiting process during O-Week and easily accessible information through a website. The potential for more members will mean an increase in funds for the club and much more representation and awareness.

There have been three general meetings throughout the year to discuss the direction of the club and the problems that need to be solved. So far, many of the initial problems have been solved and the administration is looking forward to a much more active and larger club for next year.

On Sunday, 2nd December, the club was able to get the entire fleet out on the water for the first time all year and photos were taken to present on the new website that is being developed for the club. This was a fantastic day for the club as there were only two working boats at the start of the year.

The club will remain active throughout the summer and preparations will be made for O-Week 2008 and the new University year. Preparations are also being made for a sailing camp to be held early in semester 1 to get new members acquainted with the club and gain valuable experience if they are new to sailing.

Alexander Hynes
Treasurer



Soccer

The season ended for the Sydney University Soccer Football Club (SUSFC) with most teams making the finals but only three going all the way to win the grand final. The stand-out success for the year was the Women's Super League squad, particularly the two senior teams. Both First and Reserve Grade were undefeated during the regular season, and both went on to secure grand final wins. Sydney Uni was also a comfortable winner of the Club Championship, securing the title with a full three rounds remaining. This secured promotion to the Premier League for 2008. The squad was further rewarded when Astrid Larsen won the FNSW Women's Super League Player of the Year.

The Men's Super League squad perhaps did not secure the success they might have hoped for after a very promising start to the season. After an injury riddled run home, both the First Grade and U20 teams found themselves needing wins in the final round to have any chance of making the semis. Unfortunately it was not to be, with the First Graders finishing 6th (a significant improvement on 2006) and U20's 8th (only four points off third spot). At the recent FNSW Silver Medal Dinner the U20 goal-keeper, Oliver Lovell, won the U20 Player of the Year Award, and First Grade keeper, Tony Costa, fell one point short of winning the prestigious silver medal for First Grade Player of the Year.

The lower grade teams had very consistent results, seven of the eleven men's teams and five of the eight women's teams making the finals. However, only one of these teams was able to secure a grand final win, the Men's All Age First Grade team.

The year concluded with the SUSFC Annual Dinner, held at the QVB Tea Rooms. The event was sold-out a good three weeks in advance with over 210 people in attendance. It was a great night with everyone enjoying themselves. After a successful season, things are looking very promising for 2008.



Softball

In 2007, the Sydney University Softball Club (SUSC) had a quiet but relatively successful year. O-Week in March was a busy few days for the club with many new students showing keen interest and signing up.

In late July SUSC began recruiting and started initial training sessions to assess talent. The club had interest from many international students which added a great dynamic. These trials went on for about 6 weeks until a team was picked to compete at the Australian University Games.

The intervarsity team was very successful winning all the round games by the mercy rule, one score reaching a fantastic 21-0. The first few days of play produced some great softball and the team really came together on and off the diamond. The pitcher and catcher combination of Michelle Edgetton and Bianca Heron were on fire, with the pitcher producing some brilliant K2s. It was meant to be a Macquarie University and Sydney University grand final but unfortunately in the semi final UWA was too strong and Sydney Uni's injured pitcher added to the disappointing end result. Sydney Uni finished with a bronze medal and some great memories.

The Sydney University Softball 'Golds' are currently competing in the Manly Warringah Competition and are nearing the end of the season with semi finals just around the corner. The competition continues through the summer until March 2008.

The club looks set to run smoothly in 2008 with lots of interest shown by new and existing students at the O-Week stall. The executive are gearing up for yet another great year with new members, great trips away and some terrific softball!



Squash Men

During 2007 the Sydney University Men's Squash Club (SUMSC) fielded teams in the regular Autumn and Spring Pennant competitions and the Summer Handicap Competition. The club was represented by 82 players, who made up 10 teams in the Autumn competition and 12 teams in Spring. SUMSC is now one of the larger clubs in Sydney but has plenty of room to welcome anyone contemplating taking up the sport, reintroducing them to it, or changing clubs.

Five teams reached the semi finals in the 2007 Autumn Pennant. Three of these teams played in the grand final with one team winning their grand final. Six teams reached the semi finals in the 2007 Spring Pennant with three making the grand final and one winning their grand final.

Each year SUMSC conducts a Club Championship, where individuals from within the club can compete for bragging rights for the ensuing 12 months. 2007 saw the defending champion Murray Gibbons winning

the title again by defeating his Sydney 2 team mate, Craig Edwards, 3/2 in the final.

Thanks to Sydney Uni Sport for their support during the year.

The club looks forward to 2008 and to welcoming all newcomers.

Mohammed Alkhub
Secretary



Swimming

The end of season BBQ at North Bondi was well-supported and the 'coach versus swimmer' race, in the surf, was a highlight of the day. This morning also incorporated the announcement of the Gary Lennon Scholarship holders for the year, presented by his widow and son.

The Christmas party, held in the recently renovated Grandstand Bar, was a huge success attended by the majority of the Sydney University Swimming Club (SUSC) members.

The web site has had extra links added and continues to be a useful tool for the club as well as prospective members. The photos taken by Fred Etter are available to view and purchase through the website.

SUSC sent enthusiastic teams of varying ages to all the ESSA District meets, Metropolitan, State and National Championships in both long and short course categories. All swimmers conducted themselves in the true spirit of Sydney University, showing good sportsmanship, dedication to achieving their best and support of each other. Congratulations to all those swimmers who represented the club and especially to those who qualified for Metropolitan, State or National Championships for the first time this year.

The club 'Friday Night Fun Night' sessions, once per month, continue to be well supported. Vanessa Smith has instigated a more formal race night, where laughter is still heard but the competitive component also shows through with swimmers trying very hard for PB's. Coaches, members and family are invited to the Salisbury Hotel in Stanmore, where the club has booked tables for dinner after each race night. The hotel holds a raffle on this night with all the proceeds going to the club. This can net the club over \$100 each time. The club is extremely grateful to the hotel for these donations. The younger members have benefited from two other initiatives from Vanessa Smith this year: a Swim Clinic (held at Sydney Uni) and Maximum Performance Seminar.

Early in 2007 Sydney Uni Sport informed SUSC they would need to be completely under their umbrella. This resulted in holding a Special General Meeting to adopt constitutional changes to comply with Sydney Uni Sport, preparing budgets, closing our external bank account, liaising with Sydney Uni Sport staff to acquaint each other with respective requirements and many more time consuming jobs especially for our secretary and coaches. SUSC would like to thank the committee

for their hard work through this time. Special thanks must go to Madeleine Tuckfield for her in-depth understanding of what was needed to do and more importantly guiding the club through to its fruition.

SUSC was awarded a Bronze Go Club PB award for 2006 by Australian Swimming. This is a national swimming club standard to measure clubs on; membership, administration, activities, coaching and officiating, marketing and promotion. After gaining information from Steve Alderman about NSW reorganizing the boundaries for swimming districts, the club has applied to and been accepted into the St George/Sutherland District for the coming year. Gillian Blackburn has organised the accreditation of timekeepers, judges and starters, this is essential to ensure the club can field race nights. Congratulations and thank you to all these new officials.

Thank you to the committee for all their time and effort in making the club run well and prosper as it has.

Damian Willis



Table Tennis

2007 was another great year for the Sydney University Table Tennis Club (SUTTC). With the introduction of new faces in the committee, the club began the year with new invigoration. Two intervarsity competitions were entered this year, both yielding great results.

The East Coast Challenge (ECC) was held at the University of New South Wales, where this year's table tennis event was disappointingly weak; as some good players from several unis did not participate. This was compounded by the low numbers of players in general. However, the event was also exciting, with some very enjoyable rallies throughout, and many tense games.

The team's event was first, and USYD started off with a convincing win against UNSW B. Although expected, it was nonetheless comforting to know USYD had started off on the right track. The second day saw the crunch match against the Monash team where the winner would proceed to the final against UNSW A. Things started badly

for USYD and only Michael Sun was able to win his singles game. Michael and Aaron managed to win the following doubles to stay in touch, the score being 2-2.

The next set of three singles matches again saw Michael being the only person from USYD to win, but Michael and Leo Wong were able to win the 2nd doubles game, leaving USYD behind 4-3. USYD had to win two of the last three singles matches to get into the final. Leo lost, leaving the team in dire straits, but Aaron somehow came back from a two sets to one and a deficit in the 4th game to win 3-2, and Michael, although often forced back into defensive lobbing, managed to win a tight encounter with Monash's strongest player. USYD were in the final!

Although USYD lost the final against UNSW, they gained some valuable experience for the doubles event. Seeded last in the doubles event, Michael and Aaron managed to beat the strongest pairing first round! Suddenly the team had a real chance of

winning the event and were playing the best table tennis over the two days of competition. This form was maintained during the final, which USYD won very convincingly.

Australian University Games (AUG) was an even tougher affair than the ECC.

Although sending a much stronger team, USYD were very unlucky not to have been in the running to play in the final, coming into 3rd position after a contentious round-robin draw placing USYD in the same side of the draw as the eventual winners, Queensland University. Congratulations to Michael, Kenny, Bird and Michael who are to be applauded on their commitment at AUG.

Hopefully the tournament successes will bring greater fortune in 2008 and the years to come.

Jason Tan
President



Tae Kwon Do

The Sydney University Taekwondo Club (SUTC) had another great year in 2007, under the expert supervision of 5th Dan Master Zooyong Seo. Pleasingly the club managed to attract a significant number of new members to the club, which bodes well for the future of the club.

The first tournament that was attended as a club for 2007 was the East Coast Challenge. Seven club members competed, representing a range of belt levels, and had great success. Kai-er Tan convincingly took out the female yellow belt fly weight division final, winning 7-0. Jason Liem also had a great performance, winning the men's black belt feather weight division, and then proceeded to have a demonstration match with the winner of the next weight division up from him, which was a great spectacle for the crowd. Cheryline Lee won her division; women's black belt feather weight. Cameron Robertson came second in the men's black belt light weight division. Yuan Wang and George Vuong came third in the men's yellow belt fly and bantam weight divisions respectively.

The club also had a presence at the 1st Master's Australian Open, which was the qualifying tournament for the 2007 Korean Taekwondo Association Open. Jason Liem and Cameron Robertson took out the men's black belt feather weight and light weight divisions respectively. Mellisa Koronel came 3rd in the women's yellow belt fly weight division and Lloyd Ma came 3rd in the men's yellow belt fly weight.

Five club members competed at the Australian University Games, bringing in seven medals for the team. Danielle Gardiner took out both the women's red and black belt welter weight divisions. Cameron Robertson won the men's red belt light weight division, and came 2nd in the men's black belt light weight division. Jason Liem got a silver medal in the black belt men's feather weight division, Mellisa Koronel and Kai-er Tan came equal 3rd in the women's yellow belt fly weight division.

2007 also involved a number of non-competition related events for the club. SUTC had a visit from Subby Valentine, the morning show host of mix 106.5, who did a short segment on the club

giving some great publicity into the wider community. SUTC also ran a jelly fundraiser and a Krispy Kreme fundraiser at University, which were both successful and tasty.

While membership numbers were down slightly on last year, SUTC still managed to get over 100 members, and classes were running at near capacity for most of the year which was great to see. To try and tackle the potential funding problems presented by VSU, the club pursued website advertising as a supplementary income stream for the club which has proven very effective.

SUTC is looking forward to another fun and successful year in 2008!

Cameron Robertson



Tennis

Continued growth in Sydney University Lawn Tennis Club membership resulted in corresponding increases in the club's finances, contributions to Sydney Uni Sport and in the number of representative teams competing in Sydney Metropolitan and NSW Inter-District Tennis competitions.

Social tennis was organised for members throughout the year on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Thanks to club members Merritt Adams, Rob Jackson and Phu Vu for their voluntary organisation of social play during term.

Highlights for the year are as follows:

Women

- Sydney Uni Sport scholarship recipients: Bianca Chidrawi, Lauren Russell
- Two teams entered in Metropolitan Grass Court Clubs Association (MGCCA) Autumn Badge competition
- First place, Australian University Games: Melissa Anderson, Bianca Chidrawi, Victoria Forsdick, Erin Myers, Lauren Russell, Sasha Uher

- AUG Green & Gold: Melissa Anderson, Bianca Chidrawi
- One team entered in MGCCA Spring Badge competition
- Sydney Uni Sport Blue: Bianca Chidrawi

Men

- Sydney Uni Sport scholarship recipients: David Brady, Nick Crisci, Daniel Davies, Henry Mortlock, Adrian Somerville, Tom Stevens
- Ten teams entered in Metropolitan Grass Court Clubs Association (MGCCA) Autumn Badge competition, including two teams in Grade 1.1: SU1 placed first in Grade 1.1; SU6 placed fourth in Grade 1.5; SU8 placed second in Grade 2.4; SU9 placed second and eventual premiership winners in Grade 3.2
- Annual MGCCA North vs South Invitational Challenge: Dan Davies, Pat Mahony, Adrian Somerville, Frank Tickle

- Champions, Slazenger NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inter-District F.O. Blackwell Cup competition: Daniel Davies, Michael Hayes, Rob Jackson, Henry Mortlock, Daniel Palise, Sachin Shrestha, Adrian Somerville, Tom Stevens, Matt Tink, Jason Wright
- First place, Australian University Games Division 1: Daniel Davies, Adrian Somerville, Tom Stevens, Matt Tink, Jason Wright, James Yeung
- First place, Australian University Games Division 2: Willard Hui, Henry Mortlock, Daniel Palise, Sachin Shrestha, Ollie Williams
- AUG Green & Gold: Daniel Davies, Henry Mortlock, Adrian Somerville
- Nine teams entered in MGCCA Spring Badge competition: SU3 placed second and runners up in Grade SS2; SU6 minor premiers and premiership winners in Grade SS3; SU7 minor premiers and premiership winners in Grade SS5



Touch

With the growth that the Sydney University Touch Club (SUTC) has seen over the last six years the club needed to slow things down a bit before looking at further ways to expand. Whilst things didn't slow down very much, 2007 saw the club maintain its hectic schedule without over extending.

Monday night competitions continue to increase in popularity and the club is now struggling to meet demand, with more teams wishing to play than we can accommodate. SUTC's popular winter competition saw 30 teams and over 350 people competing each week in a friendly atmosphere and this has continued into the summer competition with 22 teams registered. Thankfully Sydney City Council has finally installed some new light towers at Jubilee Oval and Federal Reserve in Glebe, which allows the club to provide a more professional competition. Many thanks go to Gary Reynolds for running this competition.

VSU saw a reduced format East Coast Challenge introduced in 2007, but touch was still there competing and partying as hard as always. SUTC entered a men's and women's team and both performed exceptionally well. The women's team secured the bronze medal deep into extra time when Holly Pobjie scorched her way to the try line in the 3 on 3 drop off. The men's team also played brilliantly, finishing in fourth place, which was a courageous effort as they were playing with only 9 players.

Australian University Games saw the men's team win gold in Division 2 and our women's team finished 4th in Division 1. Both teams had an exceptional week away and thanks must be given to Yoni Charlupski, Anna Floyd and Sophie Butt for their organisation of the teams throughout the year.

SUTC has always had a huge social scene. It is not uncommon to head into a local pub after a tough game of Monday night touch only to be warmly greeted by another team at the same venue. The official social functions this year saw the club hold a harbour cruise and the annual crab racing night. Whilst SUTC somehow managed to raise \$300 with these two events, they were definitely highlights on the touch calendar in 2007.

The combined Varsity representative teams have developed into winning teams in a relatively short space of time. The highlight of the year was easily the Varsity women's team winning the grand final in the NSW Touch Association Vawdon Cup. The competition runs on Friday nights during winter and the grand final saw Varsity defeat Campbelltown 5-4 in a tightly contested match. Coach Gary Toohey provided excellent direction for the girls and scholarship holder Anna Floyd was instrumental in the victory with a standout performance.

The men's team narrowly missed out on a semi final, finishing 5th.

When the teams travelled to Port Macquarie for the state titles, both men's and women's teams managed to qualify for the quarter finals. Unfortunately neither were able to progress any further. Both teams performed well and are already looking forward to developing into stronger teams for next year.

Finally a thankyou must go to the many people that have contributed to the success of Sydney University Touch in 2007. Helen Scott has proven to be an asset to the club in her first year as President, providing leadership and direction. The club looks forward to 2008 and beyond with Helen at the helm along with the support of the many helpers that have all added to the success of the club this year.

Paul 'Victa' Hickey
Vice-President



Ultimate Frisbee

Sydney University Ultimate Frisbee Association (SUUFA) experienced one of its best years in 2007 thanks to the many new members arriving at the start of the year. O-Week saw the induction of many fresh faces keen to learn to play ultimate frisbee, as well as experienced international students.

The new players bonded whilst playing the Ultimate Stampede competition in Bathurst in May. The team travelled on the infamous 'Party Bus' and did extremely well considering the amount of beginners on the team. The new players became hooked on ultimate frisbee and have not looked back since!

At the East Coast Challenge the team fought hard against the more experienced Newcastle and UNSW teams. It was a fantastic week and the team just missed out on a medal, placing fourth in a tough field. However the team's minds were focused on the Australian Uni Games.

Coach of the Australian Junior Worlds team, Matt 'Fatty' Faulkner stepped up to guide and train the team right up to the event. Sydney Uni dominated in their early matches, however went down to Monash in the quarter final. Placing a disappointing 7th, SUUFA is determined to improve next year. Only a week later the Australian Mixed National Championships were held. Many Sydney Uni players took part and played hard despite injuries from the Gold Coast.

SUUFA entered a Division 3 team into the Northern Suburbs League as well as tournaments such as Canberra Shenanigans, Savage Sevens and The Longest Day thanks to new Development Officers Nikki Cotton and Mike Tarn. SUUFC can expect many of the 2007 beginners to be trying out for the National teams before 2008 is over.

Normal club training was held by Brett Latham. Each year the club manages to come up with entertaining activities to follow training, including a hippy night, snowfari party and the obligatory pub crawl. At the club's annual formal dinner, Mike Tarn and Nikki Cotton received the Club Male and Female Awards respectively, with Lesley Sim and Cameron Bruce the Freshers of the Year.

Unfortunately this year the club says goodbye to members who have been with us for many years, namely Jimmy Todd-Hill, Malcom Green and Dave Hayes. The new committee has done an outstanding job stepping up to their positions (Mike Tarn, Nikki Cotton, Cameron Bruce, Didi Dinh-Martin, Sophia Robeau) and with strong recruitment and development the club is looking forward to having a vibrant and successful 2008.



Volleyball

2007 saw the return of the Sydney University Volleyball Club (SUVV) men's program, a complete revamp of Women's National League and some strong results across the board for the club's teams, with many people also reaching personal milestones.

SUVV fielded 5 teams for the State Volleyball League. The women took 1st place at the Illawarra State Cup (MVP to Julie Kim) and 2nd place at Newcastle despite missing two starting outside hitters.

As the season progressed, Women's Div 1 held up well, going 9 wins with only 1 loss, and securing the minor premiership. Men's Div 1 failed to register a win, but gained much experience as the youngest team in the league. The club showed solid women's depth, fielding two teams. One experienced team with a good mix of height and age, finished the regular season with an 8 and 3 record, placing them 3rd on the ladder. The other was a development squad. The Division 2 Men finished the season 2 and 9, unlucky in many tight matches to not register a few more wins.

In the State League finals the Women's Div 1 team fought hard in the first 3 sets but went down in the 4th to take silver. The Women's Div 2 team produced the upset of the final series, blowing Manly off the court with a straight sets victory, taking the club's first SVL championship since 2004.

Thanks to the coaches for all the hard work throughout the season – Michael Bajenov (Men's Div 1), Julie Kim (Women's Div 1), Pietro Celi (Men's Div 2), Ken Leung (Women's Div 2

Blue), and Ed Binnie (Women's Div 2 Gold). Congratulations to the Team MVPs – Karl Kruszelnicki (Men's Div 1), Jen Baldwin (Women's Div 1), Andrew Senchenko (Men's Div 2), Nat McEvoy (Women's Div 2 Blue), Larissa Briedis (Women's Div 2 Gold), and Most Improved – Yaegan Doran (Men's Div 1) and Rebecca Willis (Women's Div 2 Gold).

In the new 5 team Women's AVL, Sydney Uni joined forces with UTS to form the NSW team. The format was a quadruple round robin, with rounds in Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney. The finals were hosted by Sydney Uni at SUSAC, in front of a 400 person crowd, which was also televised on SBS. UTS Sydney Uni finished the regular season 12 wins, 4 losses. Uni Blues bettered UTS Sydney Uni to take gold in 4 sets. Throughout the season, UTS Sydney Uni was represented by the following Sydney Uni Volleyball Club players – Adriana Amato, Jen Baldwin (Captain), Carla Blazey, Julie Kim (player/Assistant Coach), Gina Moon, Gab Woodhouse and Ed Binnie (Assistant Coach). Other Sydney Uni students were also in the team – Annie Evans and Dianne Gall. Nat Frostick ended up with the most number of points for the league, and Julie Kim was the best defensive player.

Intervarsity heralded another string of medals, with Sydney Uni taking silver in the men's and bronze in the women's events at AUG, the women won gold at ECC and the men's were awarded silver. The teams were also well represented in the Green & Gold selections with Luke Carroll, Alex Rodgers, Chris Todd, Hayley French, and Gab Woodhouse.

The Australian Junior Volleyball Championships were held in Sydney in July, and there was a raft of Sydney Uni players in the NSW lineups. Gab Woodhouse (U21), Adriana Amato (U21), Dianne Gall (U21), Jodee McCormack (U21), Yaegan Doran (U21), Karl Kruszelnicki (U21), Alex Rogers (U21), Jennifer Min (U19 Captain), Stefanie Lalic (U19), Amanda Gigiliotti (U19), Craig Lowe (U17), Ben Lalic (U15), Chris Barton (U17 Men's Coach), Anika Lalic (U17 Women's Assistant Coach) and Maja Andersson (U17 Women's Assistant Coach). NSW U21 Women won gold and U17 Men won silver. Craig Lowe was selected in the Australian All Star 7, and is trialling for the Australian Youth Team. Edward Binnie attended the tournament as a referee, and was upgraded to National AA (2 grades down from International).

The year was capped off with two new Blues, Chris Todd and Gab Woodhouse, and a Gold to Ed Binnie. The club also recognised long serving club members at the annual dinner – Five Year Awards to Libby Abraham, Ed Binnie, Nat McEvoy and Chris Todd, and a Ten Year Award to Chris Barton.

All in all, with a raft of medals, team and individual honours, 2007 has to go down as a successful year. What is even better is that so many players, coaches and administrators are keen to build even more for the future. All you can say is watch out 2008!

Congratulations to all, and thanks to those who have dedicated so much time and effort to the club this year.



Waterski & Wakeboard

2007 was a tough year for the Sydney University Waterski and Wakeboard Club (SUWWC). At the beginning of the year, the club's very existence looked under threat. For this reason, I have to say that there was a reduction in the enthusiasm of those that run the club and as such, it has not been the club's finest year. SUWWC did not send a team to the AUC's for the first time in many years. However, the club managed to send a team to the K.B. Tri Series which is regularly run by Newcastle Uni at Raymond Terrace. As usual, this was great fun and a huge success. The club ran its own social weekend at Lake Conjola which was well attended and also a great success.

Like many other summer based clubs, our year is completely out of sync with the calendar year. Our annual report is being written just as our new season is starting to kick off. We still have a

large membership and I am sure that the warmer weather will bring them all out of the woodwork and onto the water. We will be bringing the boat into the Harbour over the Christmas break which is always a popular event.

Following much discussion, NSW Waterways have informed SUWWC of their new requirements which can only be described as a victory for common sense. Basically, the club should be able to use its existing boat for the remainder of its natural existence, by fitting a couple of minor modifications. This assures the foreseeable future of the club. There will also be a requirement for the boat captains to be professionally qualified. It means there will always be someone in the boat with professional boat driving and first aid qualifications. However, it is tough to find members committed enough to become boat captains already and

this extra requirement will make it even tougher. The club will offer assistance to anyone prepared to undergo the training and become a boat captain. Of course the increasing price of fuel is a huge issue too. The club runs a 325hp V8 motor in the boat which isn't shy of a drink!! I still feel however, that there is no better bang for your buck than learning to wakeboard or waterski. Now knowing where the new lines have been drawn by NSW Waterways, the club is assured of a positive and even more successful future. My thanks to all concerned with the club for their assistance.

Giles Richardson
President



Water Polo Men

Another great year for the Lions. The continued strength of the Sydney University Men's Waterpolo Club (SUWPC) can be seen with the retention of the NSW Water Polo Club Champions title for the ninth consecutive year.

The National League team performed to its usual high standard winning the silver medal again in their 3rd consecutive year in their 3rd medal playoff. In what was a fiercely contested grand final, the Lions eventually lost two close games (9-7 & 8-6) to Brisbane KFC Breakers. This was a great effort from the team with a number of the juniors becoming regular members and James Moar in his first year as Head Coach. The team entered the finals in 4th position and played some great water polo in beating the minor premiers and gold medal favourites (West's Magpies) in a fabulous semi final series. This year will be remembered for the three month break in the middle of the season to accommodate the FINA World Championships in Melbourne, Aaron Jones' magnificent contribution in goals during the finals stopping numerous penalty shots, and the blending of the team with experience and youth due to the retirement of Damien Fanning, after 10 years in charge, and James Moar and Nathan Thomas as long-term players. The team was supported this year with the inclusion of import players Robin Randall, Kevin Mitchell, and Jean Sayegh. During the season Alistair Visch passed the 250 game mark which is a fabulous achievement.

In the 2006/7 Sydney Metropolitan competition the club received the gold medal for 1st Grade and won the 6th Grade competition.

The juniors are continuing to develop with some encouraging results from the U14 and U16 teams in the Summer and Winter seasons (both teams 3rd in both seasons) as well as the NSW Club Championships (U16's 3rd place). These results have seen a number of players achieve State and National representation during the year: Jarrod Polyblank, Jacob Olliffe, Jake Kerrison, Josh Talvi, Boyd Kramer (U13 NSW Development Squad), Jayden Basha, Justin Weller and Blake Penny (NSW U14 reps), Stuart Buckland-Kerr, Clayton Whittaker, Ben Goldstien, and Hamish Cuthill (U16 NSW reps), Stuart Buckland-Kerr and Jeremy Davie (National U16 Squad), Lachlan Hollis captaining both the Australian School Boys and Australian Youth teams, Nathan Cargill and James Young (Australian Junior reps), Ben Turner, Lachlan Hollis, Scott Nicholson, Jeremy Davie, Ben Zonaras, Ben Goldstein (NSW U20 reps).

The U20 team improved their 4th place standing from the previous year combining well to narrowly lose the final of the NSW State Championships (Col Smea Tournament) to Drummoyne. A wonderful effort from a relatively young team which should ensure continued success in the future.

The SUWPC senior representatives included Thomas Whalan (Captain), Trent Franklin (Vice Captain), Robert

Maitland, Sam McGregor and Grant Richardson who were all selected in the Australian National team to compete at the 2007 FINA World Championships.

During the year Gary Buckland-Kerr (Vice President), Stewart Moar (Vice President), David Whittaker (Secretary) joined current executives Antony Green (President), Greg Turner (Treasurer) and Larry Cargill (Registrar) in being elected to the executive committee of the club. Greg Turner continues as a director of NSW Water Polo.

Finally, SUWPC had great pleasure in August to announce the appointment of Jahangir Shagaev as Head Coach for the 2007/8 season. Jahangir takes over this significant role from James Moar. After guiding the junior section of the club for numerous years it is a great opportunity for Jahangir and the club to embark on a new chapter in the club's proud history. For the coming season Jahangir has assembled a young and exciting team with the inclusion of a number of juniors being given their first opportunity of being part of the senior team (11 players under 21) and only one import player (Robin Randall – goalie). The team will be ably led by Trent Franklin and Ali Visch. 2008 is sure to be another exciting year with the team already winning a silver medal for 1st Grade in the just completed 2007 Sydney Metropolitan competition. The club looks forward in anticipation to more success in the National League season commencing in January 2008.



Water Polo Women

The Sydney University Women's Waterpolo Club (SUWWC) has had a very successful year in 2007 with over one hundred members and 10 teams competing in the Sydney Competition. The club started well by winning the Col Smee Tournament where Amanda Cox, Melissa Hammond, Hannah Ingle, Keesja Gofers and Jo Whitehorn were selected in the NSW squad. Melissa, Keesja and Jo went on to play for Australia in Porto, Portugal where Australia won the Junior World Championship defeating China 8-6 in the grand final.

The National League team were also successful in the 2006/7 season, coming 2nd in the rounds. Unfortunately injuries took their toll in the final series and the team lost the bronze medal

game. Tanielle Gofers and Nikita Cuffe were selected in the Australian squad to train for the Olympics and competed in the 2007 World Championships in Melbourne where Australia took silver.

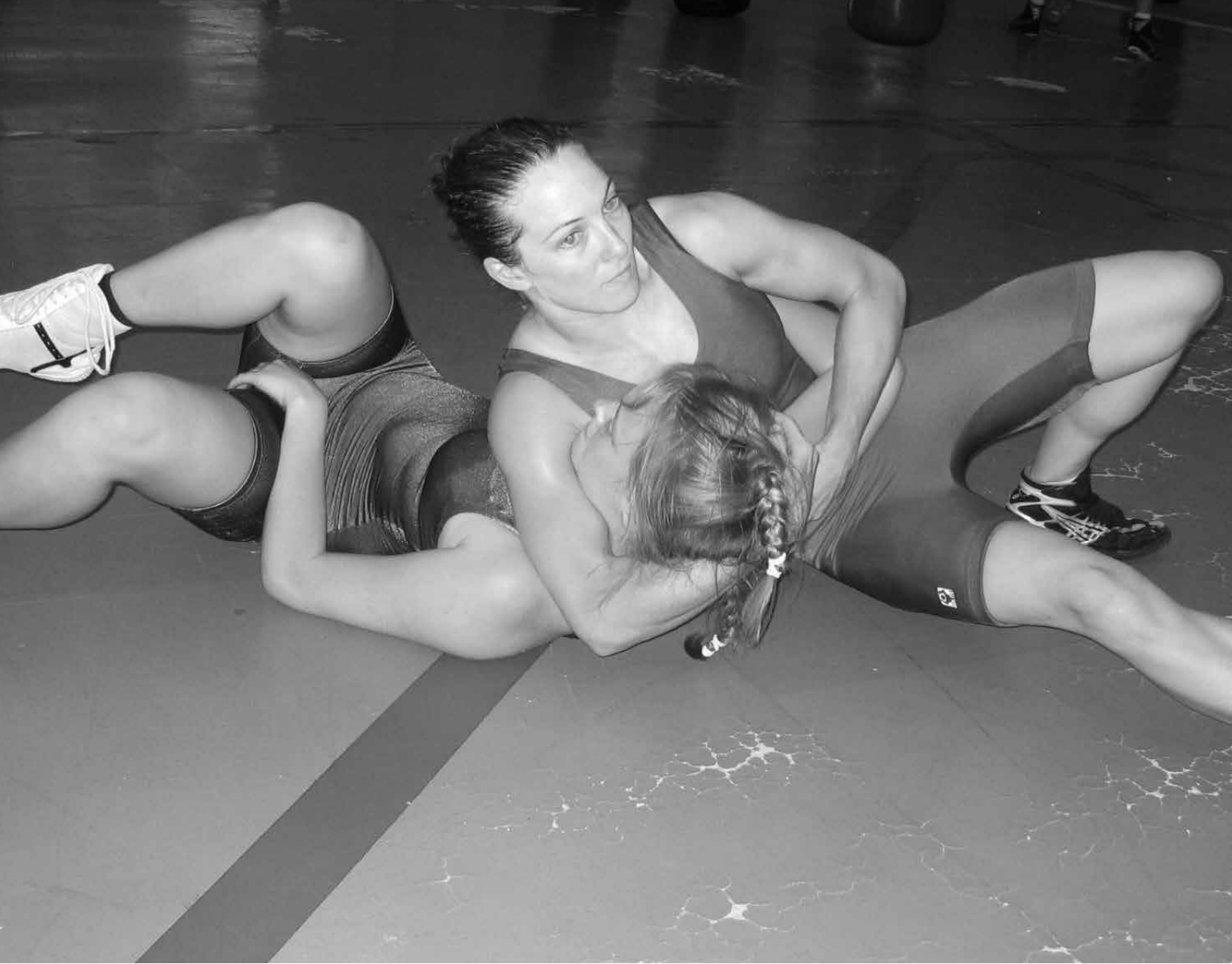
The juniors have gone from strength to strength with Rebecca Angas in charge assisted by Hannah Ingle. Several girls have been selected in state squads. Bec took a group of girls to Hawaii to play and that was a very successful trip.

Yvette Higgins, SUWWC's senior coach, is also doing a great job with development and this resulted in her being awarded the Coach of the Year and a Gold by Sydney Uni Sport. At the Sydney Uni Sports Awards the club was thrilled that for 2006 Fiona Hammond and Tanielle Gofers were awarded joint winner of the Sportswoman of the Year.

The intervarsity team was successful in retaining the gold at Australian Uni Games.

SUWWC is looking forward to the coming season and hope that this year is the year to win National League. Thanks for all the hard work by the committee especially Leanne McKee, Bruce Hammond and Arlene Gofers.

Lyn Hammond
President



Wrestling

Overall Sydney University Wrestling Club (SUWC) had a successful year in 2007. Club membership is steady and the club has changed its training format with some marked success. SUWC has introduced a sparring night once per week and this has proven to be the best attended session as well as giving all wrestlers much needed live practice. The club has had some international visitors in 2007 helping members further their wrestling. All in all it has been a good year for SUWC.

In July, SUWC held the second Australian Olympic Qualifier at HK Ward Gymnasium. One of the longtime members, Kyla Bremner, qualified to represent Australia in the 48kg category at the 2007 World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan. Kyla performed well at the World Championships

placing a very credible 17th in the field of 38. Kyla also won the Australian Championships and placed second in the Oceania Championships at the 55kg Weight Category (Kyla competed at this weight division to get harder competition in preparation for her ultimate goal, 2008 Beijing Olympics).

Other major successes this year came from Daniel Opdam who placed 2nd at the Oceania Championships and Hakan Er who also placed 2nd. Hakan Er also trains at the Penrith PCYC and was only a Cadet in 2007. He competed extremely well in the Junior and Senior categories. Leonid Zaslavsky has been granted a FILA level 1 refereeing category and refereed at the World Junior and Senior Championships which were selection competitions for the 2008 Olympic Games.

SUWC's coaches need to be acknowledged for their effort especially Deniz Nedim and David Ro who help out when Leonid was unavailable. Deniz and David also ran the Tuesday night sessions for our Jiu-Jitsu/Submission Wrestling night and the Sunday morning MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) sessions.

SUWC look forward to an even better 2008.

Leonid Zaslavsky
Head Coach



'David & Goliath' - Alicia Poto drives down the lane for the Sydney Uni Flames

Honours & Traditions

Scholarship Recipients

VICE CHANCELLOR'S		
Justin Merlino	Physiotherapy	Athletics
Kate Johnson	Medical Science (Sancta Sophia College)	Swimming
SENATE		
James Alcorn	Pharmacy	Soccer
Catherine Alston	Physiotherapy	Hockey
Kathryn Blackwell	Physiotherapy	Cricket
David Brady	Law	Tennis
Mark Cameron	Exercise and Sport Science	Cricket
Bianca Chidrawi	Science (Psychology)	Tennis
Christopher Clyne	Law	Boat
Thomas Corte	Pharmacy	Soccer
Alexandra Croak	Occupational Therapy	Diving
Daniel Davies	Exercise and Sport Science (Honours)	Tennis
Nicholas Dunford	Commerce (Honours)	Cricket
Jonathon Freeston	PhD (Health Sciences)	Baseball
Taniele Gofers	Arts (Media and Communications)	Water Polo
Kylie Grant	Veterinary Science	Rowing

William Hay	Arts/ Commerce	Cricket
Michael Healy	Veterinary Science	AFL
Carlie Hoffman	Education (Human Movement)	Netball
Lauren Hogan	Arts/ Commerce	Hockey
Katrina Lawrence	Science (Environmental) - Honours	Canoe
Kynan Maley	Engineering	Canoe
Alexander Mayer	Law (Masters)	Hockey
Zoe Michaleff	Physiotherapy	Hockey
Bridget Murphy	Science (Honours)	Soccer
Edward Noel	International Studies	Soccer
Robert O' Reilly	Commerce	Football
Kate Pallister	Physiotherapy	Netball
Susan Pratley	Commerce	Netball
Louise Robertson	Education (Human Movement)	Water Polo
Lauren Russell	Physiotherapy	Tennis
Elizabeth Smith	Law	Rowing
Thomas Stevens	Economics	Tennis
Sarah Stewart	PhD Arts (Philosophy)	Wheelchair Basketball

James Terry	Science (Agriculture)	AFL
Jeremy Van Asperen	Medicine / Surgery	Wheelchair Basketball
Aimee Watson	Veterinary Science	Skiing
Gregory Nicholas Watts	Engineering	Skiing
Mark Watts	Commerce / Law	Athletics
Thomas Whalan	Law	Water Polo

SENATE/ ST ANDREWS COLLEGE

Christopher Harkins	Commerce	Football
James McMahon	Commerce/ Science	Football
Melissa Smith	Pharmacy	Basketball

SENATE/ST JOHNS COLLEGE

Adam Campbell	Commerce	Football
Lachlan Renshaw	Engineering/ Commerce	Athletics

SENATE/SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE

Amanda Coon	Diagnostic Radiography	Karate
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SENATE/WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Adriana Amato	Commerce/ Law	Volleyball
Georgia McCaughan	Medical Science/ Medicine and Surgery	Rowing
Lucy McClymont	Medical Science	Soccer
Sophie McLeod	Pharmacy	Triathlon
Charlotte Walters	Physiotherapy	Rowing

ECONOMICS & BUSINESS POSTGRADUATE

David Carrick	Commerce	Water Polo
Stuart Clark	Commerce	Cricket
Timothy Davidson	Commerce	Football
Michelle Engelsman	International Studies	Swimming
Timothy LaForest	International Studies	Swimming
Martin Paskal	Commerce	Cricket
Natalie Porter	Business (Marketing)	Basketball
Amanda Russell	Business	Water Polo
Annabelle Smith	International Studies	Athletics
Jason Smith	International Business	

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Thomas Carter	Science	Football
Elizabeth Kell	Education (Human Movement)	Rowing

BLUES ASSOCIATION

Angela Ballard	Psychology	Wheelchair Athletics
Jacqueline Bonnitca	Commerce (Liberal Studies)	Sailing
Gregory Mail	Science (Advanced)	Cricket

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Justin Merlino	Physiotherapy	Athletics
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MARIE GAVEL MEMORIAL

Edward Boyce	Construction Management	Boat
Sarah Phillips	Agricultural Economics	Rowing

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Elsa O' Hanlon	Pharmacy	Rowing
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Residential Colleges

ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE

Luke Baker	Agricultural Economics	Football
Mark Faraday	Law	Cricket
Daniel Farrell	Agricultural Economics	Football
Benjamin Larkin	Economic and Social Sciences	Cricket

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Nathan Charles	Arts and Sciences	Football
Mitch Inman	Arts	Football
Renee Kirby	Arts and Sciences	Rowing
Matthew May	Agricultural Economics	Boat
Justin Quigley	Veterinary Science	Boat
Andrew Wild	Economics	AFL

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

Cameron Girdlestone	Education (Human Movement)	Boat
Henry Mander	Science (Molecular Biotechnology)	Boat
Henry Mortlock	Agricultural Economics	Tennis

SANCTA SOPHIA

Angela Hurley	Science (Physiology)	Swimming
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WESLEY COLLEGE

Eva Afeaki	Economic and Social Sciences	Basketball
Matthew Battishall	Agricultural Economics	Football
Peter Beetham	Arts	Football
Justin Bosilkovski	Commerce	Football
Samuel Egan	Arts	Football
Lachlan Mitchell	Arts	Football
Christopher Ritchie	Media Practice	Boat
Kiera Shiels	Engineering/ Commerce	Basketball

WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Kate Beasley	Education (Human Movement)	Rowing
Sophie Coolican	Physiotherapy	Rowing
Emma Esslemont	Physiotherapy	Hockey
Taryn Gooley	Arts and Sciences	Athletics
Melissa Hammond	Medical Science	Water Polo
Lucy Marshall	Arts and Sciences	Rowing
Lauren Sedgman	International Studies	Rowing
Johanna Way	Education (Human Movement)	Surf Lifesaving

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Mikaela Dombkins	University Preparation Studies	Basketball
Miles Downie	Education (Human Movement)	Soccer
Thomas Woudwijk	Business	Water Polo

Sydney Uni Sport

Henry Adams	Commerce/ Arts	Football
Sanualio (Leo) Afeaki	Education (Human Movement)	Football
Edward Alexander	Commerce/ Arts	Boat
Terrence Alfred	Commerce	Boat
Kathryn Andrews	Physiotherapy	Soccer
Jemima Bartlett	Teaching	Hockey
Erin Bell	Exercise and Sport Science	Netball
Robin Bell	Economics	Canoe
Erin Binks	Exercise and Sport Science/ Science (Nutrition)	Athletics
Julia Boland	Exercise and Sport Science	Golf
Elizabeth Bornstein	Commerce	Netball
Werner Botha	Education (Human Movement)	Athletics
Elias Boukarim	Exercise & Sport Science	Soccer
Daniel Bragg	Commerce/ Law	Cricket
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Ryan Bulger	Education (Human Movement)	Cricket
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Andrew Conolly	Arts and Sciences	Boat
David Conway	Commerce	AFL
Emma Costello	Arts	Rowing

Matthew Costello	Agricultural Economics	Soccer
Amanda Cox	Speech Pathology	Water Polo
Mark Crennan	Commerce	Hockey
Ian Crosswhite	International Studies	Basketball
Lauren Davidson	Education (Human Movement)	Basketball
Lucinda Davies	Agricultural Economics	Hockey
David Dennis	University Preparation Studies	Football
Matthew Edstein	Law	Boat
Mitchell Estens	Arts and Sciences	Boat
Barry Faamausili	University Preparation Studies	Football
Christian Fabris	Arts	Canoe
Anthony Fine	Education (Human Movement)	Swimming
Benjamin Fitzpatrick	Exercise and Sport Science	AFL
Anna Floyd	Exercise and Sport Science	Touch Football
Miles Foran	Economics	Boat
William Forsythe	Exercise and Sport Science	Canoe
Jessica Francis	Occupational Therapy	Soccer
Hayley French	Visual Arts	Volleyball
Daniel Halangahu	Exercise and Sport Science	Football
Ellie Hall	Education (Primary)	Soccer
Fiona Hammond	Education	Water Polo
Alexandra Handley	Arts	Rowing
Duncan Hardy	Physical Education	Football
David Haydon	Arts/ Commerce	Football
Nicholas Haydon	Medicine	Football
Jessica Heazlewood	Commerce (Liberal Studies)	Athletics
Madeline Heiner	Pharmacy	Athletics
Nicholas Hensley	Health Sciences	Football
Rachel Herrick	University Preparation Studies	Basketball
Amanda Hese	Arts and Sciences	Hockey
Stefan Hese	Exercise and Sport Science	Hockey
Michael Higgins	Engineering (Civil)	AFL
Jarryd Hill	Arts and Science	Hockey
Tara Holt	Radiation Therapy	Athletics
Roshan Jayawardena	Arts (Psychology)	Cricket
Edward Jenkins	Sports Management	Football
Elizabeth Jenkins	Commerce/ Arts	Athletics
Jonathon Jenkins	Physical Education	Football
Victoria Johnson	Exercise and Sport Science/ Science	Hockey
Aaron Jones	Science	Water Polo
Toby Kane	Medical Science	Skiing
Rosamond Kember	Architecture	Cricket
Eszter Kovacs	Environmental Law (Masters)	Fencing

Alexander Kanaar	Natural Resources	Football
Yasmin L'Estrange	Science	Rowing
Daniel Lewinski	Education (Human Movement)	Football
Samuel Lobsey	Urban & Regional Planning	Hockey
Thomas Lobsey	Land and Water Science	Hockey
Alfred Mafi	Physical Education	Football
Benjamin Mankarious	Commerce/ Law	AFL
Lucy Marshall	Arts and Sciences	Rowing
Kaarle McCulloch	Education (Human Movement)	Cycling
Patrick McCutcheon	Agricultural Economics	Football
Samuel McGregor	Commerce	Water Polo
Jess McGuirk	Law	AFL
Hamid Mobarrez	Educational Studies (Coach Education)	Swimming
Harriet Moore	Exercise and Sport Science	Hockey
Kellie Moore	Speech Pathology	Netball
Sharmane Motuliki	Physiotherapy	Athletics
Paul Miller	Arts	Boxing
Dean Mumm	Finance	Football
Michelle Musselwhite	Education	Basketball
David Neuhaus	Arts and Sciences	Rowing
Jonathon Newton	Science	Swimming
Chloe O' Regan	Science	Rowing
Alison Parkin	Exercise and Sport Science	Cricket

James Pearce	Physiotherapy	Soccer
Alicia Poto	Education (Human Movement)	Basketball
Joseph Power	Physiotherapy	Boat
Fergus Pragnell	Arts	Boat
Tara Prowse	Science (Media and Communications)	Triathlon/ Tennis
Alexander Rogers	Exercise and Sport Science	Volleyball

Blue Recipients

Shelley Bates	AFL
Amelia Dever	AFL
Donald Chiou	Archery
Werner Botha	Athletics
Alicia Poto	Basketball
Melissa Smith	Basketball
Andrew Conolly	Boat
Mitchell Estens	Boat
Cameron Girdlestone	Boat
Mark Cameron	Cricket
Greg Mail	Cricket
Lisa Sthalekar	Cricket
Kaarle McCulloch	Cycling
Alex Croak	Diving

Tom Carter does it for Sydney Uni 1st Grade, 2007 Shute Shield match



Daniel Lewinski	Football
Laurence Weeks	Football
Pei-Ling Kong	Gymnastics
Prashanth Sellathurai	Gymnastics
Zoe Michaleff	Hockey
Harriet Moore	Hockey
Victor Vadivelloo	Hockey
Bianca Chidrawi	Lawn Tennis
Susan Pratley	Netball
Kate Beasley	Rowing
Emma Costello	Rowing
Irma Kajan	Rowing
Elizabeth Kell	Rowing
Renee Kirby	Rowing
Chloe O'Regan	Rowing
Charlotte Walters	Rowing
Toby Kane	Skiing
Aimee Watson	Skiing
Gregory Watts	Skiing
Emma Wilson	Skiing
James Alcorn	Soccer
Lucy McClymont	Soccer
Edward Noel	Soccer
Matija Jaukovic	Swimming
Kate Johnson	Swimming
Chris Todd	Volleyball
Gabrielle Woodhouse	Volleyball

Gold Recipients

Harvey Gordon	AFL
Michael Tan	Basketball
David Mortimer	Football
Dorothy Potocka	Handball
Brian Gunner	Hockey
Tania Finikiotis	Netball
Ed Binnie	Sydney Uni Sport
Larry Cargill	Water Polo
Yvette Higgins	Water Polo
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