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SYDNEY UNI SPORT & FITNESS 2008 ANNUAL REPORT



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### BEHIND THE NEW LOOK SUSF

A meaningful new identity for Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness was launched in 2008; one that pays homage to our proud, traditional roots, while doing justice to our vibrant and diverse future.

A year later, it has been an unmitigated success. Yet where did the logo come from?

If you recall, the former Sydney University Sport logo was a simplified version of the Sydney University coat of arms dating back to 1855. The shield's main arms represented elements of the Oxbridge tradition: an open book for Oxford, and a blue cross for Cambridge. Colours and emblems related to the countries of the United Kingdom, the Prince of Wales and the stars of the Southern Cross.

In the new logo, key visual associations have been maintained but modernised. The lion, the shield shape and blue and gold colours express our essential personality strength, prowess and fitness.

We are the lion. Hear us roar.

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## THE EVOLUTION OF SYDNEY UNI SPORT & FITNESS

- 1852** The University of Sydney founded.
- 1858** University Oval No.1 completed.
- 1881** Women admitted to University.
- 1890** Sydney University Sports Union (SUSU) established; membership fees £2.2 undergraduates, £3.2 graduates.
- 1892** Blues system established.
- 1893** First annual Sydney University Sports Union ball, attended by 500 at Sydney Town Hall.
- 1910** Sydney University Women's Sports Association (SUWSA) formed.
- 1919** First SUSU approach to Senate for compulsory sports subscription.
- 1924** Coordinated interfaculty cricket, football, athletics, tennis, rowing, swimming and rifle contests.
- 1926** Oval No.2 completed.
- 1927** Australian University vacations synchronised to facilitate intervarsity sport.
- 1940** Intersarsity cancelled for duration of WWII.
- 1951** Compulsory sports fees introduced for first-year students.
- 1976** New Oval No.1 grandstand built.
- 1990** Sydney University Sports Scholarships introduced.
- 1993** Australian University Games established.
- 2000** Sydney University athletes, coaches and officials excel at Sydney Olympics and Paralympics.
- 2003** SUSU amalgamates with SUWSA to create Sydney University Sport.
- 2006** Voluntary student unionism introduced.
- 2008** Launch of new brand, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness.



There was nothing dull about 2008. Some of the sweetest memories...

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- The start of night play on historic No. 1 Oval with the installation of high- powered lights.



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- The successful launch of ROAR magazine and the new SUSF website [www.susf.com.au](http://www.susf.com.au).

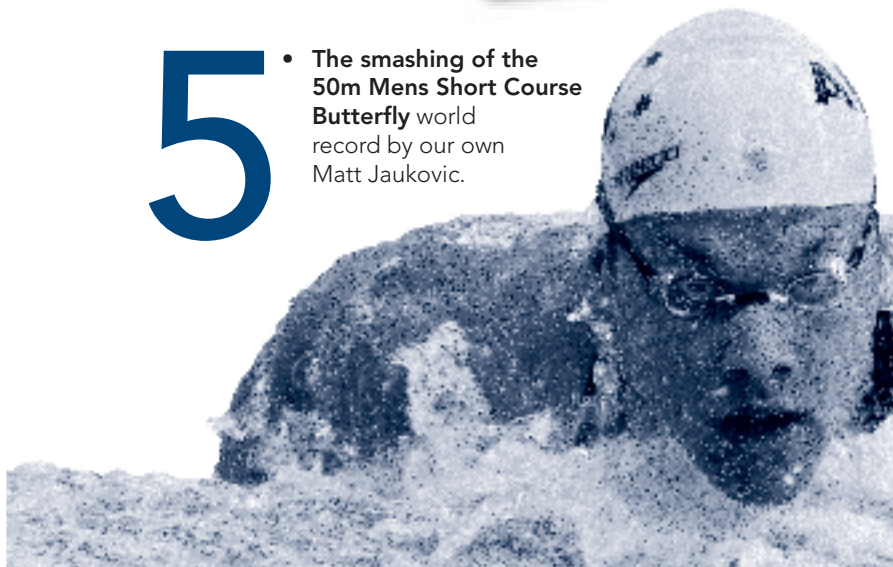
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- Vice- Chancellor Dr. Michael Spence congratulates Keejsa Gofers, Female Blue of the Year

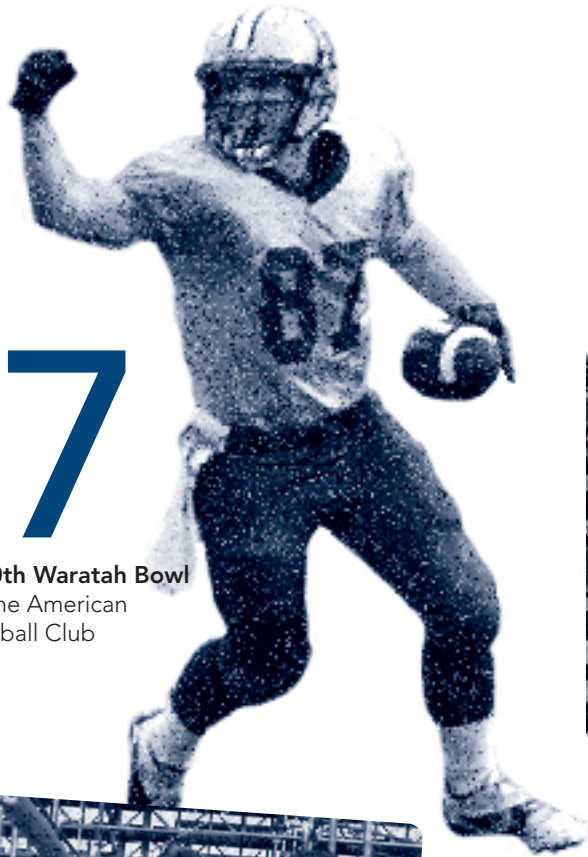
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- The smashing of the 50m Mens Short Course Butterfly world record by our own Matt Jaukovic.



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- A 10th Waratah Bowl for the American Football Club



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- Sydney Uni Football Club achieving its fourth consecutive championship.



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- Silver medallist rowers at history-making Beijing Olympics.

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- The Blue & Gold Flames Silver Jubilee function.

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- Lachlan Renshaw winning the 800m National Championship.

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**JANUARY** 2008 brought with it the imperative of change. Faced with the challenge of moving from assured funding from student subscriptions (as a result of voluntary student unionism legislation in 2006) SUSF had to rely heavily on the University to finance our activities. We were fortunate in receiving advice and assistance from a number of the University's officers, in particular Paul Slater, Deborah Lambourne and Bob Kotic. John McCarthy, QC and Fellow of Senate, was also a ready source of wise counsel to us in a time of considerable uncertainty.

Fortunately, the University Senate resolved to very substantially underwrite the student experience here at Sydney University. We freely acknowledge the outstanding generosity of our University in supporting us in this way. As a result we have been able to continue to operate without the need to curtail any of our essential activities.

Instead, while not a change we welcomed, the introduction of VSU at Sydney University

Smithies, with Michelle Nancarrow as his Deputy, came from within our own ranks and handled the transition seamlessly. We believe that we have justified the University's faith in us by our performances throughout 2008 in relation to our business operations; our delivery of leisure and fitness services to the University community; and the achievements of our clubs and individual athletes.

In a challenging economic environment we were able to finish the year with a healthy trading surplus, due largely to solid patronage of our centres, a credit to the dedication and initiative of the staff.

Pleasingly, 2008 was another wonderful year of sporting achievement with seven athletes collecting medals at the Beijing Olympics and Paralympics, a gold medal for Bronwen Watson at the World Rowing Championships and a world record for Matt Jaukovic in the 50m Men's Short Course Butterfly. Our rugby club won its fourth consecutive Sydney First Grade Premiership and our rowing club was ranked

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had the unintended consequence of causing Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness to enter into a genuine partnership with the University. This has provided very tangible benefits to us and regardless of what the future may hold, we will endeavour to maintain the very close links we now have with our parent body.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Finance and Administration Manager, Tony Jackson, in familiarising himself with the intricacies of the University accounting protocols and in spending long hours preparing estimates and forecasts in the required format.

Another big change came with the unexpected resignation of our Executive Director, Greg Harris, who had provided strong leadership through sixteen years of growth and achievement. The new Executive Director, Rob

most successful at the National Championships.

Finally, is it more than appropriate to pay tribute to the army of volunteers who work tirelessly to make our sporting clubs so successful.

**Bruce Ross**  
President



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MOVING AHEAD. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**I BEGIN** my first report as Executive Director by acknowledging the success of the previous Executive Director, Greg Harris.

Greg's vision, guidance and drive helped to take this organisation from a struggling, navel-gazing rabble to the successful and

professional operation it is today. Many achievements could be highlighted from his tenure, however his efforts to keep the Football and Cricket Clubs at the top level of their respective Sydney Grade competitions, the redevelopment of the Sports & Aquatic Centre, the improvement of the scholarship system, the merger of the men's Sports Union and the Women's Sports Association, and his fight against the VSU legislation stand out as landmarks that have shaped Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness and its clubs.

Together with President, Bruce Ross and members of the Management Committee and clubs, Greg forged a culture that is now infused in the corridors – we play hard and we aim to win, we take studying seriously and we invest in the future. Thanks Greg for your hard work, your investment in people, your willingness to take a chance and most of all, your passion.

2008 was another solid year for Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness. These achievements, detailed further in this report, highlight just some of what was accomplished:

- Over \$1.8 million spent on infrastructure – the 2nd biggest spend over the last 20 years – including new 500 lux lights on Oval No. 1, new roofing on the Glebe boathouse and interior refurbishment, new tiling and air conditioning at the Arena, new grounds machinery, and major capital works at the Sports & Aquatic Centre;
- Successfully re-branding of the organisation to begin trading as "Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness", launching a new website and ROAR magazine;
- A record profit generated in our commercial gym facilities, an excellent result in a tough economy and with several new competitors opening in our catchment area;
- 20 Sydney Uni Olympians and Paralympians representing Australia at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, winning 3 silver and 4 bronze medals;
- A 4th consecutive first grade rugby premiership;
- The Cricket Club making the finals in all grades;
- The ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames finishing runners-up in a tough grand final;
- The Women's National League Volleyball team winning their national competition;
- Our Boat and Rowing clubs continuing to dominate the national landscape as the best clubs in Australia, again winning the Centenary Oar;
- Swimmer Matt Jaukovic breaking the world record for the

50 metre short-course butterfly;

- Rower Bronwen Watson winning gold at the World Championships;
- A record spend on scholarships and athlete support;
- The employment of directors of cricket, soccer and hockey; and
- Our first ever sport function dedicated solely to female sport, the Blue & Gold Flames lunch, which raised over \$14,000.

This was all achieved whilst still maintaining a healthy budget surplus and without incurring any debt.

None of this would have occurred without a lot of support from many areas. First and foremost I must thank our friends at the University who have supported us in the post-VSU era and given hours of their time and energy to helping us, not to mention the obvious and much appreciated financial assistance. Many thanks to Gavin Brown and Dr. Michael Spence, Bob Kotic, Deborrah Lambourne, Andrew Coats, Paul Slater, John McCarthy QC, John Cox, Phil Sorbello, Tony Cox, Ingrid Bascur, Richard Fisher, Olivia Perks, and Richard North. A big thanks to David Lavings and Matt Inch from CMS Consulting who assisted with the major capital works projects.

Finally, my thanks to all of the dedicated staff and volunteers who put in so many hours ensuring we provide a high level of service to our clubs, athletes and patrons each day. So many people fall into this category that I am unable to name them individually, however I would specifically like to thank my Senior Managers, Tony Jackson, David Shaw, Ian Evans, Rod Tubbs, Ross Xenos, Michelle Nancarrow, Martin Harland and all the SUSF staff for their fantastic efforts in 2008.

2009 presents a fresh set of challenges and opportunities for our organisation. I remain confident that, with our people and resources, we will meet those challenges and continue to deliver a successful and vibrant sport and fitness program.

God bless,

**Rob Smithies**

Executive Director



**ON** the field our clubs enjoyed many premierships and grand final victories over the past season. Performances and

personnel involved in the club sports program continue to be of a world class standard, providing a source of pride and satisfaction for Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness and the University. Our thanks are sincerely extended to all of the players, coaches, club officials, administrative staff and volunteers who have contributed time and passion to their club in the past year.

The University and Community programs were generally well attended in 2008. Our short courses beat budget this year with a number of new courses offered and successful new promotions. Lunch time social sport participation was also good for indoor netball and soccer. A focus for

improvement in 2009 is the participation rate in the free interfaculty sports competitions which have seen a slight decline. Student involvement in intervarsity and intercollege sport continues to be very strong.

Over 2,500 children attended school holiday sports camps at Sydney Uni. Over 800 children also participated in the school sport program during term from three primary schools, two high schools, one tertiary institution and one special school. Participation in the Education Programs was also good with over 1,500 students having PDHPE or Sports Medicine classes taught by our staff and another 700 gaining First Aid accreditations through Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness in conjunction with the Cynergex Group.

Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed the change in role this year from Manager, Sport and Recreation to

Deputy Director. There have been some interesting and challenging moments throughout 2008. My personal thanks are extended to all who have supported me throughout the year, in particular the Sport and Recreation staff. We are fortunate to attract such dedicated and talented people. Over the last year we have welcomed and farewelled a number of outstanding individuals who have moved on to bigger and better opportunities elsewhere.

Brendan McMahon (Sport Development Officer) was replaced by Luke Madigan, Kristee Arkle (Education Programs Officer) was replaced by Kelly Dewit, Karen Stevenson (Community Programs Manager) was replaced by Neil Finlay, Terry Hogan (Soccer Administrator) was replaced by Tom Bailey-Smith, Toby Lister (Rowing Foundation Administrator) was replaced by Renee Kirby, Victoria Rawlings (AFL Administrator) was replaced by Steven King, Anthony Eddy (Director of Rugby) was replaced by Greg Mumm, Lisa Jane Kinny (Rugby Administrator) was replaced by Tess Havrlant, and Trevor Walsh (Rugby Operations) was replaced by Jason Reilly. There were also some excellent new additions to our team: former Opals captain and Olympian Trish Fallon joined us as the Flames Operations Coordinator, James Macartney joined the rowing coaches at Glebe, and three new Directors were appointed: John Curran, Soccer; David Jessep, Cricket; and John Bessell, Hockey.

## 2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympics

Sydney Uni's Angela Ballard and Sarah Stewart brought home medals from the 2008 Beijing Paralympics. Ballard won silver in the 4x100m relay T53/54 classification. Stewart was part of the wheelchair basketball team that defeated Japan 53-47 in the bronze medal playoff.





Sydney Uni athletes at the 2008 Beijing Olympics brought home silver and bronze. Rowers Matt Ryan and Frances Hegerty took silver as part of the men's coxless four. Robin Bell bettered his fourth place in Athens and took bronze in the C1 canoe event. Waterpolo players Nikita Cuffe and Taniele Gofers were part of the women's team that won bronze with victory over World Champions Hungary to improve on their fourth place in Athens. Former Flame Belinda Snell and Sydney Uni academic Dr Donna O'Connor were part of the Opals team that went down to the USA to finish with silver in the women's basketball competition.

#### Participants from Sydney University at the Beijing Olympics and Paralympics:

##### Athletes

Lachlan Renshaw - Athletics  
 Belinda Snell - Basketball  
 Robin Bell – Canoe/kayak  
 Lachlan Milne – Canoe/kayak  
 Alexandra Croak – Diving  
 Megan Rivers - Hockey  
 Liz Kell – Rowing  
 Brooke Pratley – Rowing  
 Marty Rabjohns – Rowing  
 Jeremy Stevenson – Rowing  
 Matt Ryan – Rowing  
 Francis Hegerty - Rowing  
 Carl Probert – Swimming (Fiji)  
 Taniele Gofers – Waterpolo  
 Nikita Cuffe – Waterpolo  
 Trent Franklin – Waterpolo  
 Thomas Whalan – Waterpolo  
 Sam McGregor – Waterpolo  
 Robert Maitland – Waterpolo  
 Angie Ballard – Wheelchair Athletics  
 Sarah Stewart – Wheelchair Basketball  
 Kyla Bremner – Wrestling

##### Officials

John Coates – AOC  
 Dr. Donna O'Connor – Basketball Women's Trainer  
 Dr. Leo Jeffcott – Equestrian Veterinarian  
 Natalie Galea – Judo Section Manager  
 Dr. Grace Bryant – Waterpolo Women's Team Physician  
 Ryan Moar – Waterpolo Women's Assistant Coach  
 Leonid Zaslavsky – Wrestling Coach  
 Tim Conrads – Rowing Coach

#### Club Highlights

Our 40+ clubs represent a huge variety of sports, some new and some as old as the University itself. They are each committed to achievement and constant improvement and are a testament to the value of sport and fitness in the life of the University.

The Sydney Uni AFL Senior team fell agonisingly short of the finals in its second year back in Premier Division. The Reserves were the outstanding achievers of the year with a fantastic finals performance taking them to the grand final where they lost to Pennant Hills. The most exciting development for AFL was the agreement to form an alliance with Collingwood Football Club and the facilitation of an U18 Colts program in 2009. The club also played a role in bringing the Peres

her second Paralympics team, where her good form was rewarded with a silver medal in the relay. The club celebrated 130 years with an Anniversary Dinner in the MacLaurin Hall.

The Sydney Uni Baseball Club retained the University Cup (against UNSW) for the second consecutive year.

The Sydney Uni Basketball Club women won Div 1 while the ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames finished the 2007/8 season as runners up, going down to Adelaide 82-92 in the grand final at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre. Natalie Porter was named WNBL MVP and was named in the Olympic squad with team-mate Alicia Poto. Unfortunately neither survived the final cut for Beijing. Mikaela Dombkins and

## “ PERFORMANCES AND PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE CLUB SPORTS PROGRAM CONTINUE TO BE OF A WORLD CLASS STANDARD...”

Centre for Peace Team to the University. Sydney University Women's Australian Football Club fielded one side in the 2008 Sydney Women's AFL competition and finished fourth.

Sydney Uni American Football Club added another Waratah Bowl to its trophy cabinet by defeating the West Sydney Pirates 38-34 to take out the 2008 NSWGFL Championship. The Lions have now won the last 6 NSWGFL Championships in a row and have extended their winning streak to 33 games.

Sydney Uni Athletics Club competed at the Australian Track and Field Championships which doubled as the 2008 Olympic Trials. Outstanding achievements came from the three winners of their respective events Lachlan Renshaw (800m), Justin Merlino (110m hurdles) and Nikki Molan (1,500m). Lachlan Renshaw qualified for the Beijing Olympics. Lara Tamsett took out the U23 Australian title in the 5,000m and the Australian title in the 10,000m. Jess Heazlewood won the U23 20km walk. Wheelchair athlete Angela Ballard was selected in

Rachel Herrick were selected in the Australian Sapphires Team.

Sydney Uni Boxing Club celebrated its centenary in 2008 with a dinner in November at the Grandstand overlooking No 1 Oval, where the first competition was held in 1908. The dinner also launched the Sydney University Boxing Club Chapter of the Sydney University Sports Foundation.

In cricket the 2nd Grade men were successful in claiming the premiership with a dominating performance over Bankstown and the 6th Grade men defeated South Sydney to win the Metropolitan Cup. Stuart Clark and Stuart MacGill played for the Australian team. SUCC also did well off the field to secure a significant capital grant from NSW Cricket. Universities Women's Cricketers (Sydney Uni and UNSW combined club) 1st Grade narrowly missed out on the club's maiden premiership losing their grand final to Bankstown. Lisa Sthalekar, Kate Blackwell and Alex Blackwell played for the Australian Southern Stars and Ros Kember for New Zealand. Sthalekar won the award for Women's

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International Cricketer of the Year and the Belinda Clark Medal for 2007/8.

The Sydney Uni Gymnastics Club's cheerleaders also had a very busy year. The Gold Team finished 1st at Gymnastics Australia Nationals and 2nd at the AASCF Nationals. The Blue Team also won AASCF State and Nationals.

Our handballers performed well again in 2008. The Sydney Uni women led all season but faltered in the grand final while the men's gold team won against Canberra with the Sydney Uni blue team finishing 3rd.

Hockey players Tom Lobsey, Jessica Blake, Amanda Hese, Emily Hurtz and Harriet Moore were selected in NSW and AHL squads. 5th Grade men finished in 2nd position at the end of the regular season and beat Bankstown in the grand final. Veterans A and B were both beaten in their grand finals. Women's 2nd Grade won the minor premiership in ML3 and 3rd Grade was beaten in the ML4 grand final by Western districts 2-0. Other

Sydney University was awarded the Centenary Oar for the most successful club at the Australian Rowing Championships. We were also the most successful club at NSW State Championships comprehensively winning the overall point score and a host of other awards. Six Sydney Uni rowers competed at the Beijing Olympics: Liz Kell and Brooke Pratley in the Women's Eight, Marty Rabjohns and Jeremy Stevenson in the Men's Eight, and Francis Hegerty and Matt Ryan in the Men's Coxless Four that won silver. Terrence Alfred was selected as reserve for all men's crews. Aside from Olympic representation we had 2 Senior A athletes at the non-Olympic World Championships (Bronwen Watson won gold in the lightweight quad and Fergus Pragnell took bronze in the coxed pair), 6 U23 Australian reps and a coach, 2 junior Australian reps (Ryan Edwards took bronze), and 7 rowers and 2 coaches at the World University Rowing Championships. NSW Rowing awarded

Herald Club of the Year award. Sydney University players Daniel Halangahu and Nathan Charles were also awarded The Sydney Morning Herald Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year respectively. Dean Mumm became Sydney Uni's 103rd Australian Representative. Phil Waugh won the Waratah Medal. In the most successful year for the Women's Rugby Union Club in recent times, the girls progressed to the grand final to play Warringah where they lost 10-0 in the title decider. Alex Hargreaves and Kate Porter represented Australia in a test against NZ.

The Sydney Uni Sailing and Boardsailing Club became an affiliated club of Yachting New South Wales and set up the Sailing Club Foundation in 2008. Plans are well underway to host the first University Regatta in 2009.

In soccer, Emma Kate Dewhurst made the Soccer NSW Team of the Year and was signed to the W-League team, the Central Coast Mariners. The U13 boys and Men's All Age 7's won

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highlights included a 99 year commemorative game against long standing inter-varsity rival Melbourne Uni.

Judo coach Kristof Frankowski won a silver medal at the Australian Nationals defeating a Beijing Olympian. The club also won the NSW State Team Titles this year and was named NSW State Team Champions.

Sydney Uni / Fairfield City District Netball 1st Grade finished in 2nd position in the NSW Waratah Cup and finished 3rd after the finals series. 7th Grade became minor premiers before beating Manly-Warringah 45-44 in the grand final. This is the first State League premiership for the club. Landell Archer was awarded the Nance Kenny Medal for being the 2008 Dooleys State League Player of the Year. Late in the year the club severed ties with Fairfield City District Netball Association and agreed to enter a new partnership with City of Sydney Netball Association.

Bronwen Watson Oarswoman of the Year. Sydney University Women's Rowing Club President Jane Spring was awarded an Honorary Fellowship from the University of Sydney for her services to university rowing.

Sydney University's domination of club rugby continued in 2008 winning a 5th consecutive Club Championship and 4th consecutive Colts Club Championship. First Grade defeated Randwick 45-20 to claim a 4th straight 1st Grade premiership. First Grade Colts dominated all year breaking several records and capped off a great year for the club with a 39-5 win over Eastern Suburbs in the season decider. Tim Davidson capped off a wonderful season when he was named the club's Best and Fairest player for 2008. Davidson, the first player in the history of the club to captain four successive First Grade premiership teams, was also awarded the Michael Griffin Cup as the Players' Player for 2008. The club was awarded the Sydney Morning

their respective grand finals and the U16 girls won the minor premiership this season.

The Sydney Uni Men's Squash Club took female members in 2008 after dissolution of the Sydney Uni Women's Squash Club and a constitutional change making it the Sydney University Squash Club. Div 1 and 14 won the grand final of the Autumn Pennant and 2 teams won their Spring Pennant grand finals for a total of four men's championships for 2008.

Sydney Uni Swimming Club had an extraordinary year. Jono Newton finished 3rd in the 50m freestyle final at the Olympic Trials with a PB and A qualifying time of 22.15, narrowly missing selection. Matt Jaukovic finished 6th in the final of the 50m butterfly with a PB. During the Australian Short Course Championships in September, Jaukovic clocked 50.37 in the 100m butterfly to become the 6th fastest man in history. He then repeated this



with a 22.79 in the 50m butterfly to become the 5th fastest of all time. Jaukovic and Stephen Alderman (coach) were named on the Australian team for the World Cup series in October where Matt went on to win several events. S USC gained Gold Status which is the highest a swimming club in Australia can gain.

Fourteen tennis teams were entered in the Men's MGCCA Spring Badge competition. SU14 were premiership winners in Grade 1 Men's Doubles. SU1 were premiership winners in Grade 1, SU2 and SU7 were runners up in Grades 1 and 2 respectively of the Unisex Singles and Doubles competition. In the Autumn Badge SU1 were semi finalists in 1/1 as were SU5 in 1/4 while SU6 were runners up in 1/5. Five women's teams were entered in the Women's MGCCA Spring Badge competition. SU8 were premiership winners in Grade 4.

The Varsity (UTS, Sydney Uni and Macquarie Uni combined representative team) men's touch team won the NSW Vawdon Cup grand final after remaining undefeated for the whole season. The men's and women's teams travelled to Port Macquarie in December for the State Cup where the men reached the semi final and the women were knocked out in the quarter final.

The Sydney Uni Volleyball Club started the year well with excellent results in the State Volleyball League

eventually winning the Overall State Champions Trophy, a feat not previously achieved by the club. The Women were NSW Honours Champions, Div 1 runners up, and juniors 4th while the Honours Men finished 4th, Div 1 came 2nd and 3rd and juniors were 3rd. The UTS-SU side won the Women's Australian Volleyball League in late July defeating 2007 winners Uni Blues. The UTS-SU men made the semi finals of the AVL and eventually finished 4th. The Sydney Uni women also cleaned up at the National Club Championships taking gold.

The Sydney Uni Women's National Waterpolo League team secured the minor premiership but were knocked out of the finals 10-15 against Cronulla and 14-15 against Fremantle. The Sydney Uni National League Waterpolo Men finished a very tough season out of the finals. Nikita Cuffe and Taniele Gofers represented Australia at the Beijing Olympics where they won bronze. Four players were selected in the Australian Women's U20 water polo team (Alicia Brightwell, Amanda Cox, Keesja Gofers and Melissa Hammond) and three in the Australian Women's U18 team (Beth Loder, Gofers and Brightwell). The U20's won back-to-back Col Smee tournaments and the U18's came 2nd. The men's Olympic team included Trent Franklin, Rob Maitland, Sam McGregor and Thomas Whalan from our club. In the Australian U20 team

were Lachlan Hollis and Scott Nicholson. Jeremy Davey was selected for the Australian Youth team.

Kyla Bremner became the first woman to represent Australia in female wrestling at an Olympic Games. Kyla also represented Australia at the World Championships late in the year. Leonid Zaslavsky was also selected to coach the Olympic Wrestling Team in Beijing.

### Sports Awards

Several performances of individuals and teams were acknowledged such as key performances from 2007 honoured at the 2008 Sydney University Sport Annual Sports Awards Dinner.

#### Sportsman of the Year

– Stuart Clark (Cricket)

#### Sportswoman of the Year

– Susan Pratley (Netball)

#### Premier Coach of the Year

– Phil Bourguignon (Boat), Anthony Eddy & Damien Hill (Rugby)

#### Club Coach of the Year

– Mick Somers (Soccer)

#### Rosenblum Family Trophy for Clubman of the Year

– Greg Turner (Water polo)

#### Pat Sharp Trophy for Clubwoman of the Year – Brianna Heazlewood (Athletics)

#### Premier Club of the Year

– Rugby Union (Men's)

#### Club of the Year – Soccer

#### Ann Mitchell Award for the Best Performance at an AUG/AUC

– Boat/Rowing, Tennis

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## AUS Sports Awards:

### 2007 Female Athlete of the Year

– Georgia Woodyard (Basketball)

### 2007 Service to Sport

– Chris Noel (Boat)

## Australian University Sport Events

The AUS Funding Forum was held in Melbourne on April 1-2 and attended by Brendan McMahon and Leonie Lum. This opportunity was used for networking, professional development and to inspect venues for AUG. The AUS AGM was held in the Gold Coast on April 9-10. Michelle Nancarrow and Robert Smithies attended. Michelle Nancarrow also attended the AUG Media Launch in Melbourne in July and the AUS Forum in Sydney in August.

## East Coast Challenge

The East Coast Challenge was held in early July at Macquarie University. Sydney University students attended without staff or financial support from SUSF. Cumberland campus students attended under the limited support of Campus Rewards. Main campus students entered teams in basketball men and women (2), tennis men, touch mixed (2) and ultimate frisbee. Basketball women won, basketball men finished 3rd, tennis men came 2nd, touch mixed 4th and ultimate frisbee 3rd. For the East Region Overall Champion Sydney Uni main campus finished 6th, Cumberland campus 3rd and UTS 1st. The Ann Mitchell per Capita Award went to UTS. Ben Tjen / Shane Alvisio Spirit of the Games Award went to Charles Sturt University.

## Australian University Games

Sydney University was well represented at the 2008 AUG hosted by Australian University Sport and Monash University in Melbourne. A total of 408 Sydney

Uni participants included 30 team managers, 29 coaches and team officials and 5 staff. The 369 student athletes included 212 males and 157 females. 92 scholarship holders attended. The staff included Michelle Nancarrow, Luke Madigan, Dean Jones, Madelene Rivier and Leonie Lum. Steve Alderman attended with the swimming team and looked after our students staying at Medina. Sydney University was represented in AFL (men's), athletics (men's / women's), badminton (men's / women's), baseball, basketball (men's / women's), hockey (men's / women's), judo, kendo, lawn bowls (2), netball (women's / mixed), rugby union (men's), soccer (men's / women's), softball, swimming (men's / women's), taekwondo, tennis (men's x2 / women's), tenpin bowling (2), touch (men's / women's / mixed), ultimate frisbee, volleyball (men's x2/ women's), waterpolo (men's / women's). We were unable to field competitors in AFL (women's), beach volleyball, cycling, fencing, golf, handball (men's / women's), rugby union (women's), table tennis and squash (men's / women's). Competition was cancelled for rugby union (women's).

Travel was arranged by the team managers or individual athletes. Accommodation was organised by SUSF through Rising Stars Sports Management. The athlete levy was \$590 which included accommodation from Sunday-Friday, security at the motel, AUS registration, transport pass, uniform and \$100 bond. Teams stayed at 5 properties: Travelodge (Southbank) (132), Quest St Kilda Bayside (51), Quest on St Kilda Rd (115), Easy Stay Bayside (50) and Medina Executive St Kilda (54). Staff and Rising Stars personnel stayed in each property. Security was in place from 9pm-4am each night. Subsidies have been provided for team

managers and coaches. Scholarship holders have also been provided with some financial assistance.

Sydney University finished 3rd in the overall point score behind Monash and Melbourne Universities. Both Monash and Melbourne Universities fielded teams in excess of 500 athletes.

Notable performances at the John White Spirit of the Games at Griffith University included the domination of our waterpolo teams, rugby union 7s, women's soccer, softball and men's tennis who all claimed gold medals. Our women's basketball team won the division 2 competition convincingly. Athletics women, swimming, taekwondo, baseball, judo, tenpin (Div 2), volleyball men and women, and ultimate frisbee all finished with silver or bronze.

Sport	Placing
AFL m	5th Div 1
Athletics m	10th
Athletics w	3rd
Badminton m	4th Div 1
Badminton w	4th Div 1
Basketball m	8th Div 1
Basketball w	1st Div 2
Baseball	2nd
Hockey m	4th Div 1
Hockey w	4th Div 1
Judo	3rd
Kendo	5th
Lawnbowls	8th Div 1, 9th Div 2
Netball w	4th Div 1
Netball mx	12th Div 1
Rugby m	1st Div 1
Soccer m	6th Div 1
Soccer w	1st Div 1
Softball	1st Div 1
Swimming	3rd
Taekwondo	Equal 2nd
Tennis w	5th Div 1
Tennis m	1st Div 1, 9th Div 2
Ten Pin	4th Div 1, 5th Div 2
Touch m	2nd Div 2
Touch w	3rd Div 1
Touch mx	7th Div 2
Ultimate frisbee	2nd
Volleyball m	2nd Div 1, 8th Div 2
Volleyball w	3rd Div 1
Waterpolo m	1st Div 1
Waterpolo w	1st Div 1

## Australian University Championships

AUC Orienteering was held on 23rd March in Dubbo and AUC Triathlon on 30th March in Mooloolaba. Alice

### 2008 Australian University Games – Overall Results

Overall Place	University	Overall Points
1	Monash University	818.33
2	University of Melbourne	806.25
3	University of Sydney	631.83

Doug Ellis (Per Capita) Trophy: 1st University of Western Australia, 9th University of Sydney

Prudhoe finished 14th at the AUC Orienteering. Tara Prowse finished 3rd in the Elite/Open Women's category at the AUC Triathlon.

AUC Snowsports was held in August at Mt Buller. Leonie Lum attended and supervised the Sydney Uni and UTS teams. Overall Sydney University finished in 3rd place behind winners Melbourne and Monash Universities. Our men's team finished 2nd overall and our women's team 5th. We also came 2nd in cross country. Aimee Watson won the female cross country overall. Emma Wilson won the overall alpine female trophy. She also won the alpine slalom, giant slalom and super G.

AUC Rowing was held at Penrith in late September. Sydney Uni rowers again performed well and took home a pile of silverware. We won the Overall Point score and Overall Men's Championship and finished 2nd in the Women's Overall Championship. Unfortunately the men's eight were not able to retain the Oxford Cambridge Cup going down to University of Queensland in the final to finish 2nd. Gold medals were won by Natasha Bolsin and Ailsa Tremayne in the women's pair, Charles Budd, Ed De Carvalho, Ed White and Toby Ledgerwood in the men's lightweight four, Andrew Conolly, James Harding, Natasha Bolsin, Ailsa Tremayne and Nell Duly in the mixed coxed four Division 1, Dominic Grimm, Ry Kehlet, James Goswell, Justin Quigley, Emma Cook, Charlotte Walters, Chloe O'Regan, Emma Costello and Matt Grimes in the mixed eight Division 1. We finished 2nd in many other events.

The AUC Twenty20 Championship was held at University of Queensland in the first week of December. Unfortunately the women's tournament was cancelled due to a lack of interest. A demonstration match was however played between NSW Universities and University of Queensland with 7 UWCC players representing NSW.

The men however took full advantage of the opportunity and won back to back gold after going through the week undefeated. The final was played against University of Queensland, with Sydney Uni claiming the title in the 18th over with 7 wickets in hand.

## "ATHLETICS WOMEN, SWIMMING, TAEKWONDO, BASEBALL, JUDO, TENPIN, VOLLEYBALL MEN AND WOMEN, AND ULTIMATE FRISBEE ALL FINISHED WITH SILVER OR BRONZE."

### Final Placing at AUS Events in 2008

	AUG	ECC	AUC
Adventure racing			DNC
AFL m	5th Div 1		
Athletics m	10th		
Athletics w	3rd		
Badminton m		4th Div 1	
Badminton w		4th Div 1	
Basketball m	8th Div 1	3rd	
Basketball w	1st Div 2	1st	
Baseball	2nd		
Cricket			1st
Distance Running			DNC
Hockey m	4th Div 1		
Hockey w	4th Div 1		
Judo	3rd		
Kendo	5th		
Lawn bowls	8th Div 1, 9th Div 2		
Netball w	4th Div 1		
Netball mx	12th Div 1		
Orienteering			14th
Rowing			1st
Rugby m	1st Div 1		
Snow sports			3rd
Soccer m	6th Div 1		
Soccer w	1st Div 1		
Softball	1st Div 1		
Surfing			DNC
Swimming	3rd		
Taekwondo	Equal 2nd		
Tennis w	5th Div 1		
Tennis m	1st Div 1, 2nd 9th Div 2		
Ten Pin	4th Div 1, 5th Div 2		
Touch m	2nd Div 2		
Touch w	3rd Div 1		
Touch mx	7th Div 2	Usyd(1) - 4th, Usyd(2) - 9th	
Triathlon			3rd
Ultimate	2nd	3rd	
Frisbee			
Volleyball m	2nd Div 1, 8th Div 2		
Volleyball w	3rd Div 1		
Water polo m		1st Div 1	
Water polo w		1st Div 1	

### AUG – Green and Gold Selections

Sport	Athletes
Athletics	Lara Tamsett
AFL m	Ben Mankarious
Badminton m	Kenny Ng
Badminton w	Tina Chow
Baseball	Stephen Smith, Daniel Illingworth
Basketball w	Melissa Smith
Judo	David (Chen) Wang
Kendo m	Ervin Peng
Netball w	Erin Bell
Rugby m	Trent Dyer, Julian James
Softball	Michelle Edgton, Annabel Davies, Samantha Poole
Swimming m	Matt Jaukovic, Daniel Wise
Tennis m	Brenton Dumbrell
Ten Pin	Aiden Levy
Ultimate	Peter Liddicoat, Maximilian Halden
Frisbee	Maximilian Halden
Volleyball m	Luke Carroll, Chris Todd
Volleyball w	Elizabeth Connolly, Gabrielle Woodhouse
Water polo m	Ben Zonaras, Tom Woudwijk, James Young
Water polo w	Beth Loder, Taniele Gofers, Keesja Gofers, Samara Davie
Cricket	Nick Larkin
<b>Total:</b>	<b>32</b>

### World University Championships

Bridey Delaney competed in the World University Championships in Cross Country on 5-6 April in Mauquenchy, France and finished 36th.

The Match Racing World University Championship was in Gdansk Poland from 1-6 July. The Australian Universities team finished 4th. In the team were Ted Hackney, Sean O'Rourke and William Ryan from Sydney University.

World University Handball Championships were held in Venice Italy from 5-13 July. Sydney University was represented by Nicholas Gregory-

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“ ... INTEREST IN THE (SHORT COURSES) PROGRAM IS HIGHER, WITH A **BETTER PRESENCE ON THE INTERNET** AND MANY EMAIL ENQUIRIES AS A RESULT OF WEBPAGE REFERRALS.”

Roberts, Hugh Ronzani, Matthew Walsh and David Wilson. The team finished 16th.

World University Championship Rowing was held from 5-7 September in Belgrade, Serbia. Mark Prater (Coach M4-), James Harding, Dominic Grimm, Ry Kehlet, Alan Bennett (Head Coach W4- and W2x), Emma Costello, Chloe O'Regan, Natasha Bolsin and Ailsa Tremayne represented Australian Universities from Sydney University. The women's coxless four finished 2nd in the B final and 8th overall while the double finished 11th. The men's coxless four were also out of the medals finishing 10th.

## UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS Short Courses

2008 was an encouraging year for Short Courses which attracted a total of 551 enrolments; 60 more enrolments than 2007. The number of enrolments taken in semester 2 was the highest taken in a

semester since semester 1 2002.

The most interesting achievement, however, was the ratio of members to non-members which has gradually decreased from 1:2.5 in semester 1 2007 to 1:1.3 in semester 2 2008. With a greater number of enrolments and an increased proportion of non-members, the income for the program has increased over the past four semesters with a sharp increase in the most recent semester.

The gradual increase in participant numbers may be attributed to:

- Increase in the number of courses offered
- 'Fit & Energised' e-newsletter sent to previous participants and enquirers at the beginning of each semester
- Inclusion of short courses advertising in ROAR magazines, ROAR e-newsletters and ISSU newsletters
- Marketing and promotional focus

on international students and non-member market

- Improvement in visual appeal of short courses web pages
- 'Come n Try for FREE' promotion
- Closer ties with ISSU, residential colleges and affiliated campuses
- Change of name from 'Recreation Courses' to 'Short Courses' and rearrangement of courses into 'sport', 'recreation' and 'dance' categories
- SUSF rebranding
- 'Open to Everyone' slogan
- Improved, colourful brochure design
- Less competition with USU not offering dance and recreation courses
- Improved staff education
- Delivery of brochures to local community and backpacker hotspots.

Allocating promotional funds to increased brochure orders, Come n Try for FREE promotion and SMS reminders in 2008 rather than advertising in local newspapers and USU publications does not seem to have had a detrimental effect on the promotion of the short courses. Instead, interest in the program is higher, with a better presence on the internet and many email enquiries as a

result of webpage referrals. The better education of SUSF customer service staff was also a key factor in the success of the program in semester 2 2008.

The four fencing courses offered in semester 1 and 2 in 2008 were by far the most popular courses. Many of those who had participated in the beginner courses in 2007 returned for the intermediate course in 2008. Fencing was so popular in semester 2 that an extra course running from the end of semester until Christmas was set up to accommodate for the demand.

The growth of the program is limited by the availability of venues. A greater number of courses may be conducted but they would have to be ones which are outsourced due to the lack of available facilities on campus during peak hours. For semester 1 2009, greater venue availability has been allocated to the program with additional courses planned to run in the Activities Hall and Education Annexe Dance Studio on Monday evenings.

The link with clubs has been strengthened this year with the addition of archery for beginners and badminton for beginners. Both clubs have stated that the establishment of courses has been beneficial in attracting new club members. Other clubs such as Sailing and Ultimate Frisbee have expressed interest in running beginner courses in the

program in semester 2 2009.

The key strategies for promotions in 2009 are: introduction of new courses, 'open for everyone' slogan, user-friendly web pages and online enrolments, distribution of 'get fit and energised' e-newsletter to past participants and enquiries, SUSF staff education prior to program launch, Come n Try for FREE promotion in conjunction with SMS reminders, promotional presentations to key market groups – international students, college and university housing residents, and the delivery of brochures to the local community and non-member markets.

#### **Lunchtime Sport**

2008 was a great improvement on 2007 where the number of teams registered in the indoor mixed netball competition decreased significantly from 2006 and where 3-on-3 basketball and dodgeball competitions failed to run due to insufficient registrations. Several teams from the indoor open soccer competition in 2007 returned to participate in both semester 1 and 2 in 2008 whilst the popularity of the new indoor mixed soccer competition grew throughout the year.

The new fixtures and format for the indoor open soccer competition and the on-going support of the Co Op Bookshop as sponsors are key factors in creating culture for the program. Teams indicated that the new format which allowed an ultimate winner in the

competition was a winning formula. The indoor open soccer competition ran at capacity in both semesters in 2008 with a maximum of 48 teams registered in both semesters.

The indoor mixed netball competition attracted 8 teams in semester 1 but only 5 in semester 2. Indoor mixed soccer had 5 teams in semester 1 and 8 in semester 2.

One of the most encouraging outcomes was the inclusion of teams from International House and Sydney Uni Village. The residencies have now organised to cover the costs of teams in the program. This is set to continue in 2009.

A promotional initiative that attracted interest to the program in both semesters was the inclusion of the message 'Don't have a team? Contact us and we'll try and find one for you to join' on posters and flyers. Individuals made enquiries throughout the year to get involved in the program and in semester 2 at least 2 teams were made up of those who had called without a team.

A number of enquiries are also coming through the web page for the program which includes all new and current season information. It is hoped that in 2009, an online results system may be set up to encourage greater use of the web page.

For semester 1 2009, the same schedule for indoor open soccer, indoor mixed netball and indoor mixed soccer will be run. An open basketball



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## RAWSON

SPORT	ST ANDREW'S	ST JOHN'S	ST PAUL'S	WESLEY
Cricket	3	0	3	3
Swimming	3	0	5	1
Rowing	5	0	3	1
Rugby	1	0	5	3
Soccer	3	0	1	5
Tennis	3	0	5	1
Basketball	0	1	3	5
Athletics	0	2	2	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23*</b>

## ROSEBOWL

SPORT	ST ANDREW'S	ST JOHN'S	SANCTA	WESLEY	WOMEN'S
Swimming	1	0	3	5	7
Rowing	3	1	0	6	6
Netball	5	0	1	7	3
Hockey	3	1	0	6	6
Softball	5	3	0	7	1
Tennis	7	0	1	5	3
Basketball	4	4	1.5	7	1.5
Athletics	7	3	0	5	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>46*</b>	<b>28.5</b>

\*Points deducted due to penalties.

competition will also be included. Since the number of netball teams registering has decreased over the past 3 semesters, a court is available for an extra competition to be run. The format of the basketball competition will not be 3-on-3, but rather with full 5-player teams. An extra 2-3pm timeslot on Thursdays has also been reserved as an overflow option for teams that miss out on registering in the indoor open soccer competition as teams were turned away in both semesters 1 and 2 with the competition booked to capacity.

A focus for the program in 2009 will be trying to build and foster culture to encourage teams to return for consecutive seasons. A 'hall of fame' will be set up on the noticeboard where pictures of previous winning teams will be posted.

### Interfaculty Sport

The total number of participants in Interfaculty Sport in 2008 was 893 over 16 events. Two events were cancelled in 2008 due to inclement weather or insufficient competition entries.

### 2008 Participation

Touch	238
Soccer M	128
Ultimate Frisbee	78
Netball	92
Table Tennis	24
Basketball M	55
Basketball W	36
Volleyball	40
Indoor Soccer	58
5km Run	43

Events in semester 1 attracted better numbers than 2007, but most events in semester 2 had a lower rate of participation. It is unknown what factors caused the decline in participation in the program in semester 2.

Interfaculty Sport participation numbers have been on the decline for the past few years with 983 participants in 2005, 973 participants in 2006, 942 participants in 2007 and 893 participants in 2008. A loss of almost 100 participants over a four-year period is apparent. Further consultation with the faculty representatives will occur in 2009 to better determine what sports

the students want to participate in.

The Faculty of Education and Social Work were victorious for the second year in a row followed by Veterinary Science, Commerce and Law respectively. It was disappointing that Medicine finished towards the back of the field given the rivalry in previous years between Education and Medicine. However, it was encouraging to see smaller faculties such as Pharmacy, Law, Dentistry, Agriculture and Engineering participating in a number of events throughout the year.

2008 saw two interns oversee the administration and organisation of Interfaculty Sport; Johanna Way in semester 1 and Antony Butler in semester 2. Antony Butler will be staying on to manage the program for semester 1 2009.

16 events have been scheduled for 2009 with traditional and individual sports such as cricket and squash omitted in favour of more popular team events. The 16 events in 2009 are as follows: touch football (2 competitions), tennis, soccer m, soccer w, ultimate frisbee, netball, badminton, table tennis, basketball m, basketball w, indoor soccer (2 competitions), volleyball, handball and 5km run.

It is hoped that the inclusion of less traditional and easier-to-play sports will turn around the declining participation rate for the program. Communication with faculty sports representatives will need to be improved as well as promotional strategies.

### Intercollege Sport

The overall victor of the 2008 Rawson Cup was St Paul's College and the Rosebowl was Wesley College. The final overall point scores are as follows:

2008 was an eventful year for Intercollege Sport with challenges such as incidents of misbehaviour and theft, tribunal hearings, a rain-drenched Rawson rugby final and what seemed like a never-ending list of items to amend in the constitution and policy and procedure documents. Despite the obstacles, the 2008 Intercol Committee and Leonie Lum banded together to ensure that the Rawson and Rosebowl events were delivered in a professional fashion, addressing as many loopholes



and ambiguities in the constitution and sporting by-laws as possible. In handing over to the 2009 committee, the 2008 Intercol committee left a legacy of cleaner finances and a plan to ensure the stability of Rawson and Rosebowl sport and other Intercol events for future years.

Two years from the first involvement of SUSF in the management of Rawson and Rosebowl events, efficient policy and procedures are now in place to ensure the program is delivered effectively. Venue bookings for events are secured at least 6 months in advance and the communication of the calendar and notices around the college community are well-managed. College teams can now be assured that events are sufficiently staffed with qualified officials, safety procedures are in place and a reliable system established to ensure protests are heard fairly and promptly. Those unfamiliar with the intercollegiate network can now easily find a relevant contact for their enquiries. Event programmes are now distributed to the college community at least 2 weeks prior to an event and all current information can be accessed via the intercollege sport web page.

While the management of Rawson and Rosebowl sporting events has become more systematic and efficient, there is still a way to go in ironing out certain policies and procedures. Management of behaviour at events is still a work in progress. Intercol recognised and accepted their duties in event management following incidents at the rowing regatta in 2008 but the committee is yet to ratify a behaviour management strategy to deal with misbehaviour at events.

A five-year agreement was signed with the residential colleges at the conclusion of 2008, securing SUSF involvement in the management of Rawson and Rosebowl sport until 2013. It was stated in the 2007 annual report that emphasis in 2008 would be placed on improving the services and programs currently run by SUSF to better cater to the needs of the college community, rather than on streamlining the management of intercollege sport. It is hoped that in 2009 this will be achieved.



### Affiliated Campuses

2007 saw most of the affiliated campuses remain fairly active in promoting sport and recreation activities despite a reduction in funding, 2008 was in contrast a very inactive year. The Conservatorium of Music used their funding to participate in the social netball competitions held at the University Sports & Aquatic Centre. Medicine, Law, Dentistry (Westmead), Sydney College of the Arts, and Veterinary Science (Camden) did not utilise their allotments despite active encouragement by SUSF staff to run sporting activities on their

campuses. Dentistry and Medicine failed to get their annual rugby tournament running due to issues with insurance. Law did run their annual sports day. Veterinary Science (Camden) signed up SUSF members throughout 2008 but did not take advantage of the 100% rebate offered to them.

It is hoped that visits to the affiliated campuses and meetings with new 2009 campus representatives early semester 1 2009 will help to promote and encourage greater participation in sport and recreation activities at the affiliated campuses.

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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### School Holiday Sports Camps

The School Holiday Sports Camps continue to be very popular with 2,551 enrolments taken in 2008. 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. Local schools are also delivered brochures for distribution and sent marketing information about the camps. The data shows that the majority of enrolments are previous participants and that word of mouth is also a very effective marketing tool. The mail out to past camp participants has reached its largest ever distribution (over 4,500).

85 sports camps were offered throughout the year, an increase on the 80 camps offered in 2007 and 77 in 2006. Total enrolments were well down from 2007 where 3,256 were recorded. The reasons for this are varied but include a combination of factors including staff turnover at SUSF and Camp Australia, the economic downturn and increased competition in the local area.

The multi-sport camps at both HK

Ward Gymnasium and St Andrew's Oval proved popular with new sports and instructors. Soccer, cricket, tennis, netball and basketball also proved favourites this year with our water polo program steadily improving participation rates.

Period	Camps	Attendance
Summer 07/08	30	753
Autumn 2008	18	644
Winter 2008	19	613
Spring 2008	17	541
Total	85	2,551

Key relationships were established with Camp Directors and Sydney Uni clubs (particularly rugby union, cricket and basketball). The Acuvue Sydney Uni Flames maintained their involvement in 2008 with basketball players delivering coaching sessions and player appearances. The Sydney Uni Football Club supplied coaches for the rugby union camps and also organized player appearances from the Waratahs. The Sydney Uni Cricket Club has always been very good at supplying coaches and they continued to be great supporters of the program in 2008.

The multi-sport camps throughout

the year included the usual complement of excellent coaches and teachers. The Camp Directors were all qualified and experienced PE teachers and the guest instructors included instructors in judo and hip hop dance, chief instructor in Aikido, certified ultimate frisbee instructors, a Level 3 fencing instructor and Maestro of Arms, and Australian European handball representatives. A Matilda's player also coached on the soccer camps providing coaching tips for young female players. Recently appointed NSW Blues Cricket representative, Ian Moran, his brother Sean and first grade representative Will Hay all served as Directors of our popular cricket camps. Three AFL/NSW Development Officers and Sydney University representatives directed and coached at our AFL camps.

Rebel Sport completed their second year as the major sponsor of the School Holiday Sports Camps 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 continued their sponsorship supplying fresh fruit to camp participants as well as promotional material to give away. They are the official snack supplier and have reached an agreement which will see them partner with Sydney Uni Sports Camps for the next three years.

The contractual agreement between Camp Australia and SUSF continued in 2008. Camp Australia experienced significant restructuring this year at administration and customer service levels. Neil Finlay continues to work with their staff to maximise benefit to both organisations through quality service delivery of our camps.

Support for community groups for disadvantaged children such as the Boys and Girls Brigade and NASCA was continued through sponsored camp placements and sports programs on campus in 2008.

### School Sport

Three primary schools, two high schools, one tertiary institution and one special school from the local area participated in the School Sport Program at Sydney Uni in 2008. Schools included Paddington Public School, North Newtown Public School, St Mary's Cathedral School, St Andrew's Cathedral School, Carinya Special School, Alexandria Park Primary and High School, Balmain Public School, and Brigidine College, Randwick. Each school participated in various activities including kickboxing, rock-climbing, judo and other more traditional sports such as soccer, ultimate frisbee, cricket

and netball.

Unfortunately, Summer Hill School (reason not specified) and St Andrew's College (direct booking at SUSAC) did not participate in the 2008 program. However, Randwick East TAFE and Carinya Special School, in addition to extra visits from Paddington Primary School, made up for this loss. In term 3, Brigidine College Randwick brought approximately 150 students to participate in a Year 9 Activities Day at Sydney University. This day, which started in 2006, ran successfully again. Balmain Primary School also conducted an end of year activities day on-campus in term 4 for approximately 85 Year 4, 5 and 6 students, delighted with the structured and diverse program, professional coaches and excellent facilities.

In comparison to 2007, the number of schools participating in the program was about the same (losing 2 schools and picking up 2 plus an additional activities day). The number of students taking part in the program in 2008 decreased from 885 in 2007 to 810 in 2008. The number of classes being taken dropped marginally from 38 in 2007 to 36 in 2008.

### School Sport Enrolments 2008

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Schools	4	4	5	3
Classes/ Week	9	9	11	7
Students/ Week	140	150	330	190

### EDUCATION PROGRAMS

2008 was a successful year for the Education Programs with lots of new and exciting developments taking place. The PDHPE program has continued to grow with 15 new schools attending over the year and a record 1,240 students participating in total.

### First Aid Enrolments

Course Type	Participants 2008
Education	294
Other Degree	234
CPR	98
Staff	15
School	98
Total	739

The year 11 and 12 modules continue to be updated and modified to meet student's needs and new equipment incorporated into the modules. Term two and three remain the busiest time for the PDHPE program and to keep up with demand we have looked into employing a casual staff member during this time in 2009.

We have seen similar success with the Sports Medicine Awareness Courses with participation numbers continuing to grow and all schools from 2007 returning and completing courses with us in 2008. Both school programs met budget for the year.

Positive relationships continue to build between SUSF and the Cynergex Group (our partner for the delivery of accredited first aid courses) and we have had a good year with first aid courses. Student participation in refresher first aid and CPR courses increased in popularity and our partnership with Macquarie Hospital remains strong. Six CPR courses were held at the hospital through the year. University students remain our main target audience with a total of 528 students completing a course with us in 2008. Due to a large number of Education students completing courses in 2007, we were slightly below budget for 2008 for first aid. Marketing and communication strategies have been improved with the Education Faculty with specific groups being targeted for next year which will hopefully increase our productivity in 2009. Marketing advances for first aid have allowed us to expand the business and we have seen good enrolments from Medicine, Engineering, Colleges, University staff, SUSF staff and members of the general public.

**Dr Michelle Nancarrow**  
Deputy Director

### 2008 Program Participants

Enrolments	PDHPE	Sports Medicine/Taping	Taping	First Aid/CPR
Classes	60	15	1	58
School Students	1,240	256	14	98
University Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	440
General Public	N/A	N/A	N/A	143
Total	1,240	256	14	739



## OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES A TEAM EFFORT



**IN 2008** we conducted capital works across the majority of our facilities, welcomed new staff into important positions and delivered a record income.

### Capital Works

Our first major capital works in May, the new lights on No. 1 Oval, have significantly improved player and spectator experience at training and matches. We can now support night football, in addition to regular night training and matches.

At the Grandstand, the remainder of a 2007 water grant from the Federal Government funded new water tanks for the Bruce Williams Pavilion. Water is now harvested from the roof and supplies the change rooms' toilets.

In June, two major projects were completed at the Arena Sports Centre. The ground floor and change rooms were tiled to replace old linoleum. Air conditioning was installed in the gymnasium and coaches offices. General upkeep, these upgrades and interior/exterior painting has had a positive impact on the many using the facilities.

During August we submitted the DA for the Cunningham's Reach Boathouse. Council delayed the DA while seeking advice from an external consultant, requiring further changes to the application. We have re-submitted the DA and hope to have it approved shortly.

Glebe Boathouse saw improvements in September. The old roof, containing asbestos, and the 25 year-old air conditioning system were replaced. A subsequent program of minor works to the pontoon, boatshed and change rooms was established, which commenced in early 2009.

The final major works for 2008 took place at the Sports & Aquatic Centre in December. Two large windows were

added to the southern wall (matching those at the western wall), and rows of windows at the top of the walls were replaced. This has dramatically increased the amount of light coming into the pool area.

Upgrades to the box gutter outside the building with stainless steel should resolve all issues with water leaks. Air curtains between the pool deck and the rest of the centre were also added. The centre's metal super-structure was painted as a rust prevention measure. Static lines, walkways and ladders were also added to the roof to enhance safety.

Finally, a program was established to complete the remainder of work on the Sports & Aquatic Centre for 2009. This included a refurbishment of the foyer, the replacement of the pool plant, and the addition of a smoke detection and alarm system.

### Grounds

Our grounds did well, holding up to another year of heavy use by our clubs. They remain in good condition thanks to a magnificent effort from all our grounds staff. The inclement weather during the winter football season rendered many surfaces unplayable at times. Nonetheless, the wickets and surrounds were ready for the summer cricket season.

We are aware that lighting on No 2 Oval and The Square needs improving and are currently working with the University on solutions.

Grounds staff were delighted to take delivery of the following new equipment during 2008: a Gator transport vehicle, a Mentay Tow-A-Tarp, a John Deere tractor mower and a "Super Sopper." The total value of these new machines was approximately \$100k.

### Facilities Budget

The following summary is based on unaudited financial figures for 2008.



(Audited figures appear in the 2008 annual financial report).

In terms of our budget, profit is dominated by SUSAC (our primary profit centre) and expenses by the Grounds (our major cost centre). SUSAC had a very solid year financially. It met its full annual budgeted income and profit targets after just three quarters. We brought in a record \$3.33m against a budget of \$3.22m - an excess of approximately \$110k. Profit for the SUSAC also exceeded budget: \$1.18m vs \$974k - an excess of approximately \$203k.

Total profit for the year was \$207k vs a budgeted profit of \$232k, a shortfall of 11.3%. While ahead of budget all year, we undertook a large expenditure on maintenance in December, in preparation for a lean year in 2009.

### Staff

Former Operations Manager, Rob Smithies, was promoted to Executive



“ OUR GROUNDS REMAIN IN GOOD CONDITION THANKS TO **A MAGNIFICENT EFFORT** FROM ALL OUR GROUNDS STAFF.”

Director. Paul Gray acted in this role until the permanent appointment of David Shaw who started in mid-June.

Paul Gray was subsequently appointed Assistant Centre Manager at SUSAC. Andrea Garcia replaced Paul Byrom as Shift Manager. And, while Amy Guirguis was initially taken on as Bookings Coordinator, she also took on the role of the Robyn Webster Centre Manager after Madelene Rivier moved over to the Elite Athlete Program. Tristan Michelsons replaced Michael McAulay as Pool Lifeguard.

Elsewhere, Paul Reynolds replaced Helen Teale as the Arena Centre

Manger, while Renee Payne was appointed Assistant Centre Manager. Out on the Grounds, Daryl Davidson replaced Grant Anderson as Assistant Head Groundsman, while we took on a new apprentice Greg Donachie after Nathan Varley departed.

#### **Conclusion**

My thanks go to all the staff at the University who made our capital works and equipment program possible. I'd like to thank Bob Kotic and Deborah Lambourne from the office of the COO for providing the funding, and John Cox, Phil Sorbello, Anthony Cox, John

Chung, Martin Ayers and Ingrid Bascur from Campus Infrastructure Services for invaluable assistance and expertise. I'd also like to thank David Lavings and Matt Inch from CMS Consulting for managing the projects.

And finally, I am indebted to all our Operations and Facilities staff for such a successful year, in particular John Moloney, Paul Gray, Paul Reynolds, Ray Hunt and Leon Talay.

#### **David Shaw**

Operations and Facilities Manager



# MARKETING AND MEMBERSHIP THE BIRTH OF SUSF. MARKETING AND MEMBERSHIP



**AFTER** strategically planning the re-branding of the organisation, 2008 offered the challenging opportunity to publicly

rollout a revitalised image and identity. We benefitted from an increased commercial focus, with targeted promotional activities to segmented audience groups both on and off-campus, driven by a Marketing department now in its second formal year of operation. While the re-brand was undoubtedly the biggest project and achievement of 2008, supporting our Olympians' Beijing campaigns, launching ROAR magazine and regular membership promotional campaigns were also of major importance.

There was a substantial change within the Marketing department staffing. After passionately driving the re-brand through research and concept stages to a successful roll-out as Marketing & Memberships Manager, Michael Crump left SUSF and was replaced by Ross Xenos in July.

## Rebranding

The birth of the new Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness brand occurred on January 1, 2008 followed by the intricate process of re-identifying the organisation. This encompassed the update of physical facility and directional signage, staff uniforms, a new website and a new branded publication – ROAR magazine.

## Website

Launched on February 18, www.susf.com.au tremendously improved the online personality of the new Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness. As well as refreshing information from the previous website, the new site exposed the new brand, with a fresh, contemporary colour scheme. A new content management platform enables direct-integration between the Gladstone Member Relationship Management system. The new site, through revisions to plug-in applications, now generates more statistics on site traffic and is an important tool for marketing feedback.

On average, throughout 2008, the following statistics define monthly traffic to the site:

- Average site visitations – 11,000
- Average page viewing – 33,700
- Average time spent navigating site per visit – 2:42
- Percentage of new visitors – 61%

## ROAR Magazine

One of the year's most significant achievements was the birth of ROAR Magazine.

Replacing the SUS Handbook, ROAR Magazine is a bi-yearly, all-in-one topical and informational publication innovatively showcasing the products, services, programs and benefits of Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness to both on- and off-campus communities.

Designed in association with brand consultant agency RGC, ROAR attracted promotions and paid advertising from internal and external stakeholders. The

two issues released in 2008 featured paid advertising from sponsors, Rydges, Sub Aquatics, ACUVUE, MBF, Surf Camp Australia, Sydney Uni Village and The Co-op Bookshop.

Producing ROAR Magazine involved writing, collating and editing 42 pages of content; consultative design and layout of the publication and generating advertising revenue before printing and distribution. In 2008, a total of 8,000 copies were distributed.

ROAR was met with very positive feedback – some calling it the 'quintessential on-campus sporting publication'. Plans for the future are to increase the magazine to tri-yearly and growing distribution bases to incorporate electronic circulation. We seek to enhance stories of our senior elite athletes and associations with intriguing insights into the role that SUSF is playing in their remarkable careers.

## Beijing

Twenty Sydney University athletes represented Australia in Beijing. Their amazing achievements generated significant exposure for SUSF through local and metro media outlets, particularly through the Cumberland newspaper group. Through various marketing activities – particularly web coverage, the University was also very aware of our athlete's involvement, with a message of support from the new Vice-Chancellor posted on our site for the duration of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## Membership

Various targeted annual membership and facility fitness pass campaigns were run throughout 2008. The first and traditionally the largest campaign was O'Week.

Although being one of the strongest membership weeks of the year, O'Week failed to reach the



heights of success that it had been earmarked for. An unfortunate culmination of poor weather and IT problems were largely to blame for the lack of traffic and poor conversion of passing traffic. However week one of Semester proved strong to regain some of the ground lost in the week prior.

In May, an innovative fitness pass campaign was conducted, offering 2 weeks of Gold Membership access for only \$25. The campaign was targeted at enticing new members to experience an SUSF membership, as well as allowing current members the option to experience the benefits of an upgrade to the highest pass level. With over 430 individuals taking up the offer, it was an enormous success. Most



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pleasing was that almost 20% of trailers rolled onto another term membership pass – taking total campaign revenue to approximately \$58,000.

September saw another innovative campaign succeed with a broad target audience. The ‘Win a 48cm TV/DVD’ campaign gave all new and renewing members an entry into the draw to win the main prize. The campaign attracted 187 entrants, raising over \$61,000 in pass revenues. The open, all inclusive nature of the campaign, matched with a low cost per entrant in promotional expenditure, achieved an impressive return on investment.

**Frontline Service**

Supported by a new, united brand, SUSF customer service staff of on-campus facilities are at the ‘Frontline’ of our operations. Understanding this, a consultative process was undertaken with all Frontline staff, including Centre Managers and Shift Supervisors, to develop a new service mission and objectives through the end of 2008.

New service frameworks were



developed and communicated to Frontline staff through a series of training workshops, commencing in November. The implementation of new service strategies has been met with good feedback from staff and has seen an improvement in the standards of service to SUSF’s stakeholders.

**Ross Xenos**

Marketing and Membership Manager





# ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM COMING OF AGE. ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM



**I**N 2008, 18 years after the athlete scholarship program was established, the SUSF Elite Athlete Program granted sport scholarships to 240 athletes from more than 30 sports, with a further 60 places offered in the Talented Athlete Program (TAP). Applications for sports scholarships totalled just over 400, and were once again of an exceptional standard.

NSW cricketer Mark Cameron (Bachelor of Applied Science – Exercise and Sport Science) and diver Alex Croak (Bachelor of Applied Science – Occupational Therapy) received the Vice Chancellor's Sport Scholarships for academic and sporting excellence. Each demonstrated their worthiness to be awarded such an honour, with Mark's superb efforts with the NSW Blues men's cricket team and Alex achieving a berth at her second Olympics, competing in the 10m platform diving event at the Beijing Games in 2008.

The partnership between SUSF and the Faculty of Economics and Business continued to prosper, with the announcement of the Faculty's Undergraduate Sports scholarships to complement the 10 Postgraduate Sports scholarships offered annually. Recognising the sporting achievements and leadership abilities of athletes currently studying an undergraduate degree in Economics and Business, the program provides up to 2 athlete scholarships per year, to the value of \$10,000 per year for the duration of their degrees. In 2008, Australian U/23 rower James Goswell and Australian Schoolboy rugby player David McDuling were the first to receive this prestigious scholarship.

Once again, we relished the immeasurable support of the University of Sydney, which provided a funding boost of more than \$200,000 to the

Elite Athlete Program in March 2008. This funding delivered additional financial support for our new and current scholarship holders, as well as providing significant increases for essential services such as tutoring, nutrition and sports psychology.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the University, in particular Deborah Lambourne and Bob Kotic for their continued support of the Elite Athlete Program. Special thanks also go to SUSF President Bruce Ross for negotiating with the University regarding this extra funding.

### Widespread Support

The Blue & Gold Club extended their support with two scholarships awarded to Beijing Olympian Elizabeth Kell (rowing, B/Education) and dual Olympian Jason Smith (basketball, M/International Business). The Blues Association supported three scholarship holders in 2008 – Melissa Hammond (water polo, B/Medical Science); Matt Jaukovic (swimming, B/Economics & Law) and Charlotte Walters (rowing, B/Physiotherapy).

MBF Health awarded three scholarships in 2008 and their contribution was greatly appreciated. ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flame Eva Afeaki (basketball, B/Economic and Social Sciences); Renee Kirby (rowing, B/Arts & Science) and Lachlan Renshaw (athletics, B/Commerce) were the 2008 recipients. The Dr Philip Rundle Athletics Scholarship was awarded to Justin Merlino (athletics, Physiotherapy) and the Marie Gavel Memorial Scholarship recipients for rowing were Edward White (Agricultural Economics) and Emma Cook (B/Education). The Faculty of Pharmacy scholarship recipient was soccer player James Alcorn, whilst Ihsan Savran (soccer) and Brenton Dumbrell (tennis) were awarded the Ray Hyslop and Kaye Denning scholarships respectively.

The Blues Committee met in October

and subsequently awarded 20 Blues, with the Blue of the Year awards going to Lachlan Renshaw (athletics) and Keesja Gofers (water polo). The function at the Great Hall attracted more than 250 people, including our new Vice-Chancellor Dr. Michael Spence.

Overall, the Elite Athlete Program (EAP) assisted 300 athletes with the largest number of scholarship students coming from the Faculties of Health Sciences and Economics and Business. Just over 50 athletes received joint scholarship support from Residential Colleges and Sydney University Village. More than 25 athletes from the NSW Institute of Sport also received scholarships. All new athletes were inducted in March at The Grandstand, and also at the Cumberland campus.

### Support for International Representatives

In 2008, the University of Sydney provided more than \$20,000 in extra funding to assist 83 student-athletes who were selected to represent Australia at international events. Our men's and women's rowers were the main recipients of international travel funding, with a large percentage of the overall budget going to assist U/23 Australian representatives and Senior A rowers in the lead-up to the Olympics and World Championships. Several swimmers and water polo representatives also received funding for overseas trips.

### Athlete Services

The focus on high academic achievement for athletes was highlighted by the addition of supplementary tutorials provided across 20 subjects. Personal development seminars were held on topics such as time management, essay writing and exam techniques, dietetics and sport psychology. Our tutorial program once again proved to be an essential service to the academic





success of many student-athletes, with more than 250 hours of tutorials conducted throughout 2008.

Academic results were again strong for the EAP, with an average for scholarship holders of 65.89%. Female athletes, fewer in number, generally outperformed their male counterparts by an average of 4 marks. Almost 21% of scholarship athletes obtained a Distinction average (75 or higher). Individual sports that performed strongly with more than 10 scholarship athletes included soccer, swimming and athletics. Runner Michael Harrison obtained the highest number of High Distinctions (5 in 2008), while swimmer Kate Johnson and Kristina Mah from karate obtained 4 each. Kate also obtained the highest overall average mark for 2008 (85.0).

The highest averages by degree were from scholarship athletes enrolled in B/Veterinary Science (75.2), followed by B/Pharmacy and the Masters of International Studies.

On the flipside subjects with multiple fails include Introductory Microeconomics (12) and Accounting 1A (9). Our athletes generally achieve the best marks in subjects from Education (PDHPE) and Management.

A Talent Identification Seminar in August highlighted athlete

recruitment, with approximately 100 students and parents receiving information about the sporting and academic opportunities/support available through Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness. These athletes were identified as having significant academic and sporting potential by SUSF coaches or

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through targeted sporting schools.

Scholarship athletes were again provided with access to first-class sport science services thanks to Martin Harland and Tim Leahy. Both performed wonderful work with the Sydney University Football Club (SUFC), the Sydney Uni Flames and the Sydney University Cricket Club, to name a few.

Alison Miles and Flavia Fayet provided invaluable dietetic support to our scholarship athletes in key sports such as rowing, rugby and swimming. Dr Haren Sthalekar continued his good work as our peak performance consultant with scholarship holders.

**Welcomes & Departures**

We welcome Madelene Rivier to our program as Elite Athlete Program Coordinator. Madelene has done an outstanding job in the past year and has quickly established a great rapport with many of our athletes. We also welcomed Paul Penna, our new Sports

Psychologist, who came from the New South Wales Institute of Sport and worked with the Australian Swimming team at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Special thanks need to be addressed to our new Executive Director Robert Smithies, who took over after the departure of Greg Harris. Rob and I look forward to a successful period of growth for the Elite Athlete Program as we move onwards to the next Olympic Games in 2012.

**Ian Evans**

Elite Athlete Program Manager



**2008** was an Olympic year, which resulted in the 'Blue & Gold' Club staging more functions for members who are all sporting alumni and/or

supporters of sport at Sydney University.

### Functions in 2008

The eleventh consecutive annual 'Blue & Gold' Cricket Luncheon took place at Tattersalls Club on Friday February 29.

The entertainment commenced with Adam Spencer interviewing the two most recent SUCC 1st XI captains, Greg Mail and Shane Stanton, plus two Australian Women's Test cricketers – the Blackwell twins, Alex and Kate – who are also key members of the Universities Women's 1st XI.

Later that afternoon, Mike Coward, one of Australia's most experienced cricket writers and commentators, reviewed the season's "intense competition" between Australia and India plus the likely impact of the IPL Twenty20 player auction and subsequent Twenty20 competition. Mike's panel comprised three prominent members of the subcontinent press – Khalid Ansari, Debasish Datta and Nagraj Gollapudi.

The annual 'Blue & Gold' Aussie Rules Luncheon took place at the Four Seasons Hotel on Friday 11th April.

Adam Spencer moderated a panel of legendary Sydney Swans' players: Leo Barry the champion fullback, Jude Bolton the specialist midfielder and Michael O'Loughlin the game's record holder. Experienced 'Blue & Gold' campaigners declared that Adam's player interviews were the most entertaining they had ever seen!

The laughter continued when impersonator Andrew Startin introduced our luncheon guests to AFL commentators Bruce McAvaney, Sam Newman and Denis Cometi plus some of their cricket counterparts, notably



Richie Benaud and Tony Greig.

### An Olympic Feast

The 'Blue & Gold' Olympic Dinner was a splendid occasion in The Great Hall on Wednesday 7th May – just three months prior to the Beijing Opening Ceremony.

The keynote speaker was alumnus John Coates AC – the Chef de Mission of all Australian Olympic teams since Seoul in 1988. John provided our guests with fascinating insights into Beijing's Olympic preparations and made very encouraging predictions (which subsequently proved to be very accurate) about Australia's medal tally at the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Adam Spencer moderated a panel of previous Sydney Uni Olympians (Chris Fydler - swimming gold medallist; Peter Montgomery – 4 time Olympic waterpolo player; Natalie Porter –

basketball silver medallist and Liane Tooth – dual hockey gold medallist) and another panel of Beijing-bound Sydney Uni Olympians (canoeist Robin Bell, waterpolo player Trent Franklin, 800m runner Lachlan Renshaw and wheelchair basketballer Sarah Stewart).

### Debating Rugby

The twelfth consecutive annual 'Blue & Gold' Rugby Luncheon was held at Tattersalls Club on Friday 25th July.

Adam Spencer moderated an entertaining panel discussion, which involved SUFC First Grade coaches, Damien Hill and Trevor Woodman, plus SUFC senior players, Tom Carter (who had just completed a stellar Super 14 season with the NSW Waratahs) and Tim Davidson (who has now captained Sydney Uni to four consecutive Shute Shield victories).

The principal entertainment that day was the annual 'Blue & Gold' debate,

which this year saw The Gentlemen of Rugby (James O’Loughlin and Rob Carlton) successfully assert that “Rugby union should be reinstated as an Olympic sport”. Although soundly defeated for the twelfth consecutive year, the Low-Life Academia team (Adam Spencer and Rhys Muldoon) were extremely amusing. Unfortunately, they once again fell foul of a totally and unashamedly biased adjudicator – the former Australian Rugby Union President, Mr PL Harry!

### Celebrating Beijing

The ‘Blue & Gold’ Olympic Celebration Lunch was held at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney on Friday 29th August in honour of the twenty 2008 Sydney Uni Olympians, who competed with great distinction at the Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games.

After welcoming home the athletes, Vice-Chancellor Dr Michael Spence presented each of them with a print of a clever montage, comprising art card pictures of the twenty 2008 Sydney Uni Olympians in Beijing. During this presentation ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor was assisted by SUSF Executive Director, Robert Smithies, and by Simon Fieldhouse, the artist who created the montage.

The principal entertainment that day was Adam Spencer’s moderation of two very lively panels, each involving four of the 2008 Sydney Uni Olympians. The first panel comprised Australia’s first female Olympic wrestler, Dr Kyla Bremner; women’s 10m platform diver, Alex Croak; the coxswain of the men’s rowing eight, Marty Rabjohns, and men’s waterpolo vice-captain, Thomas Whalan. The second panel comprised men’s C1 slalom canoe bronze medallist, Robin Bell; women’s waterpolo bronze medallist, Taniele Gofers; men’s coxless four rowing silver medallist, Francis Hegerty, and our young 800m runner, Lachlan Renshaw.

### Golf Traditions

The annual SUSF/Blues Association “Traditional” Golf Day was held at St Michael’s Golf Club on Wednesday 8th October.

The size of the field was less than previous years, but the enjoyment factor was higher than ever. The Farr-Jones team disappointed when captain Max was once again unable to control

his three boys – Peter, Nick and Simon! The team event was actually won by the lads from Killara Golf Club – Richard Debenham, Terry Gilchrist, Ian Tonkin and Adrian Young.

The twelfth consecutive ‘Blue & Gold’ Xmas Hamper Golf Day was once again held at the New South Wales Golf Club on Tuesday 25th November.

Twenty teams competed for the Chancellor’s Cup, which was won by the Finn Foster APB team. 2nd and 3rd places were filled by teams featuring Sydney University sporting alumni – the St Vincent’s Clinic team (Chris Browne, Michael Neil, Martin Sullivan and Nick Vertyzas) and the euphemistically entitled “Men About Town” team (Campbell Anderson, Stewart Boyce,

highly prized imported players, Lindsey Pluimer and Rhonda Price, provided some fascinating insights into their basketball backgrounds. A very motivated Eva Afeaki impressed the audience with her determination to become an Opals player and Alicia Poto, our team captain and many times Australian representative, promised that the ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames would win their next three consecutive home games. The Flames duly delivered those three victories in the second week of December!

This luncheon was the first ‘Blue & Gold’ sporting function dedicated to female sport. It was a great public relations exercise for the ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames and it raised some

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Graham Hurst and Arthur Johnson).

There were lots of laughs during the presentation ceremony – none more so than when Australia’s modern day Banjo Patterson, Murray Hartin, recited some of his wonderfully amusing verses. As always ... everyone was a winner on the day, because all participants took home splendid Xmas hampers.

### Flames Burn Bright

The Flames’ Silver Jubilee Luncheon was held in the Anchorage Room at WatersEdge Restaurant on Thursday 4th December.

170 guests were thoroughly entertained by Adam Spencer’s panels, the first of which comprised four players with more than 1,000 Opals’ appearances between them: Karen Dalton, Trish Fallon, Robyn Maher and Michele Timms. These four champion Australian athletes enthusiastically recounted past escapades, all of which occurred off the court!

Adam’s subsequent panellists were all members of the current ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames WNBL team. Our

useful dollars towards the funding of our WNBL franchise.

### Our Major Sponsor - ACUVUE

We are delighted to confirm that ACUVUE will once again be the sponsor of our popular ‘Blue & Gold’ sporting functions in 2009. ACUVUE brand contact lenses are manufactured by Johnson & Johnson Vision Care and are the world’s leading brand of disposable contact lenses.

ACUVUE (Johnson & Johnson Vision Care) continues to be:

- ~ a major sponsor of Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness
- ~ the naming rights sponsor of our high profile WNBL side – the ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames
- ~ the sponsor of all ‘Blue & Gold’ sporting functions

Already there is a full program of ACUVUE- sponsored ‘Blue & Gold’ sporting functions in 2009, with hopes to launch an annual ‘Blue & Gold’ Water Sports Luncheon as well.

### Rodney Tubbs

Corporate & Alumni Relations Manager



**THE** Blues Association has continued its efforts to raise funds for the sport scholarship program while encouraging past Blues

to attend reunions and keep in touch with sporting accomplishments at the University.

The Association also encourages the SU Golds (long-serving administrators

FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup, and Charlotte Walters, who represented Australia in the World U23 Rowing Championships. We were thrilled that our scholarship holders had such success in their sport during 2008.

We were also very proud of the 15 Sydney University Blues representing Australia at the Olympics and Paralympics in Beijing, namely,

### Function Highlights

As usual the Pin Function at The Grandstand on 1 August proved to be a highlight of the year. Over 100 people attended and had lots of fun, watching pins being presented to those who received their Blue in a year ending in "8", listening to some of their own being interviewed and reminiscing on days and feats of years ago.

Chairman of the Senate Sports Liaison Committee, John McCarthy QC, presented the pins and endorsed the Blues program in getting the sporting alumni of the University to continue their support of University activities. A very pleasing profit of just over \$4000 from this function will enable us to offer three sports scholarships in 2009 despite the global financial crisis that had started to impact our investments at the end of the year. Thanks go to Rod Tubbs for his excellent MC job and interviews as well as to Cheryl Collins and Mac Chambers for their hard work behind the scenes to ensure the evening's success.

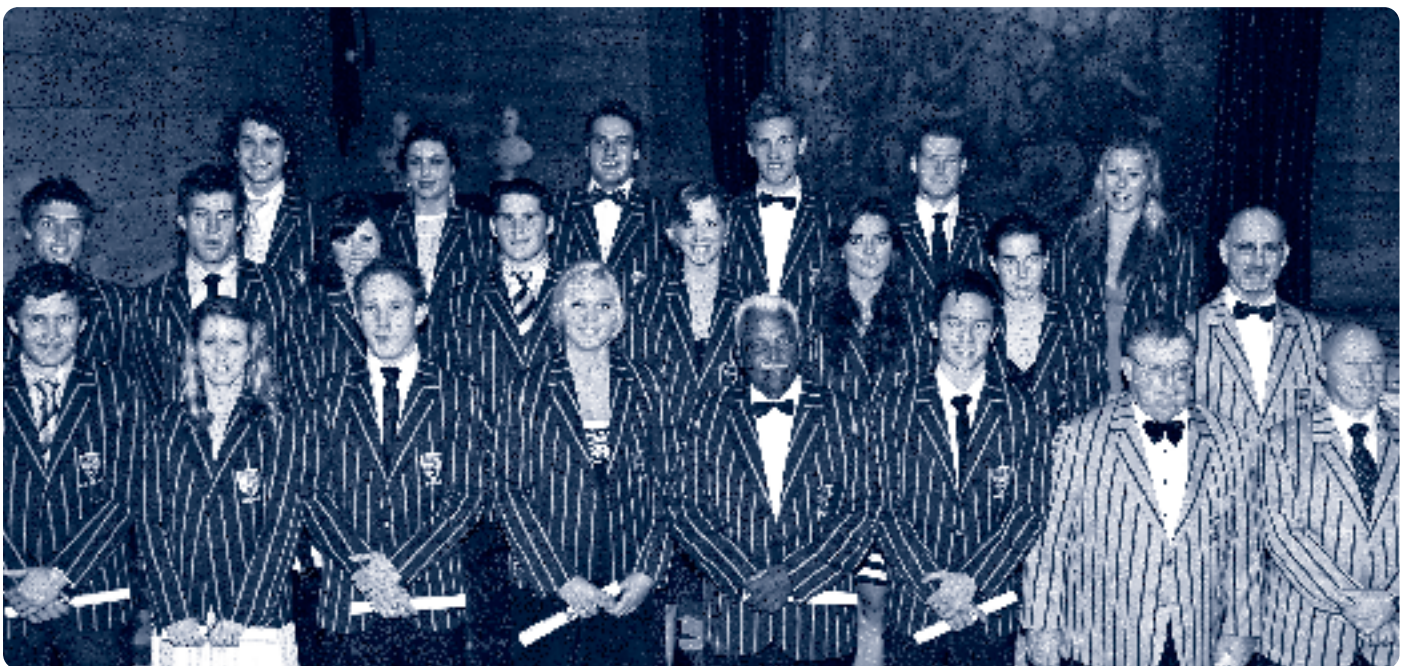
The Annual Golf Day was held at the

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and club contributors) to join and participate in sporting alumni activities.

Once again funds were provided for three sports scholarships. Recipients were Melissa Hammond, who came second at the U20 International Junior Water Polo Championships, Matt Jaukovic, who ended the year by smashing the World Record in the 50m Short Course Butterfly at the

Robin Bell and Lachlan Milne in canoe/kayaking, Trent Franklin, Rob Maitland, Sam McGregor, Thomas Whalan and Taniele Gofers in water polo, Liz Kell, Francis Hegerty and Marty Rabjohns in rowing, Alex Croak in diving, Kyla Bremner in wrestling, Megan Rivers in hockey, Angie Ballard in wheelchair track and field and Sarah Stewart in wheelchair basketball.



challenging St Michael's Course on 8 October. While only 28 players participated this year, a profit of \$1,584 was added to the scholarship funds. Thanks to donations from Peter Montgomery and St Michael's Golf Club, the raffle and auction were successful on the day.

A Young Blues reunion was held in conjunction with the ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames game v Townsville on 21 November and a fun time was had by all.

The year ended with the traditional Blues Dinner held in the Great Hall on 15 November and the presentation of 22 Blues and 4 Gold awards. Sadly our former Chancellor and Rowing Blue from 1963, Justice Kim Santow, had passed away suddenly after a relatively short illness. Only two years previously he had garbed the new Blues!

Guest speaker, Olympian Trent Franklin (water polo Blue 1999) used practical demonstrations with Adam Spencer's cooperation to illustrate points in his talk. Adam followed up by interviewing scholarship holders, Melissa Hammond and Charlotte Walters, as well as Olympic athlete Lachlan Renshaw (Matt Jaukovic who was overseas with the Australian Swim team at the time). While Chancellor, Governor Marie Bashir was unable to attend, it was very pleasing to welcome our new Vice Chancellor Dr Michael Spence who presented the certificates and made the announcement of the Blues of the Year: Keesja Gofers (the Alison Hattersley Trophy) and Lachlan Renshaw (the John Sykes Trophy).

Our congratulations go to Dr Phil Harris, boat Blue 1964, who received an AM in the Australia Day Honours List as well as to Dr Malcolm Stening, hockey Blue 1937, and Mrs Patricia Geidans former President of SUWSA, who both received OAMs.

#### **A Team Effort**

My thanks go to the members of the Committee for 2008: Cheryl Collins, Jacqueline Bonnittha, Tim Davidson, Michael Dickson, Brendon Hyde, Ray Hyslop, Gillian Ting, Rod Tubbs, Mehmet Yagci and archivist Mac Chambers. Besides organising events, the Committee has approached the University about improving the audio-



visual aspects of The Great Hall, drawn up guidelines for a potential branch of the Association in the ACT, conducted a raffle at the Blues Dinner and investigated the establishment of a sponsorship pack program which we plan to launch later this year.

Finally, I want to thank Executive Director, Rob Smithies, and his staff who have assisted us during the past 12 months, especially Jenny Lawler, Tony Jackson, Ian Evans and Madelene Rivier.

#### **Ann Mitchell**

President  
Blues Association



**IT HAS BEEN** yet another terrific year at each of our clubs with very pleasing performances and continued development of preparation and training, competition skills and team-building efforts. There have been many highlights but any achievement is only possible with the ongoing dedication of members and supporters.



### AFL Men

2008 has laid the foundation for a successful 2009 at SUANFC, as the club made great developments on and off the field. Most notably, great work was put into place for the launch of our U18 side in 2009. Further, and as an integral part of the launch of the Colts, the club has started to work closely with the development and recruitment staff of the Collingwood Football Club. It is to be hoped that this relationship benefits both clubs for years to come.

As well as these off field developments, SUANFC was proud to build on our efforts to support local junior football, and were honoured to be part of bringing the Peres Centre for Peace Team to the University.

On the field, the Seniors fell agonisingly short of the finals but it was positive to be in the position to be challenging for a finals berth in its second year back in the Premier Division. The Reserves were the outstanding achievers of the year with a fantastic finals performance taking them to the grand final. The Blues may have lost the grand final to Pennant Hills but they have done so well that they have been promoted two divisions. 2008 was one of the best seasons ever by a Reds squad, with encouraging training attendance and development of the playing group.

SUANFC would like to acknowledge its sponsors, the Forest Lodge Hotel, Sydney City Toyota and Scooteria; Sydney University Sport & Fitness; former VC Gavin Brown for his support of sport at the University; the SUANFC committee and all members and supporters of SUANFC.

Jason McLennan – President

### AFL Women

The Sydney University Women's Australian Football Club (SUWAFC) fielded one side in the 2008 Sydney Women's AFL (SWAFL) competition. Following the 2007 Premiership it

proved to be a rebuilding year due to several retirements by club stalwarts. SUWAFC finished in fourth position (unable to proceed beyond the elimination semi-final) which was an achievement given the number of rookies who had been brought into the side.

SUWAFC had its second player (Gianna Abbonizio) pass the 100 game milestone, with Bryony Cole and Emma Yuen notching up 50 games. Another

season highlight for some members of SUWAFC was being approached to feature on an edition of Saturday Disney promoting female participation in AFL.

With the absence of the Women's AFL Nationals in 2008 (now held every second year) no NSW side was selected. Instead, a "SWAFL Team of 2008" was announced, with SUWAFC's Gianna Abbonizio and Emma Yuen being named in the squad. Emma Yuen



AFL Men

# CLUBS



American Football

also picked up the Player's Player award from SWAFL. Our rookies and returning players polled well in the SWAFL Best and Fairest count with eleven girls receiving votes throughout the season. Congratulations to club award winners: Best and Fairest – Emma Yuen, Player's Player – Emma Yuen, Rookie of the Year – Holly Shuttleworth, Coaches Award – Annie Phillips, Most Improved – Julia Chessman, Golden Boot – Talei Owen.

Our thanks to all those who supported us in 2008 especially: the Forest Lodge Hotel, SUSF and SUANFC; coaching personnel Kellie Nolan, Vikash Prasad and Mo Fajojo; runner Penny Stringer and goal umpire Liam Hogan; administrators Victoria Rawlings and Stephen King. Your contributions and assistance in running our club has significantly benefited us and cannot be understated.

We look forward to the 2009 season where we hope to retain and recruit players to help us to return to our competitive form and achieve the ultimate goal – winning the 2009 Premiership.

Louise Graham - President

## American Football

At season end the Sydney University Lions American Football Club have

extended their winning streak to 33 games with a record over the last 6 seasons of 72-2. What does 2009 hold for the Lions? Another year of dedication, hard work and quality football, and the opportunity to be the best team in NSW.

The U18 Colts had a rough year just missing out on making the playoffs after a promising season. After being well coached by our two American imports Brad Ryals and Colby Myers, with the assistance of Andrew Mathews, the Colts showed a great deal of promise in the early stages of the season. However, a tough draw and a few close games saw the Colts falter at the playoffs. With the return of many of these players and some promising young talent we are hoping to make the playoffs under the tutelage of Head Coach David Thode in 2009.

After an arduous pre-season training program the senior team were grinding our teeth in anticipation for our first game of the season. Head Coach Stephen Dunne and Defensive Co-Coordinator Ryan Wonser had put us through our paces for months in preparation for a hard season. After being scheduled to play the Bondi Raiders, and that game being abandoned due to inclement weather, our first game of the year came against

our archivals. Labelled the 'Brain Bowl' we were up against the UTS Gators. True to Lions history against UTS, we were clinical in a dominant 42-0 performance. The season started off where we had left it in 2007. Our regular 10 game season continued in much the same fashion with the Lions scoring 504 points at 45.8 per game and our stellar defence held our opposition to 66 points at 6 per game. Our highlight of the regular season would have to be our performance against the West Sydney Pirates in the 6th round where we came out victorious 14-0 after a hard fought defensive battle. The toughest battle of the year would turn out to be replayed come Championship day in early December.

After rolling the Sutherland Seahawks in the semis we were on our way to our 19th championship game in our 25-year history and our 10th straight Championship appearance. On a perfect day at Campbelltown Sports Stadium we had the opportunity to make history in the NSWGFL by becoming the first team to win 6 straight Waratah Bowl titles. In a thrilling battle of offences we came out victorious after four very hard quarters of quality football. The game was clinched late in the fourth quarter with a final score of 38-34. It was definitely one of the most entertaining games the league has seen and showed how close the competition was between the top ranked teams. Our running back Matthew Croasdaile was named the Championship MVP racking up 211 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns on the day.

Liam Erby - President

## Archery

Sydney Uni Archery Club (SUAC) has attracted a large number of new members and maintained a number of our existing members. It has also been positive to see large turnouts during the club training times, where members have continued to develop their skills and technique.

This year has seen a new committee take on management of the club, with Don Chiou, who has been President for the last four years, handing over the reins. Thanks must be given to the



commitment and contribution he has put into the club over the years.

Competition has been quiet this year, with a few of our members entering club and state tournaments. One highlight was a first place at State Short Course in Open Barebow Recurve. Like 2007, the club will have a strong turnout at the end of year City of Sydney Tournament, with one new member making his competition debut.

In semester two the club ran its first archery beginners course as part of SUSF short courses program. These courses proved to be popular, with both sessions booked out. It has provided extra exposure to the club and has resulted in some new members joining the club after completing the course.

2009 will hopefully see more competition entries, with a number of the new members at a level to start competing. Also we look forward to having new faces helping out with the club's management, carrying on from the work and dedication of the previous members.

**Ben Chin** - President

### **Athletics**

The 2007/8 track season started well for Sydney University Athletics Club (SUAC), with many teams contesting the NSW State Relays Championships. The men's 4x800m team defended their title in style and the women took out the 1600m sprint medley (800m, 400m, 200m, 200m) in convincing fashion. SUAC alumni also turned out in force, with the men's 120+ masters teams winning the 4x400m and placing 2nd in the 4x100m and 4x200m relays.

SUAC was well represented in the National Series meets, with several athletes having outstanding domestic seasons. In particular, Lachlan Renshaw who was undefeated in the 800m, recording an Olympic A qualifier and taking out the National Title. Two other SUAC athletes took out National Championships: Nikki Molan in the women's 1500m and Justin Merlino in the men's 110m hurdles. Lara Tamsett and Jess Heazlewood won U23 Nationals in the 5,000m and 20km walk (respectively).

Success in the summer track season continued into the winter, with several

athletes recording strong performances both at international meets and in the domestic cross country/road events.

James Nipperess, Russell Dessaix-Chin, Emma Rilen and Lara Tamsett had impressive cross country seasons, with the four taking out most of the state titles on offer.

Several SUAC athletes were recognised at the Annual Athletics NSW Dinner, with Lara Tamsett, Lachlan Renshaw, Nikki Molan, Justin Merlino and Jess Heazlewood all nominated for awards. Lachlan took out the Middle Distance Award and Jess received the Doris Clark Award for Female Distance Walker.

Lachlan Renshaw was further recognised with selection in the Beijing Olympic team. He became the first SUAC Olympian since Peter Hadfield competed in the 1984 Los Angeles Games. Wheelchair athlete Angela Ballard was selected in her second Paralympics team, where her good form was rewarded with a silver medal in the relay.

A number of untimely injuries saw a smaller team than usual compete at AUG's. Despite diminished numbers, the team still managed to finish in 4th place overall.

SUAC celebrated 130 years with an

Anniversary Dinner in the MacLaurin Hall. The contributions of many past and present athletes were recognised and Club Patron Eric Wilson was presented with an award for his outstanding long-term commitment to SUAC.

**Brianna Heazlewood** - Secretary

### **Badminton**

Sydney University Badminton Club (SUBC) started the year with 50 members. More people wanted to join during the year and the club finished with over 70 members, a substantially higher number than last year. One of the greatest challenges in successfully running a club is the amount of registered members, thus our aim for the future will be to promote SUBC and let it continually expand.

Two teams in two different divisions entered the Interclub competition this year. The results were satisfactory and we are proud to have dedicated members representing SUBC every year. Around mid-August, we held a doubles tournament with many players from all over Sydney entering. The success of this led us to believe that by holding two tournaments next year, it will be an excellent way for fundraising



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and promoting the club.

SUBC participated in the SUSF Short Courses for the first time in 2008. We ran an educational badminton course targeted at students who wanted to learn the basics. One lesson was run every week for six weeks. Five players joined the club from the course. Hopefully next year, we will be available to reach out to more students on campus.

The Sydney Uni Badminton team has never let their University down when representing at AUG's. Both the boys and girls took 4th place this year, but continually showed their fighting spirit throughout the competition. Green and Gold was awarded to Kenny Ng and Tina Chow.

Financially the club is looking healthy, breaking even at year end. Our AGM was held at the Annual Dinner. In the hope of improving the club, members' inputs were acknowledged and adjustments will be made. New board members have also been appointed.

SUBC will continue to be successful with its stable management coupled with its determined committee members.

**Alan Ng** – President

## Baseball

Sydney University Baseball Club (SUBC) entered three grades in the Sydney Winter Baseball League. A fourth team was also entered into the Pacific Coast Baseball League.

Third grade had a successful year, making it through to the semis in third position, on the back of pitching from Players' Player Kit Kadlec and hitting from MVP and Batting Champion Matthew Currey, however they were unsuccessful in progressing any further.

Second and fourth grades were unlucky throughout the season and fell one win short of the semis. Second grade award winners were MVP James Chiswell, Batting Champion Grant Tranter and Players' Player, 16 year old Chris Crook. Fourth grade award winners were MVP Beau Christenson,

Batting Champion Ryan Leonard and Player's Player Sho Nakatani.

First grade had a lean, injury plagued season. Congratulations to new pitching recruits Stuart Munro and MVP Manabu Inoue on their efforts. Batting Champion and Player's Player for 2008 was Huw McKay. SUSF scholarship holders Jonathan Freeston and Steve Smith both had respectable seasons. Congratulations to first grade rookie Josh Goldsmith who has been offered a position at an American college for 2009.

The club retained the University Cup (against UNSW) for the second consecutive year. We celebrated long and hard into the night at club sponsor The Roxbury Hotel. We supported Call to Arms, where all players wore yellow armbands to support men's cancer research. This day was also the inaugural 'Ladies Day'. Special mention must be made to Starshots Chatswood for their extremely generous donation towards raffle prizes, as well as all other donors.

Thanks must go out to coaches of all four grades: Jason Moir, Steve Sprod, Barry Hoare, Luke Goldsmith, James Gray and Nick Goryl.

2008 saw the inaugural presentation of an award to individuals for exceptional commitment and contribution to the club. Congratulations to Damien Spinks for 21 years representing the club at first grade level, as well as Jason Moir and Steve Sprod for their many years as coaches.

The AUG team was hampered by a severe lack of depth and injuries to key players, so the tournament was never going to be easy. The week progressively improved and the team miraculously made it to the gold medal game. This was on the back of a courageous effort by Stephen Smith who pitched 11 innings in one day. Unfortunately, the fairy tale ended but the team was elated with silver. Congratulations to Stephen Smith and Daniel Illingworth on their selection in the Green and Gold All Star team.

James Gray received the Pam Garret ("the stump") award for his outstanding contribution to the club. Ben Warnock received the Jenny Finlay award for an undergraduate. Huw McKay capped off



a stellar year by winning the Club MVP for the second time.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Ron Rushbrooke Scholarship Fund. A huge amount of gratitude is extended to the following contributors: Patrons - R & J Rushbrooke, L. Rushbrooke-Beed; Trustees - H. Anderson, H. McKay; Life Member - T.W. Beed; Sponsor - D. Hynes; Members - R. De Carvahlo, G. Sutherland.

More action is needed to ensure the future success and viability of the club. This includes exploring options for 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.

**Andrew Franklin** – Secretary

**Basketball**

Sydney University Basketball Club (SUBC) entered two teams into the highly competitive Division 1 Men's competition at Norths. Despite many new and young faces our first division team, led by veteran Ben Turner, qualified for a playoff appearance. Due to AUG commitments our Sydney University side was unable to compete.

With new coach Ben Osbourne on board our men were able to grab a bronze medal at the ECC. The team led by stand-out veteran James MacCann was complemented by some new faces and second year players. The continued hard work and effort to join representative teams by the boys has seen an improvement in results over previous years. At AUG's the boys were met with better quality opponents and should be commended for making the playoffs. The overall commitment and hard work by the Sydney University Basketball Men is to be commended however continued hard work will see even better accomplishments next year.

The women's basketball teams have had an outstanding year. We have had a lot of new faces this year with some amazing talent. We entered three teams into the club competition at Sydney City Basketball. All teams did very well. Our first team won Division One, progressing to Premier League. The commitment to training and games has been impressive, mainly due to our



awesome coach Vlad Alava. It is great to see the girls having fun and improving together.

The women's team won the ECC competition, undefeated. The girls beat every team convincingly. For the first time we also entered a social team which was a great way for our regular club players to see how representative sport works. At AUG's our girls team won Division 2 undefeated. They performed brilliantly as a team, especially in their tough final match. Particular mention to Melissa Smith, who was chosen in the Green and Gold team, the only person from Division 2 to be selected. We are hoping to be entered into Division 1 next year.

The year has been very successful and we hope these achievements will be replicated in 2009 as we move onto bigger and better basketball experiences.

**Sophie McGrath and Raymond Huynh** – Presidents

**ACUVUE Sydney Uni Flames**

The following players were selected in the 2007/8 squad. One very positive aspect of this group is the number of NSW based players in our program. It is pleasing to see the educational focus that sets this program apart and ahead of others (see below).

The Flames off season was carefully planned and individualised in conjunction with the medical team and Marty Harland. Training started in March for players not involved with the National Squads – Opals, Sapphires and World Uni Games. Scrimmage nights were held twice a week until official team training in August.

Pre-season games were played at other Sydney Associations (Sutherland, Shoalhaven, Illawarra, Hornsby) and in regional NSW against visiting overseas teams and the Canberra Capitals.

This season the teams' achievement went far beyond expectations. With a team regarded as quite young, the loss of Trish Fallon, and then a long term injury to star player Eva Afeaki who was

Eva Afeaki	NSW	Economics/Social Science – Sydney University
Kiera Shiels	ACT	Engineering/Commerce – Sydney University
Mikaela Dombkins	NSW	University Preparation Course – Sydney University
Molly Lewis	NSW	ACPE- 2008
Sally Potocki	NSW	Hospitality Management
Michelle Musselwhite	VIC	Traineeship
Erin Lorenzini	VIC	Podiatry – Newcastle University
Natalie Porter	VIC	Master of Business – Sydney University
Alicia Poto	NSW	Education – Sydney University
Rachel Herrick	NSW	University Preparation Course – Sydney University
Kristen Veal	SA	Architecture – Tasmania

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ruled out for 9 games, a top four finish was the teams' initial goal. This was further compounded by a difficult draw, which saw the team with a heavy road and playing schedule up until Christmas. At the end of the regular season the team finished second. The Flames best game of the season came one game too early when they beat Adelaide in the major semi final in Adelaide, winning by 19 points and earning the right to host the grand final. Due to SUSAC's venue size, the grand final game had to be played in Wollongong at the Entertainment Centre. Credit to the Flames players who played a big part in the promotion of the final to attract a good size crowd. The Flames eventually lost to a very strong Adelaide team 92 to 82.

There were numerous positives on the player front which included:

- The on-going development of all players including NSW based athletes into the Flames program. Molly Lewis joined the team from the AIS. NSW Metro junior Sally Potocki was added to the senior list after 12 months in the development squad.
- Opals players Alicia Poto and Natalie Porter winning various MVP awards. Both players were selected for Opals tours to China, Europe and the USA and were in the Opal's squad for Beijing until the last cut.
- The selection of Mikaela Dombkins and Rachel Herrick to the Australian Sapphires Team.
- Eva Afeaki, Melissa Smith and Georgia Woodyard's selection into the Australian University Women's Team that won gold at the World Uni Games in Thailand pre-season.

- Club Awards: Most Improved Mikaela Dombkins, Coaches Award Michelle Musselwhite, Best Defensive Player Alicia Poto, MVP Natalie Porter.
- WNBL Milestones: Natalie Porter 3,000 points, Alicia Poto 1,000 points, Kristen Veal 2,000 points, 200 games, 1,000 rebounds.
- Natalie Porter won the WNBL MVP.

**Trish Fallon**

- Operations Co-ordinator

## Boat

Sydney University Boat Club (SUBC) has continued its reputation as the best club in Australia for the 2007/8 season. Rowing from Riverview boatshed with challenging space and logistical requirements, the club has again performed strongly from development level to senior levels both domestically and internationally. Being an Olympic year, the focus was placed early on our members to rise to the challenge of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games selection regattas. Annual camp held in January 2008 was deemed a success overall even though various age groups experienced different program stages as the Olympians began preparing for the February selection regatta and the U23 and development members prepared for selections in March and April. Coaching staff included Phil Bourguignon, Mark Prater, Alan Bennett and Michael.

NSW State Championships at SIRC in early February produced some excellent results even without the senior athletes attending due to Olympic trials concurrently out at SIRC. A combined effort from the men's and

women's clubs won the overall pointscore for Sydney University.

The Australian National Championships were held at SIRC which gave us a home advantage. Our U23 men's and women's failed to back up the results from previous years and highlighted some challenges in the program. This did not detract from some great performances from some of the U23 and senior athletes.

The final selection regatta held at SIRC in April for the U23 and the Olympic teams saw an exciting end to a long season. Marty Rabjohns was named the Olympic coxswain for the eight along with Jeremy Stevenson. Matthew Ryan and Francis Hegerty were named in the Australian coxless four which ended up taking an exciting silver medal. Nicholas Hudson narrowly missed out on the men's sculling squad. Rowing Director Phil Bourguignon again secured an U23 team with Sydney Uni Women's Renee Kirby and Charlotte Walters in the double. Richard Allsop, James Goswell and Nathan Quigley along with coxswain Toby Lister travelled to Melbourne to be part of the U23 eight. Coach Mark Prater secured the World University Championship coxless four for Belgrade, Serbia with SUBC member James Harding and Sydney Uni students Ry Kehlet and Dominic Grimm.

SUBC again returned to the Australian University Championships to defend the title of overall regatta winner as well as defend the Oxford and Cambridge Cup. Although we were beaten by University of Queensland in the Oxford and



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Cambridge Cup, we did defend our overall champion title.

In summary, the season has been the most successful in the history of the club and it is now widely acknowledged that Sydney University Boat Club is the top performing shed in the country. We won the overall pointscore for the National Championships, NSW State Championships, Australian University Championship and took out just about every trophy at the NSW Rowing Association dinner including the Premiership Club of NSW. We have two silver Olympic medallists from the club as well as numerous Olympians and past world champions. Our U23 squad remains strong and our reputation for a high quality peak performance club remains strong. The outlook for the club looks very solid with development coming on strongly and a defined transition for U23 to Senior A rowers. The next step is to move into our new boatshed...

**Nick Hudson** – Club Captain

### Boxing

The Sydney University Boxing Club (SUBxC) was fortunate to have the volunteer services of some dedicated and enthusiastic coaches. Swinging the practice mitts faster than the speeding glove were coaches Omar Colakaglu, Greg Stanton and George Psellis. Dr Tony Collings assisted in the early part of the year until illness intervened. Tony is back on his toes and has started training again and the club wishes him well and looks forward to see him back on the canvas early in 2009. Thanks also to Club Captain, Harold Tsang, Treasurer Chris Foster and President Patrick Cunningham. Pardeep Jagdev, Laurence Abdul-Reheim, George Psellis and Dennis Moffat provided great support coaching. Bryce Sait and Patrick Cunningham undertook College training and novice training. The combined knowledge and experience of all coaches has greatly improved the fitness, defence skills and sparring abilities of all club members.

On August 6th SUBxC hosted the Sydney University Intercollegiate Boxing tournament on No. 1 Oval in front of 400 spectators. Eight bouts were held with points averaged on the college participants, the last bout decided if St Paul's won outright or a three way tie. A



valiant effort by Dr Branieff found him flagging in the last round and the points swinging to St John's.

This year the State Championships were held at Blacktown RSL on the weekend of the 18-19th October. Coach Greg Stanton took one of his new charges, Oleg Illkinou. Oleg competed in the light heavy weight competition, 75-81kg. Tiring in the last round gave opportunity for his opponent to pull ahead on points. Oleg now has the advantage of knowing the required level of fitness and skill required and is keen to try again in 2009.

SUBxC celebrated its centenary in 2008 with a dinner at the Grandstand overlooking No 1 Oval, the same oval where the first competition was held in 1908. The Sydney University Boxing Club Chapter of the Sydney University Sports Foundation was launched at the dinner. The night was a great chance for uni boxers from different eras to catch up and exchange stories. The club was honoured to have Johnny Lewis as guest speaker. The group was welcomed by Club Patron Dr Toby Bowring and included distinguished past members Dr Tony Collings, Brian Lulham, Chris McGillion, William Walsh, Mark Connellan, Luke Edwards, Jon Looney and Ben Phillips. We look forward to opportunities for past members to return and support the competition to be held on No. 1 Oval

in 2009.

We are grateful that the Rees State Government decided to reverse the ban on women boxing in NSW and look forward to the opportunity for women to take to the canvas on equal terms with male boxers. The club is gearing up for a full tilt at the first NSW Women's title in 2009 and the stepping stone this offers to send a women's boxer to the next Olympics.

**Patrick Cunningham** - President

### Canoe

Sydney University Canoe Club (SUCC) got off to a good start with some entertaining beginner trips for those who had recently joined. The paddle on Sydney Harbour saw a bunch of beginners cause havoc in the shipping lane while a trip up to the Barrington River provided some entertainment as the beginners learned how to navigate through rapids, rocks and trees. During Easter the more experienced paddlers headed up the coast to the Nymboida River which was a lot higher than the previous years. The trip became quite an epic with many swims and a folded canoe.

The club was fortunate this year, the Sydney Catchment Authority pumped up water from Tallowa Dam all year providing excellent challenging whitewater down the Wingecarribee River all winter. This is a superb 16km stretch of mainly grade 3-4 rapids that

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runs through some impressive scenery and ends at a nudist camp.

The most memorable trip was however the trip down to the Murrumbidgee and Molongolo Rivers. The water was low but a solid downpour overnight made things quite interesting. Three broken paddles, dislocated shoulder and a broken finger made for a very memorable Molongolo first descent. The Murrumbidgee wasn't any easier. One paddler got stuck in a hole until the strong current ripped away his paddle and camera that was attached to his vest. Everyone survived but by the time we paddled to the measuring gauge half way down the river the water had risen by a metre. Some chose to walk out, while the remainder took their chances. Luckily there were no further incidents. Other notable river trips included the Murray, Kangaroo and the Thredbo Rivers while

the lifts were still running and snow could still be seen on the banks.

In calmer waters, the marathon contingent of SUCC strengthened over the year, and a few members enjoyed the 111km of pain in the Hawkesbury Classic, while others opted for the perhaps milder option of a casual paddle on the Lane Cove River each Wednesday night. Canoe Polo is always a hit and was up and running again this year.

Between rains there were many trips out to Penrith Whitewater Stadium where even complete beginners can have fun in the inflatable 2-person rafts.

Jiri Svec - President

## Cricket Men

The Sydney University Cricket Club (SUCC) can be proud of its achievements in the 2007/08 season with success both on the field and off it.

- The Premiership success of our 2nd and 6th Grade teams
- All grades qualified for the finals series
- Sydney Uni players, Stuart Clark and Stuart MacGill, contributed to the success of the Australian team against Sri Lanka and India and both made the West Indies tour
- Our players also contributed significantly to the success of the NSW team in the Pura Cup
- Stuart MacGill, Stuart Clark, Mark Cameron, Greg Mail and Ed Cowan all played a major role in the team during the season and Mark Cameron's performances were outstanding in the latter part of the season
- Off the field, our major achievements included attracting a grant of \$500,000 from NSW Cricket to construct a new facility between No.1 and No. 2 ovals which will include new change rooms, an indoor cricket centre (three nets) and a viewing area which will allow spectators a view of both ovals.

We owe a great deal to a number of people who helped in this success. On the playing side, we were served extremely well by Club Coach, Matthew Phelps, whose efforts were reflected in the success of the teams and the improvement of a number of players. Matthew makes a major contribution beyond training, constantly providing good ideas and administration of the scholarship holders has also been enormously improved. Geoff De Mesquita also made a tireless contribution to the administration, 1st Grade scoring for most of the year, operation of the canteen and liaison with the Sydney Cricket Association. Phil Logan did a sterling job as Chairman of Selectors and was particularly helpful in making sure 6th Grade had a team, despite last minute drop outs in the grades above. Phil was also a strong supporter of the Green Shield.

Our captains, Greg Mail, David Butchart, Brendan Smith, David Jessep, James Rodgers and Andrew Rhodes also provided strong leadership and contributed to the effective



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management of their teams and the Club.

Our Board comprises members with rich cricket administration experience at the highest levels, as well as student representatives such as Will Hay, who co-ordinated the Annual Dinner with great success. We are grateful for their contributions, especially to Alan Crompton who travels extensively to attend Board meetings and Bruce Collins whose advice and commitment to the Club is invaluable.

Our scorers, parents and supporters all made a major effort in ensuring that our teams had the off-field support which assists in good playing performance. We are particularly indebted to our scorers, Marty Ami, Siva Sivapalan, John Kilford, Les Carrington and the parents who have filled in so capably from time to time.

The Club is looking to become more professional during the next year, including examining a proposal for a full-time Director of Cricket. We also will be looking at a range of other initiatives, including the construction of the new facility between the ovals to ensure that we have a strong club well placed to meet the challenges of the future.

**Michael O'Sullivan** - Chairman

### Universities Women's Cricket

Universities Women's Cricket Club (UWCC) had its most successful season so far in the Sydney Women's Grade Competition in 2007/08. 1st Grade was competitive throughout the season, finishing runners-up in a well-fought Grand Final. 2nd Grade had some good on-field performances with many of our junior players coming up through the ranks. Our first season with Head Coach Paul Howse proved UWCC were a force to be reckoned with.

UWCC is proud to boast many national and international representative players. Alex Blackwell, Kate Blackwell, and Lisa Sthalekar played for the Australian Southern Stars in the series against England, which was narrowly lost. The Aussies fought back in the series against New Zealand, and their UWCC team mate; White Ferns opening batter Ros Kember, to hold onto the Rose Bowl Trophy.

The NSW Breaker's Captained by



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Sydney Uni graduate Lisa Sthalekar, won their 10th Women's National Cricket League title in 12 seasons, with the help of Alex and Kate Blackwell. Sthalekar was recognised for her outstanding season as she was awarded the Belinda Clark Medal for 2007/08, while only weeks earlier she also took out the award for Women's International Cricketer of the Year at the Allan Boarder Medal presentation.

Shooting Stars Australian U21 squad included UWCC players Alison Parkin and Kate Owen. These two players have been instrumental in our success this season, with Kate Owen in her first season for UWCC being voted Player of the Year while Alison's talents earned her selection in the NSW A team and touring NSW Breakers.

Universities Club Captain, Sara Hungerford captained the NSW A team to a convincing win against Victoria at Manuka Oval in Canberra, alongside fellow UWCC team mates Sam Hinton and Alison Parkin. 2nd Grader Tayla Seymour continued her successful first season with UWCC, being named in the NSW U/15 squad.

The Club has begun 2008/09 with much ambition, and are determined make it to the finals. Thank you to SUSF and UNSW for your continued support.

**Sara Hungerford** - Secretary

### Cycling and Triathlon

Sydney University Cycling and Triathlon Club, like many clubs, suffered from non-participation in O-Week due to the high costs charged by the University Student Union. During 2008 our membership numbers reached an all time low to the extent that we initiated discussions with Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness about methods of resurrecting the sport on campus or at least saving it from extinction. Following that meeting steps have been taken towards winding up the Sydney University Cycling and Triathlon Club and incorporating our activities within the Sydney University Athletics Club. We are very grateful for the lifeline they have thrown us and anticipate approval from the Management and General Committee in early 2009 to see this happen. From 2009 cycling and triathlon activities will be managed by a subcommittee of the Sydney University Athletics Club and continue to have a presence on campus and at club and intervarsity meets. Under their strong umbrella, it is anticipated that both sports will most likely flourish.

### Fencing

Sydney University Fencing Club (SUFC) members have achieved consistently good results in competitions at both state and national levels, and Sydney

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University has maintained its position as one of the dominant fencing clubs and training venues in Sydney.

SUFC was well represented at all four national tournaments in 2008 as well as the regular gamut of State competitions. Standout performer from SUFC was Olympic athlete and former Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Sarah Osvath, who continued to consistently dominate Womens Epee in New South Wales and ultimately placed third at Australian National Championships. Former Commonwealth Games Gold medallist, Dr Sian Hicks (nee Munro) together with Hillary Byrne consistently dominated the competition in Womens Foil in New South Wales.

Coaching continues to be available at SUFC from Simon Jin, Angelo Santangelo, William Ronald, Julian May, Brendan Nicholson and in 2008 the club was please to welcome David Hoffman, former Australian National Champion for Sabre. The beginners fencing class continues to be one of the most successful short courses run at Sydney University with three session being offered three times a year, all of which were consistently over-subscribed in 2008. Congratulations go to Fencing Master Angelo Santangelo for his continued success. Intermediate fencing classes have proved a successful vehicle for novice fencers leaving the beginners class to make the transition into regular club training, thus ensuring continuing growth of the club.

Sydney University continues to maintain its reputation as a serious fencing training venue whilst also providing a positive social environment for its members. There is also a strong contingent of junior fencers that train regularly at the club and social events held at regular intervals throughout 2008 were all well attended.

Thanks must be extended to the SUFC Executive, with special mention given to secretary, Joshua Fox, who with other club members actively assisted in the weekly running of the club by giving their valuable training time to attend to administration matters, fielded enquiries, organised social events, maintained equipment, and generally made themselves available to novices and intermediate fencers, providing encouragement and direction, and thereby ensuring the continued growth and success of the fencing club at Sydney University.

**Mario Ferraro** - President

## Gymsports

Sydney University Gymsports Club (SUG) has consolidated existing strengths of the club, in particular its recreational gymnastics program, while expanding its competitive gymnastics program. To that end, SUG began running women's artistic gymnastics (WAG) specific classes on Monday afternoons, coached by the very capable and talented Yasmine Loupis. Yasmine was heavily involved in coaching and organising the USyd

WAG team that competed very successfully at the Hunter Invitational Competition and State Stream Competitions. SUG was represented by Trieste Corby, Lizanne Wilmott, Isobelle Guyot, Laura Ingram, Sally Birbara, Rebecca Binnie, Elisabeth Andrews, Roxanne Azoory, Lauren Simpson, Frances Hardy, Beth Russell and Marie Guillaume. These girls represented State Stream Levels 4-8 and performed credibly, receiving several placings at both the Hunter Invitational and State Stream competitions. Of particular note, Beth Russell received several top 3 placings in level 8 State Stream. Yasmine was responsible for choreographing the girl's routines and facilitating extra coaching. Without Yasmine's extra support, a competitive WAG team for Sydney University would not have been possible. SUG owes a great deal of thanks to Yasmine.

Martin Tio was also responsible for coaching recreational general gymnastics classes and assisting with strength and flexibility. With Martin's gymnastics expertise, SUG was able to welcome more members with limited gymnastics experience into the club.

The Sydney University cheerleaders also had a very successful year. The Gold Team finished first at Gymnastics Australia Nationals and second at the AASCF Nationals. The Blue Team also won AASCF State and Nationals.

Organised by Gold Team Head Coach Zoe Eross, and assisted by Blue Team Coach Katarina Sichlau, the cheerleaders continue to compete successfully at a very high level and are increasingly gaining a name for themselves in a sport that is still relatively new in Australia.

Finally, the SUG Committee this year would not have been successful without the effort put in by President Brendon Wong, Vice Presidents Thomas Meure and Lauren Simpson, Treasurer Khairil Musa, WAG Rep Rebecca Binnie, MAG Rep Shu Yeung and First Aid Rep Elisabeth Andrews. A big thanks to all those who assisted with fundraising bake sales, chocolate drives and displays throughout the year to raise SUG profile, particularly at the Verge Festival and O-Week.

**Trieste Corby** - Secretary



## Handball

This year the Sydney University Handball Club (SUHC) had one women's and two men's teams that participated in the NSW League Championships, Olympic Park. The women's team led all season, but lost the grand final. Both men's teams played extremely well this season. The 'Gold Team' won the NSW State Championships final against Canberra HC with a final score of 37:31. The 'Blue Team' beat Hills Heat HC to place third.

SUHC Coach Rajan Palovic was appointed the Australian National Junior Women's Coach for the XVI Junior Women's World Handball Championship, in Macedonia. Sally Potocki was one of the top scoring players for the Championship and placed a close second in the ball steals category. Vanja Smiljanovic ranked highly in the top scores category. We thank Rajan for his efforts, dedication and hard work and congratulate the following Sydney University players selected for the women's junior national team: Taylee Lewis, Vanja Smiljanic, Sally Potocki, Emma Van Busell, Aminta Thomas, Emily Parker, Gail Lucas, Lauren Keith, Gizelle Van Der Merwe, Kat MacDonald, Leanne Perrins and Larrisa Kriening.

In September, Rajan resigned from his coaching position at Sydney University and relocated back to Europe. Falk Van Hollen took over the coaching role of the women's team. Men's Coach, Zoran Jelacic, was assisted by five other coaches: Pascal Winkler, Alexandre Tighzer, Gilles Guillemain, Christoph Niebel and Falk Van Hollen. SUHC would like to thank all coaches for their contributions and dedication.

SUHC provided players for the Australian University Men's Handball Team this year. They competed at the World University Championships 5–13th July in Jesolo Beach, Italy. Club representatives were: Steve Plummer, Brett Saucis, Ognjen Matic, David Wilson, High Ranzani, Jack Steatfield, Nicholas Gregory Roberts, Nick Russell, Matt Walsh – player/Manager and Gilles Guillemain – Coach. The Australian Universities team demonstrated the importance of participation, not just results, as the

team impressed everyone with their passion towards the sport.

Seven women and eight men from SUHC were selected to represent NSW at the National Handball Championships in Brisbane 24-26th October. Both teams played in exceptional style and won their respective national titles.

For the first time the Australian National Handball Federation conducted a National Junior Championship for the U16 Division in Coffs Harbour during July. Ena Briski represented our club with Jessica Fearnside being appointed the state coach. Ena Briski was selected to represent Australia at the New Caledonia Junior Handball Tournament which was held in November 2008.

Many club members undertook special tasks in the various events that we participated. Our club produced six referees and many table officials for the NSW League Championship. Dorothy Potocka participated in many roles which included being a Technical Table Official during the Senior National Championships, Oceania Technical Delegate, Technical Table Official and as referee for the Oceania Handball Federation Men's World Championship Qualifying Tournament that was held in New Zealand. Jessica Fearnside went

to New Caledonia in November as the Australian U17 Women's Coach to compete in a junior event as part of their 'handballmania' tournament. Her team was runner up.

Outside of handball activities, the club also organized social events such as concerts, football games, race day in Randwick, and post finals celebration in The Rocks. We encourage new ideas for improving our club team spirit!

**Dorothy Potocka - Secretary**

## Hockey

Sydney University Hockey Club (SUHC) achieved positive results throughout the year.

Our top 3 women's grades were entered in the Sydney Women's Hockey League in ML1, ML3, and ML4 respectively, and our lower grade teams were entered in the Sydney North Women's Hockey Association with 4th and 5th Grade in Division 1, and 6th and 7th Grade in Division 2. 1st Grade narrowly missed out on making the semi finals in ML1, 2nd Grade won the minor premiership in ML3, and 3rd Grade took 2nd on the ladder in their first year in ML4, narrowly losing their grand final. These strong results potentially see yet another promotion up to ML2, and the possibility of a new team entering into ML6 at the



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discretion of the SWHL committee. Our lower grades were just as successful in their respective grades. All of our teams dominated throughout the season and cemented their positions for a very competitive finals series. 4th Grade bowed out in the Div A major final; 5th Grade made it through to the Div B minor grand final and knocked off the SU Rollers (Sydney Uni's unofficial veteran's team); 6th Grade lost their Div B major final after winning the minor premiership; and 7th Grade were unlucky to lose their Div B minor semi final. Jessica Blake, Amanda Hese, Emily Hurtz and Harriet Moore who were selected in NSW squads. Jess, Emily and Harriet were selected in the NSW AHL squad, and Amanda, Emily and Harriet in the NSW U21 squad. Emily and Harriet were also the only NSW team members to be selected in the 2008 Women's National Junior Squad.

The men's 1st Grade had many new faces that made a significant difference to the success of the year. We plan to recruit more players next year to place us in a better position. The highlight of the season was the premiership winning 5th Grade men. At the conclusion of the regular season: 1st

Grade was 9th, 2nd Grade was 6th, 3rd Grade was 7th, 4th Grade was 11th, 5th Grade was 2nd, 6th Grade was 6th and 7th Grade were in 2nd position.

Although the standings on their own may not reflect a successful year, the style of play, attitude of players and overall development of the club opens many opportunities for the 2009 winter season.

The juniors continued to dominate the representative squads all year round, which is a big achievement for a very small junior club. The club managed to produce and support many players who play in a range of representative teams. 2008 saw players selected for North Area and then Sydney and NSW teams in outdoor hockey as well as Sydney and NSW in indoor. Congratulations to all those players who reached this outstanding level in their hockey: Renee de la Motte Sydney U11/1, Kate Mostert Sydney U13/1, Felicity Brown Sydney U13/1, Abby Spyer Parramatta U13, Nicolas Johnston Sydney U13/1, Andrea Seymour Western Districts U15, Fiona Tout Sydney U15/1 and NSW U14 indoor team, Rhiannon Russell Sydney U15/1 NSW U14 indoor team, Mel Shoard Sydney U15/1 and NSW U14

indoor team, Hayley de la Motte Sydney U15/1 and U15 City team, Cara Simpson Sutherland U15 and U15 City team, Mathilda Carmichael Sydney U15/1, NSW U14 indoor team and U15 team, Shakti Rathore Sydney U15/3, Cameron Rowland Sydney U15/2 and NSW U16 indoor team, Edward Tilly Sydney U15/2 and U15 City team, Alistair Johnston Sydney U15/1 and U15 City team, Emma Scriven Sydney North U18 and NSW All Schools Open team, and Marie Schmid NSW U18 indoor team.

Finally, from an administration point of view, the committee worked very hard to ensure the club finances were kept on track, and that the success of the club will follow into 2009. Other highlights included a 99year commemorative game against long standing inter-varsity rival Melbourne Uni.

**Khevyn Williams** - President

## Judo

Sydney University Judo Club (SUJC) took steps to once again become one of the strongest competitive judo clubs in Australia. With a very strong recruiting effort at O-Week, we had a large group of hungry rookie players





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that regularly represented the club at tournaments. SUJC had strong performances at tournaments all year including the ACT International, Illawarra tournament, NSW State Championships and the AUG's.

**Significant Events:**

- Coach Kristof Frankowski winning a silver medal at the Australian Nationals by defeating this year's Beijing 2008 representative
- AUG's in Melbourne where the SUJC team won many medals
- Capturing the NSW State Team title this year and being NSW State Team Champions of 2008.

**Ron Cheung** - President

**Kendo**

Sydney University Kendo Club (SUKC) has seen its membership continue to grow with new beginners and old members returning to continue their kendo journey. The strength and reputation of our club has increased with many of our members coming from other universities who have their own club.

Our members participated in all of the major competitions held in NSW

including the 33rd Australian Kendo Championships at UNSW over the Easter break in the individual Kyu competition. The club also competed in the Dae Han Moo do Kwan Open Invitational with a 3rd in the individual Dan event then the NSW State Championships with 3rd in the Kyu individuals and 2nd in the Dan individuals.

Sadly, this year SUKC was not able to secure our 4th win at the AUG's in Melbourne, however we did very well to finish 2nd and 3rd in the Kyu and Dan teams events respectively. The loss motivated our members who are determined to bring the championship back to Sydney Uni in 2009. With only limited experience, these results showed the strength and quality of our new generation and great potential for improvement. Special mention to Jinny Lai who placed 4th in the Women's Division, Nelson Kam and Walter Chung who placed 5th in the Open Kyu Division, and Ervin Peng for obtaining Green and Gold. The members of the club who participated also had goodwill practice sessions at a number of the Melbourne based clubs fostering inter-club relationships.

The club hosted two highly

respected and well-known Sensei's from Japan as part of the Founders Cup weekend. Oda Sensei (Hachidan Iaido) and Chiba Sensei (Hachidan Kendo) held several seminars in their specialty over the course of the four days they were in Sydney.

Looking into the future, besides new plans for training methods and recruiting, the club is currently negotiating with Redfern Town Hall to use their facilities for night training so that our members who are no longer students can keep in touch with the club. We look forward to repeating this year's success and doing better in the future.

**Donald Chiou and Ervin Peng**  
- Club Advisory Committee

**Netball**

Sydney University Netball Club (SUNC) again entered three teams in the NSW State League Competition. In the Waratah Cup, Division 1 made their mark as one of the stronger teams in the competition. Their impressive home run into the semi finals, taking out a record ten games back to back, must be commended. Finishing 3rd in this highly competitive division is a huge achievement. The talent in this

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team is arguably the strongest the club has seen in recent years - we look forward to what's in store next season.

Division 2 had a rather challenging season, given the high standard of the competition. Under the pressures of their tough opponents, this season was both physically and mentally trying, but the team's constant display of sportsmanship, and performance in their final matches, must be commended,

Division 7 proved the biggest success of the club this year – giving SUNC its first ever State League premiership. The Division 7 team beat minor premiers and long time rivals Manly Warringah in a nail biting grand final. The team's talent and skills were evident throughout the season, but it was their performance in the grand final that truly displayed their character, storming back in the final minutes to take a 45-44 victory. This win is testament to their hard work and dedication to the club and to each other.

The AUG teams displayed great sportsmanship and talent in Melbourne. Women's and mixed teams both performed exceptionally well under the pressure of their strong competition, and special congratulations must go to Erin Bell who was awarded Green and Gold.

Landell Archer was crowned 2008 Dooleys State League Player of the Year and was awarded 'The Nance Kenny Medal'. This is an outstanding achievement for Landell. Further congratulations must go to Liz Bornstein, the recipient of a Blue this year. Outside of the University, Liz's talent has been recognized within the netball community on a State and National level.

This season was only made possible through the hard work, time and efforts of others. SUNC would like to thank all of the coaches, managers and assistants. They are the backbone to our club, and provide unwavering support to our players throughout the season, on and off the court. In particular, SUNC would like to thank Coach Lisa McConchie. Her commitment to SUNC and the players over the years has been remarkable and she has, in every aspect of her

coaching, gone above and beyond. We are very sad to lose Lisa as she reduces her commitment to the netball world to spend more time with her family.

We are looking forward to an exciting season next year, with a newly established and highly motivated committee, a new joint venture with City of Sydney Netball Association and a brand new coaching staff. The future for this Premiership Winning Club looks promising!

**Tania Finikiotis** - President

## **Rockclimbing and Mountaineering**

Sydney University Rockclimbing and Mountaineering Club (SURMC) members were busy climbing all over Australia in friendly competitions and of course hanging out at the Ledge and the Forest Lodge hotel afterwards. The pub this year drew a particularly large crowd. The awesome climbing stencils in the graffiti tunnel were the highlight of a soggy O-Week where a healthy number of members joined.

Our budget this year went mainly towards replacing some older ropes and self rescue courses to give club members the skills and confidence to run trips in 2009, as trip leaders were in short supply in 2008.

Early in the year, trips were focused on getting new climbers on rock, with beginner trips being run to Mount Piddington in the Blue Mountains and Barrenjoey near Palm Beach. These enjoyable trips succeeded in getting a number of new faces hooked on climbing. A second round of trips was also run at the start of semester 2 including another Mt Piddington trip and to Medlow Bath.

Over Easter members spread out to cover as much rock as possible, including the inevitable trek down to Mount Arapiles in central western Victoria. Closer to home there was climbing in Nowra and the Wolgan Valley in the Blue Mountains. Near the end of first semester a friendly climbing completion was kindly set up by Phil at the Ledge which was great fun with open and beginner men and women all having a terrific time on the routes and challenges Phil set up.

The semester break saw another road trip, this time to Frog Buttress in Queensland. It was a great trip; newer

members started learning the intricacies of traditional lead climbing and the more experienced tried their luck against the soaring crack climbs that the area is famous for.

The Interclub Climbing competition was held with great success at the Ledge. Climbing and outdoor clubs from Sydney Uni, UNSW and UTS all took part. Phil Staples set up some awesome routes to challenge beginners and experts alike as well as other fun team challenges including prussic race and the blindfolded gear pack up. SURMC won overall, in front of UTS and UNSW as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both the open and novice men's categories. Open Women's was won by Fiona Thompson, Beginner Women's by Karoline Riou and Beginner Men's by Thomas Chow. Some great prizes for both individuals and clubs were provided by Mountain Equipment.

A self rescue course, run by mountain guide Mic Rofe, was attended by Michael Lee, Dean Hillan, Georgi Knox, Katie Phillips, David Dearnley and Eugene Tam. All learnt lots of new skills to help them manage any situation where things don't quite go according to plan. Backcountry, snow and ice skills were the order of the day during the august trip to Blue Lake in the Snowy Mountains.

Point Perpendicular was another location receiving a fair bit of attention this year seeing SURMC members in both April and October. The huge vertical sea cliffs on the northern side of Jervis Bay provide great climbing in a highly scenic and tremendously exposed position high above the ocean.

In what is sure to become a more regular occurrence, the Beer and Bouldering (and slack lining) day on 21st September in Queens Park was another highlight of 2008. A beautiful day, a wide variety of bouldering problems, cold beverages and a slack line in the trees meant there was something for everyone.

A highly enjoyable dinner, organised by Dean Hillan and Maddy D'Arcy, at the Nags Head hotel on 21st November finished off 2008. Here the photography and writing awards were judged. James Hendersen took out the



prize for best trip report and Tim Frommer best photo and tall tales told of climbing adventures in 2008.

**Tim Frommer** - Vice President

### Rowing

The Sydney University Women's Rowing Club (SUWRC) has had a very successful year. Performances at the State Championships in February were superb, with the team winning the overall pointscore by a record margin. Special mention goes to Elsa O'Hanlon who won all five of her events. We also won the elite quad, U21 eight, and the elite eight. For the second year, we showed the depth of the SUWRC rowing program by winning gold and bronze in the elite eight.

At the National Championships in March, the composite open eight, which included 4 SUWRC members, won gold. We won silver in the U23 four, U23 quad scull, open quad scull, and bronze in the U23 double scull. Again demonstrating the depth of the program, we won silver and bronze in the U23 eight. Bronwen Watson and Ashleigh Peppernell medalled in all four of the events they entered, and Elsa O'Hanlon and Liz Kell each medalled in three events. Eight of our rowers represented NSW in the Interstate Regatta. Chloe O'Regan, Emma Costello and Ashleigh Peppernell were in the 2nd placed NSW youth eight. Bronwen Watson and Elsa O'Hanlon were in the 3rd placed NSW lightweight quad scull,

and Liz Kell, Brooke Pratley and Renée Kirby were in the NSW eight. Ailsa Tremayne and Charlotte Walters represented Tasmania in the eight.

At the NSW Rowing Association Awards in May, Sydney University Rowing was rewarded for a very successful season, by winning the LE Stepto OAM Memorial Premiership Shield. Bronwen Watson was awarded Oarswoman of the Year, and SUWRC also won the Women's Senior and Open Shield, Elite and U23 shields, NSWRA Honours Recipients Trophy, Kevin Webb OAM Sprint Championships Shield, Edward Trickett Grade Championship Pointscore Shield, and the A and B Grade Pointscore.

The Club Masters won 5 gold in the State Masters Championships and later in Nagambie for the National Masters Championships they won 4 gold. Kerrie Bigsworth and Jo Pollett represented NSW in the State 8+ which won silver.

SUWRC hosted athletes from New Zealand for the Trans Tasman Universities Challenge in July. The New Zealanders outraced both the Australian Universities eight and quad scull in all three races (2km at Mosman, 5km at Nepean, 2km at SIRC), however it was once again a fun week with excellent racing.

Charlotte Walters, Renée Kirby, and coach Phil Bourguignon were selected as the Australian U23 double scull. At the U23 World Championships in Brandenburg in July, the double

finished 13th overall.

At the Junior and Senior World Championships in Austria in July, Bronwen Watson won gold as part of the lightweight quad scull. This is the second year in a row that Bronwen has won this event, and we congratulate her on this impressive result. Ashleigh Peppernell, in the junior four, placed 5th in her event.

Liz Kell and Brooke Pratley placed 6th in the final of the eight at the Beijing Olympics in August. They deserve huge congratulations on the hard work and dedication they have put in to get to this level.

Four SUWRC athletes, along with coach Alan Bennett travelled to Belgrade to represent Australia in the World University Championships in September. In the double scull, Chloe O'Regan and Emma Costello placed 5th in the B final, and in the four, SUWRC athletes Tash Bolsin and Ailsa Tremayne, along with Melbourne athletes Georgie Harvey and Emy Huntsman placed 2nd in the B final.

Nine SUWRC athletes, and coach Phil Bourguignon, travelled to New Zealand to compete in the invitational Great Race in September. While the crew was beaten in the one-on-one 4.8 km river race by Waikato University, they represented the Club very professionally and enjoyed the experience.

At the Australian University Championships in October, Sydney University Rowing won the overall pointscore. We won the women's pair

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and mixed eight, and came 2nd in the lightweight quad scull, the eight, the coxed four and the mixed coxed four.

In October, SUWRC President Jane Spring was awarded an Honorary Fellowship from the University of Sydney for her services to University rowing.

2008 has seen the younger athletes develop significantly with the large number of members competing overseas. Also the representation of athletes at the Olympics and success at the Senior A level displays the Club's elite status. This base is promising for yet another successful year for 2009.

Jane Spring - President

## Rugby League

Sydney University Rugby League Club (SURLC) enjoyed its first year back into 1st Grade after winning the 2nd Grade grand final in 2007. We ran with one team in 2007 but managed two teams in the Tertiary Cup competition in 2008. The club will continue to grow in 2009 with more players, sponsors and officials.

SURLC had one of the highest student representations in the competition with plenty of talent on display. The season started slowly but we managed to make it to the major semi final where we lost the CSU

(Police Service) in the dying minutes of the game. We had knocked over competition leaders and favorites for the title, UTS in the previous week which was the game of the season. The 1st Grade team was coached by Michael Axlander and managed by Jim Pizaniyas who did an excellent job preparing the team. They were well supported by trainer Steve Freeborn and Ted Hansen.

Our 2nd Grade team started strong but ran out of puff in the last part of the season and just missed out on making the finals. They showed plenty of courage and were always willing to support 1st Grade. It was good to see new talent developed over the season. We also saw new players to the game who played their first game of rugby league. 2nd Grade was helped by players Nick Forwood, Luke Meredith and Sean Ryan.

Five players made the NSW Combined University side which played Queensland at WIN Stadium in Wollongong before the City vs Country match: Matt Warren, Murat Yildirim, Brendan Lee, Adam Hansen and Daniel Denford. Four students also made the Hellenic Rugby League side which played in Brisbane as part of the Rugby League World Cup: York Antoniou, Stuart Philpot, Sam Mournehis and Paul Salamakis.

The season ahead is shaping to be bigger with aggressive player recruitment. We have been in talks about the possibility of fielding a side in the Jim Beam Cup competition for 2010 season. Several NRL clubs have expressed interest as being a partner in the venture.

I would like to thank the sponsors for their support: Duck and Swan Hotel, Macarthur Podiatry Group, Maxim Home Loans and Foot Focus. They have all confirmed for sponsorship for 2009.

The club exists for the benefit of the students and players. The executive is committed to making this club prosperous and successful, for all of us to look back with fond memories and pride.

Colin Mylonas - President

## Rugby Union Men

Sydney University Football Club's (SUFC) 2008 First XV, their captain and their coaches have made history winning four consecutive titles and the first time a captain has led our 1st Grade to four consecutive titles.

Congratulations to all 47 players who turned out for the Firsts during the season, particularly those who took the field on grand final day, to Tim Davidson for his inspired leadership during the past four seasons, and to



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coaches Damien Hill, Trevor Woodman and Anthony Eddy on guiding the fortunes of the team. Having already secured the minor premiership, the 45-20 grand final result over Randwick was a marvellous finale to the season.

My congratulations also extend to our three Colts teams, who each won their minor premierships and each successfully defended their titles. This was also history in the making. The commitment and sportsmanship of the three Colts grades was something to behold, with Thirds beating Manly after the bell and Seconds coming from behind in the second half to defeat Easts, before Firsts turned in a clinical display to defeat Easts and remain undefeated in 2008.

Congratulations to all colts' players and coaches, and particularly our Coaching Co-ordinator Nick Ryan, whose record over the past six seasons is phenomenal.

I also don't want to forget the Fourth Grade side, that almost caused a huge upset against Randwick. Randwick had gone through the competition undefeated, compiling over 1,100 points along the way. Come the grand final we led 14-10 midway through the second half before succumbing 24-14, three tries to two. It was a gallant effort, well done to all involved.

Needless to say, with five of our eight teams in grand finals, we retained the overall Club Championship for the fifth season in a row and the Eric Spilstead Colts Club Championship, for the fourth successive season. We won The Sydney Morning Herald Club of the Year award as well. Sydney University players Daniel Halangahu and Nathan Charles were also awarded The Sydney Morning Herald Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year respectively.

To win four titles speaks volumes for the commitment and ability of our coaches, players, managers, fitness trainers, medical staff and volunteers. A hearty thankyou and congratulations to each and every one of you; you've made the club and its supporters very proud.

With the demise of the Australian Rugby Championship, we returned to a traditional 22-round Shute Shield competition this season. This is a true



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test of a club's strength through the Grades and Colts, and as the results show, we rose to the challenge.

From the base to the pyramid, congratulations to our host of representative players in Super 14 teams, Australian Sevens, Australian U20 and Australia A, and particularly to Phil Waugh and Dean Mumm, who are representing Australia on the Wallabies' Spring tour of Europe.

Other individual efforts worthy of special mention include Darren Amituana, who topped the Grade try-scoring with 17 for the season; Daniel Halangahu, who topped the points scoring with 197 and Jamie Whelan, who scored 176 for the season. Jerry Yanuyanutawa and Nathan Trist topped the First Grade try-scoring with 11 each.

Congratulations also to Phil Waugh, who was awarded the Waratah Medal at the NSW Awards for being the most outstanding player on and off the field.

Congratulations also and thanks to Mick Liebmann, SUFC's Volunteer of the Year and to Club Captain Tim Birch

for a second busy year on and off the field. We won the Australian Universities Games this season as well. The games were played in a 7's format and well done the 'Students'.

David Mortimer AO - President

### Rugby Union Women

On the playing field it was a fantastic season for Sydney Uni's rugby women despite the loss of some very experienced players and the loss of a fantastic coach in Kelly McCallum from the 2007 season. The arrival of some new players to the team added to the team's strengths and helped Uni all the way to the grand final in 2008 with some very convincing performances in the weeks leading up to it. We were also the only team to beat the eventual grand final champions, Warringah.

Unfortunately the club could not secure a regular coach and had the involvement of three coaches over the course of the season as this was the only amount of time they were all available for.

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Our season saw nine players make the Sydney representative side that won the National Championship held on the Gold Coast in July, with Sydney Uni stalwart Rachelle Pirie captaining the side to a narrow win in the final over Queensland. We also had two players in the Sydney 2nd side and two players selected in the Defence Forces side. With a total of 13 players involved Sydney University had the highest representation of all clubs at the championship.

This year also saw two of the Sydney Uni forwards, Alex Hargreaves and Kate Porter, selected in the Australian Women's side in the autumn tests against NZ. Club MVP of the year, halfback Faryaneh Hayati, was also involved in the National 15's and 7's squads but unfortunately sustained a knee injury in the final against Parramatta which ended her season prematurely and she was a notable loss to Sydney Uni in the grand final.

The season concluded with an awards night in our new sponsor venue, the Hampshire Hotel. MVP as previously mentioned went to Faryaneh Hayati; Best Back to centre, Kelly Ducker; Best Forward to flanker, Roisin McNulty; and Most Improved to winger, Kristi Beynon.

Off the field it was also a successful

year. There was change in the committee with Rachelle Pirie coming in as the new President. Despite the lack of sponsorship for the season, the club managed to sustain itself well with fundraising and ended the year with a surplus. A new sponsorship deal with the Hampshire Hotel has been secured for the 2009/10 seasons. The AGM for the upcoming season was held on Dec 5th and voted in were Rachelle Pirie as President, Jaie Thomson Secretary, Roisin McNulty Treasurer, Kelly Sager and Cath Glasson PR Officers, Kate Lancaster General Committee Member, Renee Simpson Equipment Manager, and Sam Saunders Fundraising Officer.

Pre-season training will begin early February on Oval 2 with the 2009 season starting earlier than usual with a short 7's competition for a few weeks in the lead up to the 15's competition. The primary goals of the club from here are to secure a coach for the upcoming season and hopefully go one better in the competition and win the 2009 grand final!

**Roisin McNulty** - Treasurer

## **Sailing and Boardsailing**

Since the beginning of 2008, the Sydney Uni Sailing Club has re-established itself as a successful club with a bright future. In 2007, a new

committee set about rebuilding a club that was close to collapse. After completing the much needed maintenance on the club boats that had made them inoperable the club was ready for service.

We participated in O-Week and recruited a strong membership base. The new members, along with a few uncertain potentials members, then attended the Club's first open day for 2008 which allowed the new members to meet, see the way the Club operates as well as take the challenge of sailing a short race course on a hydraulic sailing simulator. The simulator allows athletes to hone their skills by replicating the techniques for tacks and gybes under controlled weather conditions. The club hopes to further utilize this equipment in 2009 for the advancement of racing members with the support of Bethwaite Design, the designer of the 49er Olympic class based Woollahra Sailing Club.

The Club organized a number of event fundraisers for the purchase of new equipment and boats. The establishment of the Sailing Club Foundation marks a significant change in approach to fundraising activities that will allow for the further development of the club. By cooperating with Alumni Services as



well as the many local sailing clubs around Sydney Harbour, it will be able to raise the necessary funds.

In 2008 we became an affiliated club of Yachting New South Wales for the first time. This will give the Club the opportunity for greater engagement in the NSW sailing community and better publicise our events and activities. Yachting NSW also plays a significant role in the planning of many of the large NSW regatta events held throughout the year. It is this expertise that the club aims to benefit from in the future in the planning of its events.

The new website [www.usydsailing.com](http://www.usydsailing.com) first went live in late 2007 in preparation for 2008 O-Week. Since then, the site has become a hub of information about sailing in Sydney as well as providing a much needed means for communication with members. In late 2008, the establishment of a 'Crew Search Forum' was made to create a link between university students and the Sydney sailing community. Many students have the interest to get involved in Sydney's vibrant yacht racing scene but do not have the knowledge or a way to get involved. The 'Crew Search Forum' provides this link and allows the Club to be the centre for communication between the greater Sydney sailing community and the Sydney student mass. Being the only remaining university sailing club in NSW means that the club is developing the service for all of the NSW university students.

In March 2009, the Club will hold the first University Regatta between the NSW universities since 2003. The event will be held on Lake Macquarie over a long weekend and will allow competitors from around the state to come together to compete for their University. Despite the lack of university clubs, the event will be promoted through NSW's universities with the help of Australian University Sport and through the NSW sailing and yacht clubs by Yachting NSW. The event will drive the re-establishment of sailing in universities which once played a major role in the development of the sport amongst the youth. By promoting both the competitive race side as well as a social atmosphere, the event will have attraction that is similar to events like

the University Games. Developing the event as the sailing equivalent is the goal.

With a lack of university sailing clubs, a growing partnership has been established with the UNSW Windsurfing Club. The first joint event was held in mid October and involved 40 members heading to Hawks Nest for a weekend of sociable sailing and windsurfing. The first joint regatta event that will provide race management experience in preparation for the University Regatta will take place in late November. The growth of this partnership will allow both clubs to further develop racing events and the re-growth of university sailing and windsurfing.

The Sydney Uni Sailing Club in 2008 built a membership base and a structure for the Club to become sustainable in the future. 2009 will see the establishment of new events that will promote the Club and the sport in universities around NSW. Fundraising plans will reach full implementation and hopefully bring in the much needed funds for the purchase of new boats and equipment to replace the aging fleet. These plans have been

formulated after much consideration of what is needed by students, universities and sailing. By harnessing the right support, the Club hopes that the re-growth of university sailing can secure its position as a dominant university sport in NSW and Australia.

Tom Mallet - Vice-President

## Ski

The Snowsports team this year came 3rd overall, 2nd in the men's division, 5th in women's, and 2nd in cross country. Overall we obtained 415.5 points. Melbourne University came first with 450 points. These results were a bit disappointing considering the amount of talent in the team. In the women's division we came 1st and 3rd in alpine individual and 1st in cross country. The overall results reflected our inability to field a full team in every event this year. Another contributing factor to the result was an unprecedented number of individuals who did not start their event. In 2009 recruiting and advertising by the club and team managers will be critical.

Individuals were only entered in events they expressed interest in. It



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costs \$70 to enter someone in an event, and by not starting, we forfeited \$70, plus were at risk of losing another \$70 for not starting. We entered the team in events to ensure that there were at least 3 competitors in each event – trying to maximise our overall point score. Because people did not start, or were disqualified, we did not field enough participants to maximise our chances of winning.

AUC's is an amazing event. Thank you to the Club for \$10,000 worth of funding, and all the effort involved in accumulating the funds to enable us to have such an amazing week again this year. Overall the week was a success – individually we did really well and the social program was phenomenal. The only downfall of this year's event was in the team aspect which I am sure can be remedied next year.

**Alicia Norman** - Team Manager

## Soccer

Sydney University Soccer Football Club (SUSFC) began 2008 with the election of an Executive Committee with a new-found, confident view about the future prospects of the Club. We have continued to thrive since the introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism. The Soccer Division of the Sydney Uni Sport Foundation was launched in style, current and former

players of various vintages enjoying the company of club-mates from throughout our history. From the guests in attendance on launch night some \$140,000 was pledged, representing a substantial first step towards our target of \$500,000 in five years.

A huge thank you to our Foundation Patrons Brendan Casey and Ray Hyslop, Fellows Laurie Gluskie and Simon Philips, and further Benefactors and Friends of the Foundation. The pool of money donated to the Foundation is already over \$100,000 and the Club has had no need to even consider drawing on the interest yet. Having the Foundation did mean that we could budget more aggressively in 2008, and we were able to take the decision to waive fees for women's 1st Grade. From there, discussions started in earnest with Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness about the appointment of a full-time Director of Soccer, which they have very generously supported.

In 2008 we fielded thirty-two teams in five different associations, with roughly five hundred players competing under the SUSFC banner. And that does not include the intervarsity teams or the summer futsal!

The highlight of 2008 was the first silverware the Club has won in the Football NSW Women's Premier League. The women also lead the way

in intervarsity play, returning from the Australian University Games with gold for the second year in succession and the fourth year in succession that one of the Sydney University teams has won the tournament.

There were not many other outstanding performances, and yet 2008 was a remarkable year for the Club. Throughout the year there was strong sense of camaraderie and purpose, with players and coaches alike taking an interest in the progress of other teams in the Club, and importantly, showing a willingness to help wherever possible. This also contributed to a healthy atmosphere at social events.

Over the course of the season, SUSFC won 188 games of the 568 games we played (~33%), drew 167 games (~29%) and lost 203 games (~36%). We kept the scorers busy too bagging 883 goals (excluding finals) while conceding 980 (excluding finals). Overall, we held our own, and preparations are already underway for an even better year in 2009.

**John Murray** - President

## Softball

2008 saw the Sydney University Softball Club win the Australian University Games in Melbourne in convincing fashion. During the rounds the Sydney

Uni girls defeated Melbourne Uni 15-0 and 14-5, Macquarie Uni 14-0 and 10-4, and Monash Uni 11-1 but they lost their last round game to Monash Uni 3-7. The team progressed straight to the gold medal game for a re-match with Monash Uni and smashed them 24-10 in a run feast to take the gold in ripping form.

Sydney Uni players Samantha Poole, Michelle Edgton and Annabel Davies were named in the Green and Gold team at the conclusion of the AUG.

During the year the Club did not enter teams into the Manly Warringah competition as there was a lack of interest. It is hoped that an effort to recruit more players at O'Week in 2009 and a new committee will reinvigorate the Club and see girls playing the sport week-to-week as well as at intervarsity events where they continue to do very well.

### Squash

From the start of 2008 the Women's and Men's Squash Clubs were amalgamated into one Sydney University Squash Club (SUSC). It was a great move allowing us to attract more players and more teams.

2008 saw the SUSC complete another successful year. Playing membership numbers were more than the 2007 levels, with a total of 94 full members who played in all competitions during the year. As in previous years, the Club fielded teams in the South-Eastern Pennant Competition, participating in all three seasonal pennants: Summer (January and February), Autumn (March - June) and Spring (August - November).

The Summer Pennant is a graded handicap competition and is used by most players as a vehicle for maintaining fitness over the Christmas and New Year break. This past year we fielded five teams, which is an increase on other years.

The Autumn and Spring Pennants are the main competitions of the year with teams competing in grades from State to Division 14. The Club fielded 11 teams in the Autumn Pennant and 12 in the Spring Pennant. The Autumn Pennant saw the Club have 8 of the 11 teams reaching the final 3 play-offs, with 7 of these contesting the grand

final and 2 teams in Div 1 and Div 14 winning the grand final. The Spring Pennant saw 5 of the 12 teams reaching the final three play-offs, 3 teams contesting the grand final, with 2 teams securing the championship in their division.

The Club Championship was played between the Autumn and Spring Pennants. 25 Members competed for this year's bragging rites, which saw Murray Gibbons from the Div 1 team defeating Arno Becker 3-0 in the final.

The Club has the capacity to field 20 teams in each of the Pennants. At the moment we have 12, so any new members are welcome. We cater for all levels of play, from beginners at the grassroots level, to those who are contemplating a return to the sport after a spell, or those wishing to join our Club from another.

[www.squash.soc.usyd.edu.au](http://www.squash.soc.usyd.edu.au)

Mohammed Alkhub - President

### Swimming

A highlight of the 2007/8 swimming season was the expansion of the Sydney University Swimming Club (SUSC) web site which now provides up to the minute information and results. A photo gallery was also established so club members are able to purchase their photographs and raise funds for the Club. We thank Fred Etter for his tireless efforts and great initiatives in support of SUSC.

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 Garry Lennon Scholarship holders for the year.

The Christmas party at the Grandstand was a huge success attended by the majority of our members. This function also incorporated the announcement of the



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inaugural "Sutto" Award. Brian Sutton was on hand to make the presentation to 12 year old Jessica Donovan.

We sent enthusiastic teams of varying ages to the St George/Sutherland District Meets, Metropolitan, State and Australian Championships in both long and short course categories. All our 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 us and especially to those who qualified for Metropolitan, State or National Championships for the first time this year.

The SUSC Club Nights (Saturdays) and Race Nights (Fridays) held monthly continue to be well supported. The success of these meets depends entirely on parental involvement. It was, therefore, encouraging to see sixteen parents offer their time to attend a Timekeepers Course to become accredited Technical Officers with Swimming NSW. Congratulations and thank you to all these new officials.

An important initiative this year, by coaches Vanessa Smith and Steve Alderman, was the introduction of SUSC Records. We thank them for the many hours spent researching the archives. Our Club has a very auspicious history.

Olympic Games years offer extra impetus and inspiration to sporting organisations. SUSC was no exception, with Jonathon Newton narrowly missing Beijing selection and Matt Jaukovic making two finals at the selection trials. A vocal group of SUSC members proudly cheered them on at the Olympic selection trials in March. SUSC is indeed unique, featuring the pathway on offer "From Beginner to Olympian". We must sincerely thank Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness for their continued support of our swimmers.

Thank you to our fantastic coaching staff, especially Steve Alderman and Vanessa Smith. Your sterling efforts, often "above and beyond the call of duty" are very much appreciated by all.

I thank the committee for all their time and effort in making the Club run well and prosper as it has.

**Christine Etter** - President

## Table Tennis

Firstly, a big thank you to all the members of the Sydney University Table Tennis Club (SUTTC) who still attend and participate in the weekly sessions as without your support, our club wouldn't be where it is today.

This year has been one of turmoil and change. After a few golden years, 2008 has brought many challenges for SUTTC. With many of the previous committee members leaving, it has been difficult to fill the gaps that they have left behind. The lack of O-Week presence by the Club due to financial difficulties has provided for a lack of memberships and a lack of funding to fully support players wishing to compete for SUTTC at State and National titles.

I am hoping that the Club will be able to provide for its members for many years to come, however this requires further support from current and potential members who I hope participate not only in the sport, but also in the organisation and development of SUTTC. This year we had approximately 20 members, which is considerably lower than the 60 we had last year. On the bright side, these members tended to come more regularly than members last year, presumably because they paid SUSF membership voluntarily.

Although we have some financial support through our memberships and assistance by SUSF, this only contributes to a small portion of what is required to maintain a club. Sending members to competitions is an expensive exercise and as much as we wanted to support members at the Australian University Games, the funding and organisation of a representative team was difficult this year.

If there are any people willing to help, the Club would be appreciative of your time and effort. Please help SUTTC become as exciting and involved as it once was, and hopefully we can be successful in the many years to come. The administration duties must be handled by a team of people otherwise SUTTC may cease to exist which would be a shame considering how inexpensive it is to play compared to the vast majority of other table

tennis clubs around Sydney.

Finally, I do thank the members who have helped promote the club around the University and for helping get through a tough year. I hope that you will continue to contribute to SUTTC as your assistance has been invaluable. With your help, SUTTC will become a success - a club in which there is diversity of cultures and a sanctuary for all things table tennis. Come join in the fun in 2009. We hope to see you there.

**Jason Tan** - President

## Taekwondo

Sydney University Taekwondo Club (SUTC) has seen exciting growth and has experienced one of our best years. Many new and eager faces joined the club and taekwondo training classes in the dojo were often at capacity; something which has not been seen for many years.

The performance of our members in the Australian University Games was very impressive. Eleven club members competed in the AUG's, representing a range of belt levels and most won their matches convincingly. The most prominent match involved Sydney Yang who amazingly won his first match in the men's black belt heavy weight division by knock out. Erin Elbel competed in the women's yellow belt light weight division and won a well deserved gold medal along with Cassandra O'Connor who achieved a gold medal in the women's blue belt feather weight division. Kate Hartcher competed in the same division as Erin Elbel and won a silver medal. Kaier Tan came 2nd in the women's red belt bantam weight division. Roger Stephenson came 2nd in the men's blue belt heavy weight division. Maxim Wang came 2nd in the men's yellow belt heavy weight division. Philip Heo came 2nd in both the men's blue belt light weight and the men's red belt light weight divisions. Thanks must be given to Daniel Kim who put in a lot of effort to organise the team for their successful campaign in Melbourne.

Aside from competitions, SUTC was involved with the Sydney University Australian Korean Association on a couple of events including K-Day and World Culture Fair where members of the Club performed impressive

demonstrations in front of an eager crowd. Master Lee joined SUTC earlier in the year and helped with the club's O-Week demonstration by executing remarkable wood breaking performances such as breaking two wooden panels whilst conducting a back flip.

The club also had a Krispy Kreme fundraiser which was a very delicious and successful event. 2008 also saw the introduction of new night time class in the HK Ward Gym, which was aimed to draw in students from Science and Engineering and also people with full time jobs that wished to train.

The years ahead are promising for SUTC and we are confident that we will win AUG's in upcoming years. We had around 100 members this year and the club is expected to only get bigger with most classes anticipated to run at full capacity. On the social side of things, 2009 will see the return of the SUTC camp and also possibly joint social events with other martial arts clubs in the University. SUTC is looking forward to a brilliant year in 2009.

**John Lee** - President  
**Mellissa Linardi** - Secretary

### Tennis

Continued growth in Sydney University Lawn Tennis Club membership resulted in corresponding increases in financial member contributions to SUSF and in the number of teams competing in Metropolitan Grass Court Clubs Association (MGCCA) Badge competitions.

Social tennis was organised for members during semester on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in consultation with SUSF grounds staff and the manager of HK Ward. Thanks to Rob Jackson, Sabin Shrestha and Sachin Shrestha for their voluntary organisation of club social play.

- Women's competition results:
- Scholarship recipients: Bianca Chidrawi, Phoebe Hooke, Anna Leksinska, Erin Myers (TAP)
  - Two teams entered in the MGCCA Autumn Badge competition
  - 5th AUG's: Emily Alexander, Zsanett Der-Levine, Victoria Forsdick, Phoebe Hooke, Erin Myers, Sasha Uher
  - Five teams entered in the MGCCA



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Spring Badge competition: SU8 premiership winners in Grade 4 of the Unisex Singles/Doubles competition.

Men's competition results:

- Inaugural Kaye Dening A.M. Scholarship for Tennis (funded in 2008 by SULTC) awarded to Brenton Dumbrell
- Scholarship recipients: Henry Mortlock, Tom Stevens, Matthew Tink
- 13 teams entered in the MGCCA Autumn Badge competition, including two teams in Grade 1/1: SU1 semi-finalists in Grade 1/1; SU5 semi-finalists in Grade 1/4; SU6 minor premiers and runners up in Grade 1.5; SU9 semi-finalists in Grade 2/2; SU12 runners up in Grade 3.1
- Annual MGCCA Head Invitational Challenge: Warwick Lynch, Tiho Matulj
- 5th Slazenger NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inter-District F.O. Blackwell Cup competition
- Runners-up, ECC: Luca Lavermicocca, Henry Mortlock, Daniel Palise, Nathan Russell, Sabin Shrestha
- 1st AUG's Men's Division 1: Brenton

Dumbrell, Nick Crisci, Luca Lavermicocca, Henry Mortlock, Thomas Stevens, Matthew Tink, Jason Wright

- 9th AUG's Division 2: Ben Norris, Daniel Palise, Billy Quist, Sabin Shrestha, Sachin Shrestha, Will Tian
- Green & Gold: Brenton Dumbrell
- 14 teams entered in the MGCCA Spring Badge competition: SU14 premiership winners in Grade 1 of the Men's Doubles competition; SU1 premiership winners in Grade 1 of the Unisex Singles & Doubles competition; SU2 and SU7 runners up in Grades 1 and 2 respectively of the Unisex Singles & Doubles competition
- Blue: Brenton Dumbrell.

### Touch

This year we held a toga pub crawl to welcome the new members of the Sydney University Touch Club (SUTC). About 50 people took to the streets of Newtown clad in various coloured togas. Many of the participants had signed up at O-Week and many of these people have continued to

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participate throughout the year.

SUTC entered 5 teams in the ECC; 2 mixed teams from main campus and from Cumberland campus a women's, men's and mixed team. All teams performed solidly throughout the tournament with the Cumberland campus women's and men's teams both taking gold. Although the competition wasn't particularly strong, it was a success for the club as it exposed many new faces to the AUS experience.

The crab racing AUG's fundraiser was the most successful in SUTC history, raising ~\$1,500. This year we relocated to a new venue in Darlinghurst, which proved to be ideal, with over 60 people attending. All AUG's athletes helped out on the night but a special mention must go to Paul Hickey, Kate Gammel, Danial Meade and Helen Scott who organised the event. Three teams (35 athletes) went to AUG's in Melbourne which is the largest touch team since 2005. The week ran relatively smoothly with touch performing to a high standard with the women's team claiming bronze in 1st Division, men's team silver in 2nd Division and the mixed team finished a commendable

7th in 2nd Division (out of 16 teams). However, most notable was the good behaviour of our athletes off the field. Despite having the large team, all members were exceptionally well behaved, working within the accommodation constraints. A big thank you must go to Helen Scott and Yoni Charlupski who put in a huge amount of effort to organise and manage the three teams.

SUTC provided athletes and organisational staff to support the Varsity Representative Teams in 2008. This joint venture with UTS and Macquarie Uni is proving very successful for all three universities and we have continued to recruit and retain quality players. Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the men's team winning the NSW Vawdon Cup grand final remaining undefeated for the whole season. Both teams also traveled to Port Macquarie in December for State Cup where the men made the semi final and the women's team made the quarter finals.

2009 will see some significant changes to the SUTC administration. Former inaugural president and current

Competition Administrator – Gary Reynolds has recently left SUTC for a job in Scotland. This is a big loss to the club as Gary has worked tirelessly for the past eight years to create the club and develop the Monday night competition. After 5 years (past 2 years as President) Helen Scott will also be leaving the Club for employment in QLD. It is hoped that some of the newer members will join the Executive Committee and help to steer the Club forwards. Notably, Kate Gammel has proved to be a fantastic organiser and will take over the role of president for 2009.

**Helen Scott** - President

## Ultimate Frisbee

Sydney University Ultimate Frisbee Association (SUUFA) was the stand out university ultimate club in 2008, earning a nomination for 'Club of the Year' in the 2008 Australian Flying Disc (AFDA) Awards. Whilst other traditionally large university ultimate clubs came to the brink of extinction this year, SUUFA has built a solid development base and in 2008 sustained a core group of over 40 active members, with countless others less active but just as important. This was due to the friendly and supportive culture prevalent within the club and constant encouragement to attend training, tournaments and join the club team which played in the North Sydney League (NSL). This was lead by our dedicated development officers Mike Tarn, Nikki Cotton and Fiona McDonald. The organised socials after training such as karaoke, scavenger hunts and dinners also contributed to a high retention rate which would not have come to fruition without the tireless work of the social directors Alex Baume, Cameron Bruce and Stacey Weisbrodt.

Not only was SUUFA's member retention the envy of many university ultimate clubs in Australia but so were many of our results. SUUFA sent teams to various intervarsity (IV) tournaments with excellent results:

- Sydney University IV – 1st
- Charles Sturt University IV (Bathurst Ultimate Stampede) – 1st and 2nd of the competing university teams
- Newcastle IV – 1st
- Canberra IV (Shenanigans) – 1st



Ultimate Frisbee

SUUFA also sent a team to both the East Coast Challenge (ECC) and Australian University Games (AUG's). A highlight on the calendar not only for the high level of competition experienced but also for the exciting social events. Sydney University placed 3rd at ECC. This was an excellent result for a relatively inexperienced team with 5 rookies. For AUG's a more experienced team was chosen to represent Sydney Uni in Melbourne against 18 other teams. SUUFA placed 2nd after losing a tough final against Flinders Uni. Leading up to the final Sydney Uni was undefeated but Flinders just stepped it up to the next level in the final. The silver medal was well deserved but SUUFA are undoubtedly and unashamedly looking to go one better next year.

SUUFA send several teams to compete in the summer and winter leagues in the North Sydney League. The NSL is the largest ultimate league in Australia and is the breeding ground of many National Club and Australian Representatives. SUUFA put two teams into Division 3 of the winter league and finished 1st and 5th – an excellent result for two teams of which more than half were players new to the sport this year.

Along with these excellent results there have been some brilliant individual achievements by members of the club. Congratulations go to Max Halden and Calan Spielman for making the Australian Juniors National Team! SUUFA also had many representatives at the club level representing various clubs at the Australian Ultimate Championships (AUC).

Simon Hyatt - Secretary

### Volleyball

The Sydney Uni Volleyball (SUV) has had its most successful year ever on the court. This has been tempered by the loss of long time club administrator Ed Binnie. Since his departure overseas there have been a number of changes to the committee roles, and now with some hard work, the enormous gap that Ed left appears to be getting filled.

There have been great results in all areas from State League to National League and many minor tournaments



through the year. The women's teams were runners up in both Honours and Division 1 at both of the State Cup pre-season tournaments, Illawarra and Newcastle. The men also had teams make finals only to come runners up as well.

With new men's coach Kiu Nam Cho and Julie Kim returning to coach the women it was set for a strong year for all of the teams at State League and we had the greatest success yet. Women's Honours Champions, Women's Division 1 runners up and the junior girls achieved 4th place. The men were also successful with the Honours boys being unlucky to only get 4th place, while in Division 1 we had both 2nd and 3rd places and the junior boys managed to take the bronze. These great results saw SUV take out the Overall State Champions trophy, a feat not previously achieved by the club.

Sydney Uni Volleyball and UTS Volleyball Club continued the UTS-SU venture for National League in both men's and women's Australian Volleyball Leagues (AVL) in 2008. After losing in the final last year the women were out for revenge taking the minor premiership convincingly and the winning the grand final in a rematch of the 2007 game against the combined team from the Melbourne Universities. This is the first year that UTS-SU has won an AVL title and is an achievement that all of the girls can be proud of. The men made the AVL semi finals but were eliminated to finish 4th. After WAVL the Sydney Uni girls won the annual National Club Championships in Canberra which is another first for the Club.

At AUG's the men came 2nd and the women came 3rd. Luke Carroll, Betsy Connelly, Chris Todd and Gabrielle Woodhouse all were selected in the Green and Gold teams. SUV was also well represented at the national junior championships with a number of players selected to represent NSW: Troy Movsessian and Anika Lalic both attended as coaches, Ben Lalic and Oscar Konakoff played in the U17's boys, Heather Cockburn played for the U19's girls, Ed Walkley, Yaegan Doran, Daniel Gauci, Gabrielle Woodhouse, Adriana Amato and Stefanie Lalic represented in the U21's teams, Liam Watson, Anthony Gigliotti, Craig Lowe and Oliver Konakoff were selected in the U19's boys, and Oliver Konakoff was selected in the All Star 7 team for his performance. Oliver was also selected for the National Youth team and Craig Lowe was selected in the Australian Junior side as well as receiving a scholarship to the AIS.

With so many talented young players in the Club it is going to be an exciting year in 2009 where we hope to see even further great results across the board with volleyball.

Chris Todd - President

### Waterpolo Men

In 2008 the Sydney University Waterpolo Club (SUWPC) fared exceptionally well despite coaching disruption during the National League season. Alas our National League team failed to meet the finals.

By far the brightest part of our year was having four of our players selected in the Australian Men's Olympic team

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that competed in Beijing, these being Thomas Whalan (captain), Trent Franklin (vice-captain), Robert Maitland and Sam McGregor.

The future for the Club also looks bright. We had Lachlan Hollis (captain) and Scott Nicholson selected in the Australian U20 team that attended championships in Europe. Lachlan Hollis was voted MVP at one championship. Jeremy Davey was selected in the Australian Youth team that also attended a championship in Europe.

In the NSW U20 teams that participated in the Australian Championships early in 2008, we had Ben Turner, Lachlan Hollis, Scott Nicholson, Jeremy Davey, Ben Goldstein and Ben Zonaris. Ben Goldstein was also selected in the Australian School Boys' team.

In the NSW U16 teams we had six players selected while in the NSW U14 team we had a single player selected.

Trent Franklin has also had a number of very important recent appointments. He is now a Director to the Australian Olympic Committee Board, Chairman of AWPI Athletes Commission and Deputy Chair of the AOC Athletes Commission.

Nathan Thomas and Greg Turner have also been elected as Directors of NSW Water Polo.

**Greg Turner - Treasurer**

## Waterpolo Women

The Sydney University Women's Waterpolo Club highlight this year was Nikita Cuffe and Taniele Gofers' participation in the Beijing Olympics where Australia won bronze. Taniele has been with the Club since she was 13 and is studying here on a sports scholarship.

The U20's team has just won back to back Col Smee tournaments with Rebecca Angus coaching and the U18's came 2nd in Brisbane.

At National League we won the minor premiership and were unlucky in the playoffs to come 5th after losing several games by only one goal, despite our number one supporter Michelle cheering them on. At present we have ten teams in the Sydney competition and will send junior teams to the State tournaments.

The Club appreciates enormously the support of Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness and I would also like to acknowledge the work done by our Secretary Leanne McKee and the Treasurer Sue Waight as well as our coaches Yvette Higgins, Rebecca Angus and all our other coaches and managers and supporters.

**Lynn Hammond - President**

## Waterski and Wakeboard

It's not just the Queen that has Annus horribilis, at the Sydney University Waterski and Wakeboard Club, we just had two!

We finish 2008 however with all of our troubles behind us thanks to a dedicated committee. Our awesome boat is now compliant with the new state requirements, and our boat captains are qualified to a commercial standard, assuring you of a professional experience with unprecedented levels of safety and training. In fact we're so good that we have been invited to train other professionals to meet the new standards. This endorsement has bought re-newed enthusiasm to the Club and the summer has started early with ride days aplenty and Phat camp weekends coming up. One thing's for sure, we going to finish 2008 great... and 2009 will be just fine. Check out [www.usydwake.com](http://www.usydwake.com) and join in the fun. Beginners to pros all welcome.

**Giles Richardson - President**

## Wrestling

Sydney University Wrestling Club club featured an Australian first at the Olympics. Dr. Kyla Bremner became the first female to represent Australia in wrestling at an Olympic Games. She went through an arduous selection process and many overseas training trips just to qualify. At the Games Kyla did her best and made the Club very proud of her achievements. We would like to congratulate her on her selection and her performance in Beijing. To top this off Kyla also represented at the World Championships late in the year. Having moved up a weight category, she competed at 51kg and placed 14th. On that note Leonid Zaslavsky was also selected to coach the Olympic Wrestling Team at the Games.

Some of our other highlights this year were performances by Hakan Er and Deniz Nedim. Hakan Er represented Australian at the Junior World Championships in Istanbul, Turkey. Deniz Nedim has gone to Turkey to wrestle and compete in the Turkish Wrestling League. We hope that, along with Kyla, we may have some representation at the Commonwealth Games in 2010.

Our club training nights have been very well attended especially the Wednesday sessions which are designated sparring. Along with the submission wrestling sessions on Tuesdays and Sundays we have a lot of interest and good attendance overall. Our membership is steady and hopefully will grow in 2009. We are always looking for members whether they are competitors or just people interested in the sport.

We had a few overseas wrestlers visiting our club which is always great and brings a wealth of experience to the Sydney University Wrestling Club. We welcome all and hope to have a lot more interest post-Olympics in this great sport. We look forward to a very fruitful 2009.

**Leonid Zaslavsky  
- Head Coach and President**





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## GENERAL COMMITTEE

In 2008, the General Committee met on 12 May and 13 October.

### Clubs

AFL (M&W)

American Football

Archery

Athletics

Badminton

Baseball

Basketball

Boat (M)

Boxing

Canoe

Cricket (M&W)

Cycling and Triathlon

Fencing

Gymsports

Handball

Hockey

Judo

Kempo Karate

Kendo

Netball

Rockclimbing and Mountaineering

Rowing (W)

Rugby League

Rugby Union (M&W)

Sailing and Boardsailing

Ski

Soccer

Softball

Squash

Swimming

Table Tennis

Tae Kwon Do

Tennis

Touch

Ultimate Frisbee

Volleyball

Waterpolo (M&W)

Waterski and Wakeboard

Wrestling

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee met on twelve occasions during the year.

The committee consisted of:

Bruce Ross

Rob Smithies

Tom Carter

Tim Davidson

Felicity Goodwin

Denise Wee

Chris Noel

Anne Titterton

Nicholas D'Ambrosio

Yaegan Doran

Brianna Heazlewood

Michael Higgins

Yasmin L'Estrange

Emma Schiller

Patrick Cunningham

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Nick Hudson

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Fiona Hammond

Bruce Ross

Anne Titterton

Brianna Heazlewood

### Finance and Audit Committee

Bruce Ross

Rob Smithies

Patrick Cunningham

Tony Jackson



## BLUE RECIPIENTS

Jessica Heazlewood (Athletics)  
 Lachlan Renshaw (Athletics)  
 Mark Egan (Australian National Football)  
 James Goswell (Boat)  
 James Harding (Boat)  
 Justin Quigley (Boat)  
 Nathan Charles (Football)  
 Mitch Inman (Football)  
 Emily Hurtz (Hockey)  
 Brenton Dumbrell (Lawn Tennis)  
 Elizabeth Bornstein (Netball)  
 Natasha Bolsin (Rowing)  
 Lucy Marshall (Rowing)  
 Alisa Tremayne (Rowing)  
 Jeremy Braude (Soccer Football)  
 Amy Sarandopoulos (Soccer Football)  
 David Wise (Swimming)  
 Keejsa Gofers (Waterpolo)

## GOLD RECIPIENTS

Ian Foulsham (Cricket)  
 Tony Sukkar (Cricket)  
 Jim Zammit (Soccer Football)  
 Paul McGirr (SUSF)

The awards for the Sportsman and the Sportswoman of the Year, for outstanding individual performances are made at the Annual Sports Awards dinner.

## PRESIDENTS

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 1977 – 78 Dr D. D. Ridley  
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## Women's Sports Association

2000 – 02 D. Whee  
 1992 – 00 J. Thom  
 1983 – 92 C Wilson  
 1982 – 83 C. Mills  
 1981 – 82 I. Parsons  
 1980 – 81 A. Alcock  
 1979 – 80 I. Parsons  
 1978 – 79 J. Lenton  
 1976 – 78 S. Pratt  
 1974 – 76 S. Knox  
 1963 – 74 M. Dlve  
 1959 – 63 P. Latimer  
 1957 – 59 M. Swain  
 1954 – 57 L. McKinney  
 1951 – 54 B. Archidale  
 1949 – 51 K. McCreddie  
 1943 – 49 J. Bartlett  
 1938 – 42 G. Dakin  
 1935 – 38 D. Dew  
 1933 – 35 M. Peden  
 1932 – 33 M. Telfer  
 1926 – 32 K. Ogilvie  
 1925 – 26 J. Street  
 1922 – 25 A. Ingram  
 1913 – 22 N. D. Meares  
 1910 – 13 M. W. McCallum



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## VICE CHANCELLOR'S

**Mark Cameron**  
Applied Science  
(Exercise and Sport Science) Cricket

**Alex Croak**  
Applied Science  
(Occupational Therapy) Diving

## SENATE

**Jeremy Atkin**  
Economics (Honours) Football

**Erin Binks**  
Applied Science  
(Exercise & Sport Science)/ Nutrition Athletics

**Jeremy Braude**  
Science (Advanced) Soccer

**Nicholas Dunford**  
Economics Cricket

**Jonathan Freeston**  
PhD (Exercise and Sport Science) Baseball

**Hayley French**  
Visual Arts (Fine Arts) Volleyball

**Taniele Gofers**  
Arts  
(Media & Communication) Water Polo

**Kylie Grant**  
Veterinary Science Rowing

**William Hay**  
Commerce/ Arts Cricket

**Michael Healy**  
Veterinary Science AFL

**Carlie Hoffman**  
Education Netball

**Kimberley Horton**  
Medicine Netball

**Angela Hurley**  
Science Swimming

**Victoria Johnson**  
Applied Science  
(Exercise & Sport Science)/ Nutrition Hockey

**Timothy LaForest**  
Master of International  
Studies and Law Swimming

**Kristina Mah**  
Design Computing Karate

**Gregory Mail**  
Science (Advanced) Cricket

**John Morellato**  
Medicine Football

**Bridget Murphy**  
PhD - Science (Advanced) Soccer

**Elsa O'Hanlon**  
Pharmacy Rowing

**Kate Pallister**  
Physiotherapy Netball

**Susan Pratley**  
Commerce Netball

**Emma Schiller**  
Arts (Media & Communications) Soccer

**Thomas Stevens**  
Economics Tennis

**Sarah Stewart**  
PhD Philosophy Wheelchair Basketball

**Lara Tamsett**  
Arts (Media & Communications) Athletics

**Jeremy van Asperen**  
Medicine / Surgery Wheelchair Basketball

**Evan Walker**  
Engineering/ Commerce Sailing

**Aimee Watson**  
Veterinary Science Skiing

**Nicholas Gregory Watts**  
Engineering Skiing

**Gabrielle Woodhouse**  
Science/ Arts Volleyball

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Commerce/ Law Boat

**John (Jack) Lawson**  
Liberal Studies (International) Cricket/ AFL

**James McMahon**  
Commerce/ Science Football

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Commerce/ Science Sailing

## SENATE/ST PAULS COLLEGE

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Commerce/ Law Football

**Mitchell Cook**  
Arts (Advanced) Cricket

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Engineering/ Commerce Basketball

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Physiotherapy Touch Football

**Sophie McLeod**  
Pharmacy Triathlon

**Lauren Sedgeman**  
Master of Commerce Rowing

**Charlotte Walters**  
Physiotherapy Rowing

## SENATE/SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE

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Diagnostic Radiography Karate

**Kate Johnson**  
Medical Science Swimming

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**David Carrick**  
Master of Commerce  
(Management/ Finance) Water Polo

**Thomas Carter**  
Commerce (semester two) Football

**Stuart Clark**  
Master of Commerce (Finance) Cricket

**Timothy Davidson**  
Commerce Football

**Mark Egan**  
International Business AFL

**Michelle Engelsman**  
Master of International Studies Swimming

**Michael Higgins**  
Master of Commerce AFL

**Martin Paskal**  
Master of Commerce Cricket

**Natalie Porter**  
Master of Business  
(Marketing) Basketball

**Annabelle Smith**  
International Studies Athletics

**Jason Smith**  
International Business Basketball

**Philip Waugh**  
International Business Football

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Commerce Football

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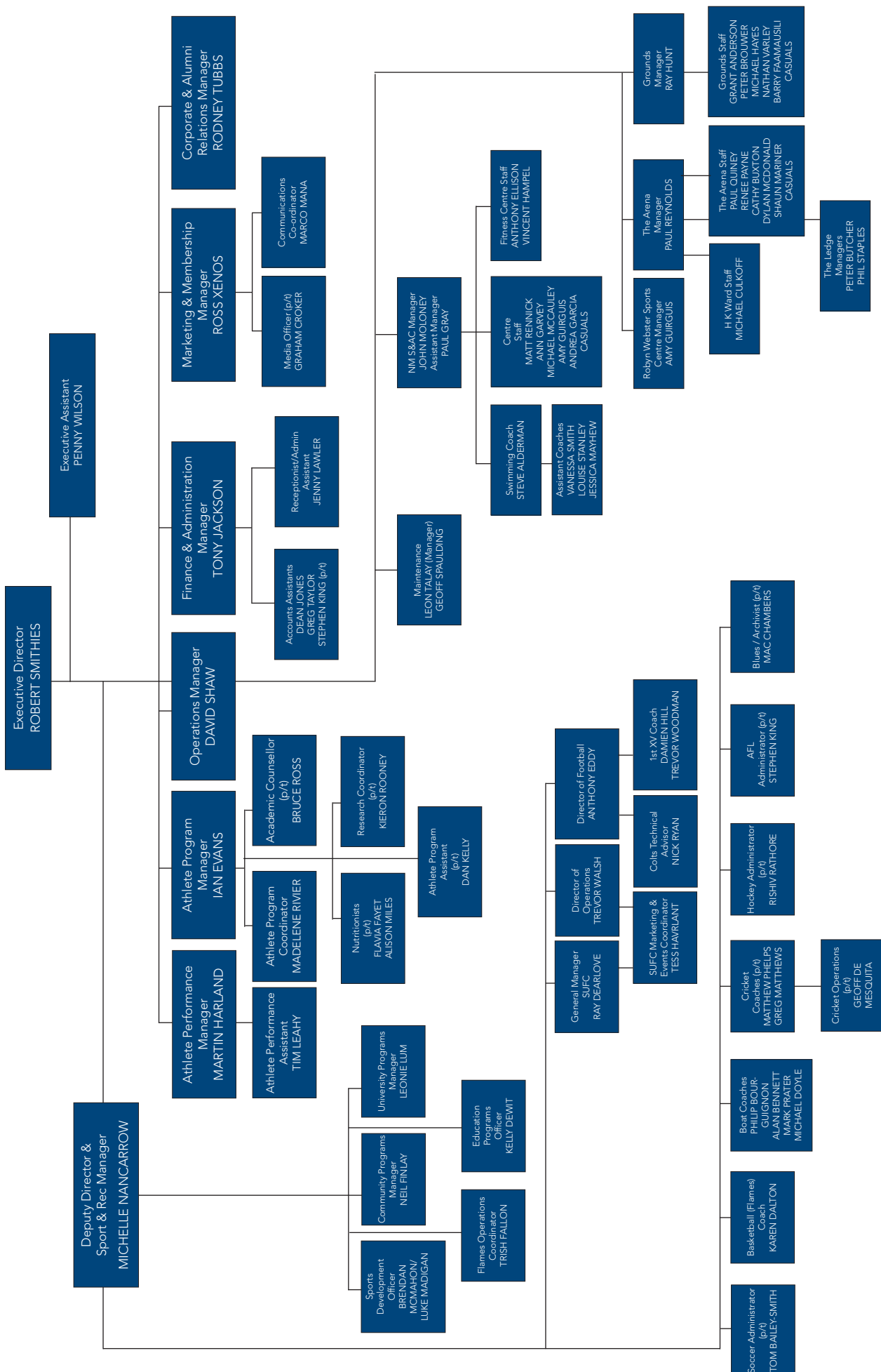
**Jason Smith**  
International Business Basketball

### BLUES ASSOCIATION

**Melissa Hammond**  
Medical Science Water Polo

<b>Matija Jaukovic</b> Science/ Law	Swimming	<b>Patrick Ryan</b> Engineering	Football	<b>SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPORT</b>	
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<b>Renee Kirby</b> Arts and Science	Rowing	<b>Cameron Girdlestone</b> Education	Boat	<b>Erin Bell</b> Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)	Netball
<b>Lachlan Renshaw</b> Commerce	Athletics	<b>Mitch Inman</b> Arts	Football	<b>Julia Boland</b> Exercise and Sport Science	Golfing
<b>THE RAY HYSLOP SCHOLARSHIP</b>		<b>SYDNEY UNIVERSITY VILLAGE</b>		<b>Natasha Bolsin</b> Arts	Rowing
<b>Ihsan Savran</b> Medical Science	Soccer	<b>Edward Boyce</b> Construction Management	Boat	<b>Elizabeth Bornstein</b> Science	Netball
<b>DR PHILIP RUNDLE ATHLETICS</b>		<b>David Neuhaus</b> Education	Boat	<b>Werner Botha</b> Education	Athletics
<b>Justin Merlino</b> Physiotherapy	Athletics	<b>Thomas Woudwyk</b> Commerce	Water Polo	<b>Thomas Brewer</b> Arts/ Science	Sailing
<b>MARIE GAVEL MEMORIAL</b>		<b>WESLEY COLLEGE</b>		<b>Alicia Brightwell</b> Rehabilitation Counselling	Water Polo
<b>Edward White</b> Agricultural Economics	Boat	<b>Justin Bosilkovski</b> Commerce	Football	<b>Jessica Brooks</b> Arts (Honours)	Fencing
<b>Emma Cook</b> Education	Rowing	<b>Jordan Brown</b> Development/ Management	Football	<b>Harrison Brown</b> Commerce	Football
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<b>Brenton Dumbrell</b> Commerce	Tennis	<b>Trent Dyer</b> Education	Football	<b>Charles Budd</b> Agricultural Economics	Boat
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<b>Thomas Coupland</b> Agricultural Economics	Football	<b>THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE</b>		<b>Benjamin Cook</b> Commerce	Boat
<b>Chris Harkins</b> Commerce	Football	<b>Adrianna Amato</b> Commerce/ Law	Volleyball	<b>Thomas Coolican</b> Business/ Law	Football
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<b>Benjamin Larkin</b> Economics and Social Science	Cricket	<b>Lavinia Chrystal</b> Education	Rowing	<b>Amanda Cox</b> Speech Pathology	Water Polo
<b>Aisla Treymanne</b> Master of Commerce	Rowing	<b>Sophie Coolican</b> Physiotherapy	Rowing	<b>Samuel Crichton</b> Liberal Studies	AFL
<b>Emma Walsh</b> Liberal Studies	Athletics	<b>Melissa Hammond</b> Medical Science	Water Polo	<b>Annabel Davies</b> Science/ Nutrition	Athletics
<b>ST JOHN'S COLLEGE</b>		<b>Emily Hurtz</b> Science/ Nursing	Hockey	<b>Edward de Carvalho</b> Arts	Boat
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<b>Renee Kirby</b> Arts and Science	Rowing	<b>Johanna Way</b> Education	Surf Lifesaving		

<b>David Dennis</b> University Preparation Studies	Football	<b>Aaron Jones</b> Teaching	Water Polo	<b>Chloe O' Regan</b> Education	Rowing
<b>Yaegan Doran</b> Liberal Studies	Volleyball	<b>Irma Kajan</b> Liberal Studies	Rowing	<b>Jonathon Owen</b> Agricultural Economics	Football
<b>Matthew Edstein</b> Law	Boat	<b>Toby Kane</b> Medical Science	Skiing	<b>Kate Owen</b> Education	Cricket
<b>Ryan Edwards</b> Business	Boat	<b>Jaimee Kennedy</b> Education	Basketball	<b>Alison Parkin</b> Exercise and Sport Science	Cricket
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<b>Bernard Foley</b> Economics	Football	<b>Anna Leksinska</b> Accounting	Tennis	<b>Prashanth Sellathurai</b> Health Sciences	Gymnastics
<b>William Forsythe</b> Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)	Canoe-Slalom	<b>Tobias Lister</b> Education	Boat	<b>Nathan Sievert</b> Education	Football
<b>Angus Glynne</b> Education	Cricket	<b>Henry Little</b> Arts	Boat/ Football	<b>Stephen Smith</b> Exercise and Sport Science	Baseball
<b>Keesja Gofers</b> Design in Architecture	Water Polo	<b>Daniel Lewinski</b> Education (Human Movement)	Football	<b>Murray Stewart</b> Design in Architecture	Canoe-Slalom
<b>Alasdair Grant</b> Occupational Therapy	Cricket	<b>Molly Lewis</b> Education	Basketball	<b>Jacob Taylor</b> Arts	Cricket/ Football
<b>Daniel Halangahu</b> Exercise and Sport Science	Football	<b>Timothy Ley</b> University Preparation Studies	Cricket	<b>Malcolm Taylor</b> Commerce/ Arts	Football
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<b>Fiona Hammond</b> Nursing	Water Polo	<b>Benjamin Mankarious</b> Commerce/ Law	AFL	<b>Cameron Tovey</b> Commerce/ Law	Basketball
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<b>Hugh Hawkins</b> Commerce/ Science	Football	<b>Benjamin McCalman</b> Agricultural Economics	Football	<b>Matthew Vaughan</b> Economics	Boat
<b>Nicholas Haydon</b> Medicine	Football	<b>Abbey McCulloch</b> Science	Netball	<b>Joanne Waring</b> Speech Pathology	Athletics
<b>Joshua Heath</b> Arts	Soccer	<b>Patrick McCutcheon</b> Surveying	Football	<b>Mark Watts</b> Commerce/ Law	Athletics
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<b>Nicholas Hensley</b> Arts and Science	Football	<b>Hamid Mobarrez</b> Education	Swimming	<b>Gordon Willis</b> Education	Swimming
<b>Amanda Hese</b> Arts and Science	Hockey	<b>Harriet Moore</b> Education	Hockey	<b>Angus Wilson</b> Commerce	AFL
<b>Stefan Hese</b> Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)	Hockey	<b>Henry Mortlock</b> Agricultural Economics	Tennis	<b>David Wise</b> Commerce/ Arts	Swimming
<b>Tara Holt</b> Radiation Therapy	Athletics	<b>Sharmane Motuliki</b> Physiotherapy	Athletics	<b>Nicholas Woolf</b> Agricultural Economics	Football
<b>Patric Horne</b> Science (Honours)	Volleyball	<b>Kerstin Neuper</b> Arts	Soccer	<b>Jerry Yanyanutawa</b> Education	Football
<b>Elizabeth Jenkins</b> Commerce / Arts	Athletics	<b>Scott Nicholson</b> Arts	Water Polo	<b>James Young</b> Arts and Science	Water Polo
				<b>Benjamin Zonaras</b> Arts	Water Polo



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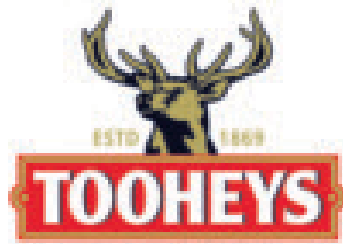
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