



# ATHLETICS

**2018 WAS ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC CLUB (SUAC), ENJOYING UNPARALLELED SUCCESS AT THE CLUB, STATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. COMBINE THIS WITH INCREASED PARTICIPATION NUMBERS AND A RECORD FUNDRAISING DRIVE AND IT IS CLEAR THAT SUAC IS MOVING WELL AND TRULY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.**

The highlight for the Club was the Commonwealth Games held on the Gold Coast. SUAC had its biggest representation in an international team ever with an amazing 13 athletes wearing the green and gold. SUAC athletes covered themselves in glory with Angie Ballard winning a silver medal and a bronze medal each for Nicola McDermott and Nick Hough. Other SUAC representatives included Ian Dewhurst, Josh Ralph, Michelle Jenneke, Annie Rubie, James Nipperess, Angus Armstrong, Rohan Browning, Josh Clarke, Larissa Pasternatsky & SUAC alumna Madeline Hills.

SUAC also featured heavily elsewhere on the international circuit with five athletes selected to represent Oceania in the Continental Cup (Jenneke, Rubie, McDermott, Jung and Ralph), two as part of the World Juniors team (Raper and Harvey), one IAAF Team Walking Championship (Reading) and three World University Cross representatives (Burgess, Hamilton and Croft).

On the domestic circuit SUAC athletes continued to be dominant with five athletes winning National Championships and 21 athletes winning State Championships. Remarkably the Club had 46 athletes represent SUAC at the National Championships, the most of any club in Australia. In Club competitions, SUAC were the NSW Club Champions, medal tally winners at the NSW Relay Championships and winners of the women's Winter Premiership for the 6th consecutive year. The Club also had six athletes awarded Blues by the University of Sydney, they included Rohan Browning, Lara Hamilton, Sarah Marvin, Stevie Donougher, Luisa Healey and Joe Burgess.

The Club's Target Tokyo initiative continues to be a wonderful success and of great support to our elite athletes. The Club also released the SUAC Green and Gold collection which was another very successful fundraising offering.

On the social front SUAC hosted a huge gathering of alumni and friends at the Northcliffe Surf Club during the Commonwealth Games, ran a trivia night for the first time in more than a decade and celebrated the 140th Anniversary Dinner in fine style at the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand.

An outstanding year for the Sydney University Athletic Club, many thanks to the hard working members of our general committee and for the continued support from our athletes and alumni.

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