



## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS CLUB (SUAC) HAD A PHENOMENAL 2016. WE HAD THE BEST EVER OLYMPIC REPRESENTATION AND A TRULY SPECIAL OLYMPIC YEAR.

The club had an incredible six athletes representing Australia in Rio, they were Milly Clark, Annie Rubie, Brendon Reading, Michelle Jenneke, Ella Nelson and Jenny Blundell. Angie Ballard also represented Australia in the Rio Paralympics where she took home a bronze medal.

SUAC had another three athletes qualify for the Olympic Games; they included Josh Ralph, Josh Clarke and Emily Brichacek. This was by far and away, the best Olympic representation by the club in its 138 year history.

Also on the international front Milly Clark had a top 15 finish at the World Half Marathon Championships, Michelle Jenneke finished 9th at the World indoor Championships, Brendon Reading represented Australia in the World Race Walking Team Championships, Jenny Blundell and Ella Nelson both represented in the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Diamond League and Jo Burgess and Danielle Allen represented Australia in Cross Country at the World University Games.

Domestically the club enjoyed another great year too. At the National Championships held in Sydney the club had a very impressive 49 representatives, which accounted for more than ten per cent of the competing athletes. Four SUAC National Champions were crowned.

SUAC athletes broke 14 club records in 2016, had 19 State Champions across a variety of events, were the Winter Premiers in both the men's and women's Open Division, for the men - this was the 6th successive title and for the women it was their 4th straight win - and the SUAC women's U20 Cross Country team won their first Winter Premiership as well. SUAC were the NSW Summer Club Champions for the 5th consecutive year in both the men's and women's competition and were the winners of the Overall title at the 2016 Australian University Games.

I would like to thank the hard working committee of SUAC and to the many wonderful athletes who gave their all for the club this year.

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