



ATHLETICS

IN 2015 THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS CLUB (SUAC) WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SENIOR ATHLETIC CLUB IN AUSTRALIA. THE CLUB WON EVERY SENIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION IT CONTESTED IN AUSTRALIA, PRODUCED A RECORD NUMBER OF CLUB MEMBERS ON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AND CONTINUES TO LEAD THE WAY IN HIGH PERFORMANCE TRACK AND FIELD IN THIS COUNTRY BY PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT PATHWAYS FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF AUSTRALIA'S ASPIRING ATHLETIC TALENT.

At international level the club enjoyed arguably its most successful year. Angie Ballard won two world championships, the T53 200/400 and broke the world record in the T53 400m. Furthermore, at the Track and Field World Championships SUAC sent its largest contingent of athletes to this meet, with a staggering seven athletes making the team in Beijing. They included Michelle Jenneke, Nick Hough, Ella Nelson, Em Brichacek, Josh Ralph, Annie Rubie and James Nipperess.

At the World Universiade SUAC was also well represented by athletes who included Angus Armstrong, Nicole Fagan, Nick Hough, Michelle Jenneke, Nicole McDermott and Nick Van Gelder. Two SUAC athletes were able to take home medals with Michelle Jenneke (bronze 100 hurdles) and Nicole Fagan (bronze team walks).

In domestic competition SUAC were especially dominant winning the Australian Uni games for the fourth consecutive year in both the men's and women's competitions. The club won both the NSW summer and winter premierships for both men and women. SUAC also won the medal tally at the NSW Championships and the Australian Track and Field Championships. At the National Championships SUAC had an incredible 49 competitors competing, which equates to 49 NSW representatives in other sports and made up more than 10% of the total entries. At this event the club was able to walk away with 10 medals including 4 gold, 3 silvers and 3 bronze.

From a social perspective the club celebrated its 137th anniversary with a ball held at the Establishment Ballroom on George Street where Nick Hough and Michelle Jenneke were crowned Male and Female Athletes of the year. Also quite pleasingly the club sent a large group of supporters to the World Championships in Beijing. At the Sydney Uni Blues Dinner Ben Cross was awarded a Gold, with Michelle Jenneke, Gen Cowie, Katrina Blackett and Nicole Fagan receiving Blues. Michelle Jenneke was also named Blue of the Year.

Another outstanding year for the club, thanks to our hardworking committee for another tireless effort.

Dean Gleeson
HEAD COACH



BADMINTON

2015 WAS ANOTHER STEADY AND REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY BADMINTON CLUB. WITH A CONTINUING SURPLUS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS WE HAVE REMAINED FINANCIALLY STRONG. IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE SO MANY NEW FACES JOINING THE CLUB AS WELL AS CONTINUATION OF FAMILIAR FACES. THERE WAS ALSO GREAT INTEREST FROM MANY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INCREASING DIVERSITY OF THE CLUB.

Financially, 2015 saw a need for a change in session fees, with the rising cost of shuttles. A decision was made to increase the fee from \$3/pp per session to \$4 to offset the extra cost. Despite this we saw a continuing strong sponsorship with VICTOR, who provided the Australian University Games (AUGs) shirts and shorts as well as our yearly club uniform, quality shuttlecocks and prizes at our annual dinner.

With the cancellation of the 2014 annual tournament due to the lack of entries and resources, the club was determined to ensure a successful one for 2015. With hard work from both the clubs committee and AUGs team, we

held a successful 2015 annual tournament with a large volume of entries and more sophisticated software to ensure fairness and transparency for all competitors. The strong communication between organisers and entrants prior to the tournament was probably the reason for such a successful and reputable tournament on the NSW badminton calendar.

The 2015 Australian University Games (AUGs), held on the Gold Coast, was an extremely competitive year with many universities fielding strong players at the calibre of the national team. With a relatively younger team in both the men's and women's categories, it was a strong performance but one in which we aim to improve on for 2016.

Results were as follows:

- Women's badminton team received bronze.
- Men's badminton team finished in fifth place.

In addition to the team results, Green and Gold awards were handed to players based on sportsmanship and individual performance. Brendan Tieu and Sirina Fan received this award from tournament directors in recognition of their positive behaviour on-court.

Despite some setbacks and challenges, as a whole the club still had an eventful 2015 which concluded with our annual dinner, a fun-filled night with much games and laughter. It was held at Mad Pizza e Bar in Newtown for the club's members as a way to celebrate the end of the year after the final exams and to thank everyone for all of their invaluable support and enthusiasm. The club looks forward to an even greater year of success in 2016.

Brendan Tieu
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER