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About NUSport

Our vision

To be the leading University sporting and recreation provider in Australia.

Our mission

To enable our customers, current and potential, to be aware of and enjoy a diverse range of quality University sporting and recreational facilities, services, programs and activities, and to develop socially, physically and intellectually through this participation.

Our goals/objectives

To initiate, develop, operate and maintain sporting and recreational services, facilities and relationships for and in support of the University and its community through:

- Participation
- Education
- Facilities and Services
- Programs and Activities
- Athlete Development
- Promotion and Publicity
- Management

Guiding principles and values

Principles

- Service Excellence
- Self Reliance
- Student Development
- Building Community
- Learning Organisation
- The Total University Experience
- Market Competitiveness

Values

- Community
- Learning
- Integrity
- Service
- Sustainability
- Teamwork



Introduction

Newcastle University Sport (NUSport) is a non-profit company, limited by guarantee, which initiates, develops, operates, manages and maintains sporting and recreational services, facilities and relationships for and in support of the University of Newcastle and its community. NUSport facilities include the internationally renowned sport and leisure complex, The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre, located in the grounds of the University's Callaghan campus. NUSport also manages the Squash and Tennis Pavilion and six ovals, all on campus, as well as the Berry Park Rowing Pavilion at Duckenfield, near Maitland. All NUSport facilities are available for use by members of the local and sporting communities, staff, students and alumni, and graduates of other universities. NUSport, in conjunction with TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute, delivers nationally accredited training packages in sport, fitness and recreation, developing industry professionals.

NUSport facilities and services include:

- The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre, featuring:
 - An eight-lane, 50 metre indoor heated pool with seating for approximately 500 spectators
 - Large Aerobics Studio with 90+ group fitness classes each week
 - Dance/martial arts studio
 - Fully equipped weight room
 - 45 piece 'Cardio Zone'
 - RPM Room – indoor cycling
 - The Forum Private Training Studio – one-on-one or small group training
 - Customised health and fitness programs
 - 18 metre high climbing wall
 - Two full-sized basketball/netball/volleyball courts, also used for badminton and other court sports
 - Sports competitions including netball, basketball and touch football
 - Flippers at The Forum Learn To Swim School
 - NUSport Holiday Camps
 - Aqua fitness classes
 - Childminding and Activity Centre
 - Café
 - Massage
 - Dietitian
 - NU Moves Physiotherapy
- The Squash and Tennis Pavilion, featuring:
 - Four synthetic grass tennis courts with lights
 - Four hardcourt tennis/netball courts with lights
 - One outdoor basketball court
 - Five squash courts with superior lighting
 - Multi-purpose studio
 - A sports shop with the latest range of racquets, balls and grips
 - Six sporting ovals – three floodlit
 - Harry Bradford Lounge and Ray Watt Pavilion for meetings and functions
 - Hunter Region Rowing Complex located at Duckenfield, near Maitland

The Chair and General Manager's Review

NUSport plays a distinctive role in the local and broader communities and is proud of the partnerships and reputation it has built in relation to commitment to participation, sporting alliances and pathways to sporting excellence, sports education and research.



Michael Johns
Chair, NUSport



Samantha Martin-Williams
General Manager, NUSport

In 2005, the University of Newcastle celebrated its 40th year of being an independent institution. The University is committed to equity, ethics, innovation and excellence, principles reflected in NUSport's operations, as it aligns itself with the University's strategic direction and engages itself with the community in which it operates.

The next 12 months will bring with it the challenges of the Federal Government's Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) legislation. VSU means that students will no longer pay an upfront General Service Charge (GSC). Until now, NUSport has received a proportion of the GSC each year, and applied it directly to student related sporting activities and services. Business models and strategies for NUSport to operate in a VSU environment are currently under review and NUSport is confident in its ability to continue its outstanding delivery of health and fitness programs, services and activities.

The range of activities, programs and services delivered and managed by NUSport in 2005 rate amongst the best in Australia. With participation as one of its most important objectives, NUSport catered to approximately one million visitations collectively across its facilities and activities. Members and patrons included local school children, graduates, individual community members, corporate members as well as, of course, University of Newcastle students, staff and their families.

NUSport also welcomed members of elite sports clubs including the McDonald's Hunter Jaegers and AIS Canberra Darters netball teams; Australian Women's national rugby union squad; the Collingwood AFL club; NSW/ACT AFL; Paralympic Talent Search; Sitting Volleyball Australia; the Newcastle Knights Rugby League club; the Hunter Pirates National Basketball League squad; the Newcastle Hurricanes waterpolo team; and the Australian University Indigenous Games.

Alliances in the delivery of nationally recognised training with TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute and AUSTSWIM, as well as industry affiliates including Fitness Australia, NSW Institute of Sport, Camp Australia, Royal Surf Life Saving Australia and the Hunter Academy of Sport, enable NUSport to bring together quality program delivery, evaluation and teaching.

A recognised NSW Institute of Sport Official Program Partner, NUSport in 2005 offered athlete friendly pathways for flexible study while pursuing sporting goals. This initiative complements the University of Newcastle becoming a signatory to the Elite Athlete Friendly University network, a national program of the Australian Sports Commission, delivered through the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). The program assists athletes to balance their sporting commitments and their studies at the University of Newcastle, by helping with timetable organisation, assessment needs and alternative exam arrangements. Elite athletes to benefit from this arrangement

include the Hunter's national netball team, the McDonald's Hunter Jaegers. High quality facilities, strong relationships with strategic partners and clear pathways to supporting development and training, have also enhanced NUSport's ability to develop further our sports related education and research opportunities in 2005.

The NUSport Board of Directors and staff are to be congratulated for the energy and dedication that has brought about such high profile projects, adding to the array of superior facilities available to members of the NUSport community as well as attending to the business operations of providing quality sport, leisure and recreation opportunities.

We also recognise the valuable contributions to NUSport that are made by many sports and sport administration volunteers. A sincere thanks to everyone who volunteers their time to participate and share their expertise as we work together to achieve the goals of NUSport.

With quality facilities, comprehensive organisation, opportunities for diverse levels of participation, associated teaching and research endeavours, and close relationships with elite sporting clubs and local partnerships, NUSport aims to further its reputation through sound client relationships, quality programs and activities, qualified and experienced staff contributions as well as further facility development and capital planning in 2006.



2005 Highlights

- Visitations – More than one million visitations to NUSport facilities annually.
- NUSport – FINALIST – 2005 Newcastle City Council Sports Awards – 'Commitment to Participation' and 'Commitment to Education'.
- Primary and Secondary schools participation – 80 schools.
- Academic usage – Approximately 1,000 University of Newcastle students utilising NUSport facilities weekly for academic courses.
- National and international visiting teams and athletes – including the McDonald's Hunter Jaegers and AIS Canberra Darters netball teams; Australian Women's national rugby union squad; the Collingwood AFL club; NSW/ACT AFL; Paralympic Talent Search; Sitting Volleyball Australia; the Newcastle Knights Rugby League club; the Hunter Pirates National Basketball League squad; the Newcastle Hurricanes waterpolo team; and the Australian University Indigenous Games.

The NUSport Board

The areas of expertise that Directors bring to the NUSport Board completely cover the diverse range of skills the Board requires at its immediate disposal. Each Director is involved in the decision making process of the Board. As volunteers, Directors show genuine support for each other as they work together to fill the important roles and responsibilities that come with being a NUSport Director. This means, amongst other things, communicating often and openly with each other, sharing the workload between Board meetings, as well as being prepared to discuss and have input on issues and decisions during Board meetings. Good corporate governance practices are a priority for the NUSport Board and its support and consultative committees.

The particulars of the qualifications, experience and special responsibilities of each Director are as follows:

Michael Johns (Chair)

Master of Laws, University of Sydney. Solicitor. Fellow Aust. Institute of Company Directors. Director, Newcastle Region Natural Disaster Relief Fund Trustee Limited. Former Board Member Hunter Area Health Service, Hunter Area Pathology Service, Newcastle Grammar School Limited, Pacific Linen Services, Hunter Corporate Catering and the University of Newcastle Union Limited. Board Member Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Association, the Hunter Area Consultative Committee and Member of the University of Newcastle Council. Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee. Chairman of the Board of 2NUR-FM. Member of the Finance and Capital Developments Committee, the Nominations Committee, the Promotions Appeals Committee and the Disciplinary Appeals Committee.

Dr Bernard Curran (Deputy Chair)

B.A. (Hons), PhD. Graduate of the University of Newcastle. Current Executive Officer, University Foundation. Life Member of NUSport. Blue (The University of Newcastle). Colour (The University of Newcastle). Former Sports Union President. Past Chair of the University of Newcastle Sports and Aquatic Centre Limited (UNSAC).



Stephen Fityus

B.E. (Hons), B.Sc. PhD (University of Newcastle). Senior Lecturer in Geotechnical Engineering in the School of Engineering. Executive Committee member of UNISS (The University of Newcastle Industry Scholarship Scheme). Newcastle Chapter Representative to the National Committee of the Australian Geomechanics Society.

Alison Hobbs

B.A. (1997), Dip. Legal Practice (1999), B. Laws (1999), The University of Newcastle. Admitted as Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of NSW in February 2000 and holder of current Law Society of NSW Practising Certificate. Current member of the Newcastle and Hunter Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Andrew Johnson

B.A (Hons1) The University of Newcastle. PhD (Criminology) University of Western Sydney. Research Development Manager, Research Division, the University of Newcastle.

Nat McGregor

B. Com (major accounting) The University of Newcastle (1995). CPA, Deakin University (2000). Master of Business Administration, Deakin University (2005). Diploma of Workplace Leadership (Business and Strategic Planning). Currently employed as Commercial Manager at the University of Newcastle. Full member of Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants. Chair, NUSport Finance Committee. Deputy Chair, Australian Universities Procurement Consortium. Member of Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (Australia).

Erin Morgan

Current student Bachelor of Business degree (University of Newcastle). Former President, University of Newcastle Women's Soccer Club, 2004 – 2005. Certificate IV Business Management (Music) TAFE NSW. Higher School Certificate St Francis Xavier's College 1999.

John Mullard

B.Eng (Civil) (Hons1) 2003 The University of Newcastle. Currently undertaking Doctorate of Philosophy in Structural Engineering. Executive member and Club Captain of the University of Newcastle Rugby Club since 2003. Former member Cooks Hill Surf Lifesaving Club. Member Institute of Engineers Australia.

Paul Munro

B.A. (1989), Grad Dip HR/IR (1993). Director, Employee Relations, the University of Newcastle since 2000.

Gail White

BA, Dip Ed, MBA from the University of Newcastle. Academic Registrar at the University of Newcastle since September 2005. Former Executive Director, Student and Alumni Services at the University of Newcastle. Director, Hunter Academy of Sport and Director, Universities' Admissions Centre.

NUSport Committees and Life Members

Audit Committee

Associate Professor Jim Psaros – Committee Chair
Mr Chris Hicks – NUSport Manager Finance
Dr Andrew Johnson
Ms Samantha Martin-Williams – NUSport General Manager
Mr Nat McGregor – NUSport Chair Finance
Ms Gail White

Clubs Committee

Dr Bernard Curran – Committee Chair
Ms Lisa Bradley – NUSport Bookings Coordinator
Ms Joeleene Cheviot – NUSport Club Coordinator
Mr Chris Hicks – NUSport Manager Finance
Mr Adrian Iakin – NUSport Executive Officer
Ms Erin Morgan
Mr John Mullard

Finance Committee

Mr Nat McGregor – Committee Chair
Mr Chris Hicks – NUSport Manager Finance
Ms Alison Hobbs
Mr Adrian Iakin – NUSport Executive Officer
Ms Samantha Martin-Williams – NUSport General Manager
Ms Gail White

Marketing Committee

Dr Bernard Curran – Committee Chair
Ms Alison Hobbs
Ms Kristy Lawrence
Ms Samantha Martin-Williams – NUSport General Manager
Mr Rhys Palmer
Ms Katie Porritt – NUSport Marketing and Communications Manager

Operations Committee

Dr Stephen Fityus – Committee Chair (since December 2005)
Dr Philip Morgan – Committee Chair (until December 2005)
Mr Don Foster
Mr Chris Hicks – NUSport Manager Finance
Mr Adrian Iakin – NUSport Executive Officer
Dr Andrew Johnson
Ms Samantha Martin-Williams – NUSport General Manager
Mr Todd Williams – NUSport Operations Manager
Mr Joe Young – NUSport Assistant Operations Manager

Personnel Committee

Mr Michael Johns – NUSport Chair
Dr Bernard Curran – NUSport Deputy Chair
Ms Samantha Martin-Williams – NUSport General Manager
Mr Nat McGregor – NUSport Chair Finance
Mr Paul Munro

University Sports Awards Selection Committee

Ms Lisa Bradley – NUSport Bookings Coordinator
Mr Shane Derham – Campus Central
Professor John Fryer – Colour
Mr Neil Goffet – The Newcastle Herald
Ms Lynette Van Homrigh – Blue
Mr Trevor John – former NUSport Chair
Mr Michael Kmet – Campus Central; Colour
Ms Snez Parezanovic – Colour
Mr Darrel Sparke – Colour
Ms Jenny Williams – Blue

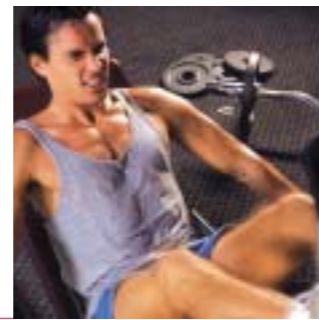
Student Sports Advisory Committee

The NUSport Board
Immediate Past Chair – Mr Trevor John
One delegate from each Affiliated Club

NUSport Life Members

Prof James Auchmuty 1967
Mr Ken Booth 1967
Mr Peter Kleeman 1967
Mr Douglas March 1967
Mr Brian O'Shea 1967
Prof Godfrey Tanner 1967
Mr Harry Bradford 1970
Mr David Karpin 1972
Prof Brin Newton-John 1974
Dr Alec Forsythe 1984
Prof Barry Boettcher 1986
Mr Hugh Floyer 1988
Dr Bernard Curran 1993
Mr Herb Presker 1994
Mrs Lesley Woodhead 1995
Mr Adrian Iakin 1998
Prof John Fryer 1999
Mrs Margaret Heron 2001
Dr Ian Webster 2005





Participation

Visitation

There are approximately one million visitations from Members and patrons to NUSport facilities annually.

NUSport recognised at 2005 Newcastle Sports Awards

In March 2006, NUSport was named as a finalist in the 'Commitment for Participation' category at the 2005 Newcastle Sports Awards, presented by Newcastle City Council and the Sports Advisory Panel.

College sport

NUSport conducted the Intercollegiate sport program for all on-campus accommodation residents in 2005. Over 11 sports were coordinated during the academic year for the 1,100 students living on campus (Edwards Hall, International House, Evatt House, and Barahineban). The sports included swimming, cricket, touch, tennis, netball, softball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, rowing and the Campus Scamper.

347 college residents participated at the swimming carnival and 110 college residents participated in the 2005 Campus Scamper.

NUSport also coordinated a fun sport activity afternoon for all first year students from the on-campus residential colleges.

Community engagement

NUSport has established relationships with the community and allows sporting groups of all levels to use its facilities and in 2005 welcomed 80 schools from across NSW. In addition, a further 80 community and sporting organisations from local, state, national and international locations utilised NUSport's facilities in 2005.

Highlights included the Paralympic Talent Search; Sitting Volleyball Australia; the Australian University Indigenous Games; the Australian Women's National Rugby Union Squad; the Collingwood AFL club; the Newcastle Knights Rugby League club; the Hunter Pirates National Basketball League squad; the McDonald's Hunter Jaegers and the AIS Canberra Darters netball teams; and the Newcastle Hurricanes Waterpolo team.

NUSport's corporate partners

NUSport offers a range of programs and services to our corporate partners, including Corporate Memberships, Health Fairs, Team Building Strategies, Corporate Social Sport and Corporate Recreational Programs.

Our partners include Newcastle City Council; TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute; Hunter New England Health Service; John Hunter Hospital; Greater Building Society and the University of Newcastle Research Associates (TUNRA).

Social sport

In 2005, 351 teams participated in NUSport's social sport competitions in netball, basketball and touch football.

NUSport clubs and societies

In 2005, NUSport supported 29 sporting clubs with approximately 1,600 members, of which over 800 participate in regional sporting competitions every weekend. The clubs were Archery, Badminton, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Boat, Cricket, Fencing, Gymsports, Men's Hockey, Women's Hockey, Jujutsu, Karate, Kendo, La Peña, Medieval Combat, Mountaineering, N.U.D.E.S. (Scuba Diving), Rugby League, Rugby Union, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Squash, Tae Kwon Do, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Water Ski.

Alumni relationships

NUSport recognises the importance of alumni relationships and offers alumni and convocation members discounted access to its world class facilities. Sport is a major way in which the University engages with its alumni, as they maintain their links to the institution through participating in NUSport's activities and programs.

Education

Memorandums of understanding

- In 2005, Newcastle University Sport (NUSport) and the University of Newcastle, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hunter Academy of Sport. The MoU encourages collaboration between the organisations through cooperative research projects and programs to encourage elite athletes to study at the University.

Several MoU agreements continued throughout 2005:

- The MoU signed by NUSport, the University of Newcastle and Netball NSW will assist players with the McDonald's Hunter Jaegers national netball team to combine sport and study through flexible learning.
- The MoU with TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute allows it and NUSport to provide education and training in the growth industry of sport, fitness and recreation.
- The continuing tripartite agreement between Newcastle University Sport, the University of Newcastle and the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) allows NSWIS athletes to study at the University with flexibility while being supported in their athletic development. This is a unique agreement developed to facilitate study for student athletes with local, national and international sporting commitments.
- The MoU between the Faculty of Health at the University of Newcastle, Newcastle University Sport (NUSport) and NU Moves Physiotherapy. NU Moves is a physiotherapy clinic located in The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre, delivering physiotherapy services to staff, students and the community. NU Moves also hosts the work placements of physiotherapy students studying in the Faculty of Health.

Nationally accredited training



NUSport, in conjunction with TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute, delivers nationally accredited training and qualifications in the areas of fitness, sport and recreation.

Supporting the University of Newcastle's education and recruitment programs

- In 2005, NUSport hosted more than 70 students of the University of Newcastle with workplace training, projects and research, at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- In 2005, NUSport continued to support the ongoing research by Faculty of Education into childhood obesity (the HIKKUPS project).
- NUSport supported the activities of the University's central recruitment programs by participating in Schools Visit Day; Rural High Schools Visit Day; Careers and Courses Open Day; Year 10 Information Days; and several campus visits for schools from across NSW and those involved in the Unilink program.
- Orientation Week: Presentations to University faculties and centres about NUSport, as well as participation in the annual O Week Expo.

Student workplace training, projects and research

- Approximately 1,000 University of Newcastle students utilise NUSport facilities weekly for academic courses. In addition, NUSport welcomed 15 work placement students from secondary schools across the Hunter.

International students

- Sport plays a key role in attracting international students to the University of Newcastle. International students account for the majority of participants in sport and recreation programs and short courses offered by NUSport. Its world class facilities are an integral part of the University's international recruitment strategies and NUSport enjoys a close relationship with the University's International Development Services.
- NUSport provides extensive marketing and recruitment opportunities for the University through the promotion of its facilities and services via video, web pages, responding to email enquires from overseas students and securing high participation rates of international students in NUSport programs.

NUSport club training and development

- Neal J Dickinson Award – NUSport awarded nine grants totalling \$2,959 to NUSport Club members, to complete qualifications in sports related fields of First Aid, coaching and sports administration.

NUSport recognised at 2005 Newcastle sports awards

In March 2006, NUSport was a finalist in the 'Commitment to Education' category at the 2005 Newcastle Sports Awards, presented by Newcastle City Council and the Sports Advisory Panel.



Facilities and Services

NUSport's portfolio of sporting facilities is conservatively valued at \$35 million.

Venue management

NUSport manages the following venues:

- The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre
- The Squash and Tennis Pavilion
- Six sporting ovals
- Ray Watt Pavilion

High performance training area

This area at The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre is unique in that it allows sporting teams to train at a higher level of intensity, in a secure and private environment. It is open to any sporting club or group wishing to have their own space for team training – from local clubs in the Hunter region, to national and international teams.

Student insurance

NUSport subscribes to a personal accident insurance policy on behalf of students who have paid the General Service Charge to the University, University staff who have joined NUSport and other NUSport members. The covers students and members who are engaged in University/campus/course/sport related activities, and includes practical or community placement activities for students and also includes their necessary and direct travel to and from such activities.

Conference and meeting rooms

In addition to the Committee room in the Squash Pavilion, The Forum's meeting room, the Squash Pavilion's Bradford Lounge and the Ray Watt Lounge are all used for meetings, presentations, seminars and workshops.

Partnerships

Partnerships include:



Hunter Academy of Sport

The University was one of the founding organisations of the Hunter Academy of Sport and continues to be a sponsor. The University Representative position on the HAS Board provides a vital link between the University, NUSport, the Academy, local schools and regional sports organisations.

In recognition of the significance of the benefits from a balanced approach to academic work and sport the University of Newcastle, NUSport and the Hunter Academy of Sport continue to work together to maximise academic and sporting opportunities for young people in the Hunter Region.

- Vice-Chancellor appointed University representative on the HAS Board of Directors: Dr Bernard Curran, Executive Officer, University Foundation.
- Athletes in the HAS basketball, netball, softball, triathlon, athletics and swimming squads train regularly at NUSport facilities.



Programs and Activities

NUSport and the University of Newcastle Strategic Alliance

- The University of Newcastle actively works with NUSport as a provider of staff rehabilitation programs and Occupational Health and Safety initiatives.

Continuing and developing programs

- New and innovative programs and income streams include NUSport's 'Healthier Schools' program – on and off site programs for school aged children; activity days.
- Part of this program is Multi Sport Holiday Camps for children aged 5 – 12 years, introducing them to the University of Newcastle campus, in conjunction with Camp Australia.
- In 2005, 351 teams participated in NUSport's social sport competitions in netball, basketball and touch football.
- NUSport continued its association with Les Mills Australia to deliver high quality, recognised, group fitness classes, with almost 4,000 visitations each week at The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre.

Flippers at The Forum Swim School

In 2005, more than 1,000 patrons were enrolled in Flippers at The Forum Swim School each term.



Recreation activities

Over 240 people participated in sport and recreation activities during 2005. Recreation activities included Latin Fit, Learn to Salsa, Pilates, Learn to Surf, Learn to Play Golf, Sports Taping, and Senior First Aid.





Athlete Development

NUSport's national and international athletes

National and international teams training at NUSport in 2005 included:

- National Netball team:
- McDonald's Hunter Jaegers – utilised NUSport as their home training base in 2005
- AIS Canberra Darters
- National Rugby League team
- Newcastle Knights – utilised NUSport as their home training base in 2005
- Australian Women's National Rugby Union squad
- Collingwood AFL club
- NSW/ACT AFL
- National Basketball League team
- Hunter Pirates
- National Waterpolo team
- Newcastle Hurricanes

NUSport entered into and/or continued sponsorship and training arrangements with Martin Kelly (national and international Judo) and Lisa Wright (national and international Surf Life Saving).

Elite Athlete Friendly University

In 2005, the University of Newcastle became a member of the national network of Elite Athlete Friendly Universities, an initiative of Athlete Career and Education (ACE), which is a national program of the Australian Sports Commission, delivered through the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

The program assists athletes to balance their sporting commitments and their studies at the University of Newcastle, by helping with timetable organisation, assessment needs and alternative exam arrangements.



The University of Newcastle student representation

Eastern University Games

NUSport sent more than 270 athletes to compete at the Eastern University Games in Tamworth from 3 – 7 July, 2005. The University of Newcastle finished in overall fifth place and, for the third consecutive year, won the Ben Tjen/Shane Alvisio 'Spirit of the Games' trophy. This trophy is awarded to the university that displays integrity, honesty, superior competitive spirit, and which upholds the ideals of university sport including participation, sportsmanship and goodwill.

The Newcastle team won Gold medals in Men's Squash, Men's Touch Football, Ultimate Frisbee, Mixed Netball and Women's Rugby. Silver medals were won by Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer and Men's Beach Volleyball. The Men's Volleyball and Men's Rugby teams both won Bronze medals.

Sport	Event	Result	Merit Team Selection
Beach Volleyball	Men	Silver and Bronze	Joergen Roervik
Basketball	Men	Fourth	Adam Melmeth, Adam Power, Jono Smith
Basketball	Women	Eighth	
Hockey	Men	Ninth	
Hockey	Women	Fourth	Nicole Russell, Hannah Sealby
Netball	Women	Sixth	
Netball	Mixed	Gold	Toni Wotherspoon
Rugby	Men	Bronze	Luke Heard
Rugby	Women	Gold	Carmen Landkauf, Rebecca Trethowan, Margaret Watson
Soccer	Men	Silver	Peter Haynes, John Majurovski, Chris Tanchevski
Soccer	Women	Silver	Harmonie Atwill, Bronwyn Nutley
Softball	Women	Fourth	Bree Brooker, Belinda Hare
Squash	Men	Gold	Adam Shaw
Tennis	Men	10th	
Tennis	Women	Ninth	Carla Dyson
Touch	Men	Gold	Josh Pole
Touch	Women	Fourth	Leah Mandell, Linda Poolman
Touch	Mixed	Fifth	
Ultimate Frisbee	Mixed	Gold	Lucinda Dicker, Jonathan Holmes, Timothy Lavis, Jonathan Tatham
Volleyball	Men	Seventh	
Volleyball	Women	Sixth	Joergen Roervik

Australian University Games

A team of 100 athletes represented the University of Newcastle at the Australian University Games held in Brisbane 25 – 30 September, 2005. The University finished 11th overall and won Gold medals in Women's Rugby and Athletics (Women's 400m). Silver medals were won in Ultimate Frisbee and in Swimming – Women's 200m Breaststroke. Bronze medals were won by both the Women's and Men's Touch Football teams and in Swimming (Women's 100m Breaststroke).

Sport	Event	Result	Merit Team Selection
Athletics		18th	Rosemary Haywood
Basketball	Men	Fourth	Adam Melmeth; Mat McGovern
Beach Volleyball		Fourth	
Cross Country		17th	
Hockey	Women	16th	
Netball	Mixed	Fourth	Heidi Burgess
Netball	Women	11th	
Rowing		10th	
Rugby	Men	Fifth	
Rugby	Women	First	Carmen Landkauf; Rebecca Trethowan; Margaret Watson; Rosslyn O'Connor
Soccer	Men	Seventh	Chris Tanchevski
Soccer	Women	Fifth	

Softball		Seventh	Bree Brooker
Squash	Men	Fourth	Adam Shaw
Swimming	Ninth		
Tae Kwon Do	Ninth		
Touch	Men	Third	Joshua Sparke
Touch	Women	Third	Leah Mandell
Touch	Mixed	Eighth	
Ultimate Frisbee	Mixed	Second	Jonathon Holmes; Lucinda Dicker
Water Polo	Men	Eighth	
Water Polo	Women	Ninth	

Eastern University Championships

The Eastern University Championships provide a forum for students from the 26 member universities in NSW and the ACT, to compete against each other in sports not offered at the Eastern University Games. In 2005, the University of Newcastle achieved the following results:

Championship	Event/Competitor	Result
Futsal	Men	Eighth
Water Polo	Men	Third
Water Polo	Women	Third
Badminton	Men	Sixth
Tae Kwon Do	Yellow Belt – Jim Graham	First
Tae Kwon Do	Yellow Belt – Sara Wallace	Second
Tae Kwon Do	Red Belt – Zoe Benson	First
Tae Kwon Do	Total team result	Fourth
Distance Running	Kevin Byrne	Fifth
Distance Running	Pamela Chia	Fourth
Distance Running	Total team result	Ninth

Australian University Championships

The Australian University Championships allow students from across Australia to compete against each other in sports not offered at the Australian University Games. In 2005 the University of Newcastle achieved the following results:

Championship	Event/Competitor	Result
Wakeboard	Daniel Blackmore	First. Selected in Green and Gold Merit Team.
Triathlon	Tom Longworth	33rd
Triathlon	Tom Shao	35th
Triathlon	Ben Abell	11th
Triathlon	Amy Nall	Seventh
Triathlon	Total team result	Fifth
Distance Running	Half marathon – Ben Abell	15th
Distance Running	10k run – Jeff Farrelly	Third
Distance Running	10k run – David Kitching	Seventh
Distance Running	Marathon – Erin Kvannli	Second
Distance Running Half marathon – Amy Nall	10th	
Windsurfing	Slalom – Michael Lancey	First
Windsurfing	Course – Michael Lancey	First
Windsurfing	Marathon – Michael Lancey	First
Windsurfing	Freestyle – Michael Lancey	First
Windsurfing	Pentathlon – Michael Lancey	First
Windsurfing	Total team result	Fourth. Michael Lancey selected in Green and Gold Merit Team.



Other sporting representation

Touch Football

The NSW Touch Football Association and Newcastle University Sport (NUSport) have affiliated to accommodate the growing interest in this sport, and in 2005, NUSport sent three representative teams to the NSW Country Championships; the Hunter/Western Championships (Hornets Championships); and the State Cup and one team to the Sydney Championships (Vawdon Cup).

Indigenous Games

The University of Newcastle hosted the 2005 Indigenous Games, held from 15 – 17 September, 2005. Ten teams from universities contested netball and basketball games at The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre. NUSport was responsible for coordinating the draws and fixtures for the games.

NUSwim swimming club

NUSwim is currently the number two ranked swim club in Newcastle and the third placed in the NSW country region, with just over 190 members. It focuses on junior and senior, competitive and non-competitive swimmers, through the promotion, teaching and encouragement of the arts of swimming and lifesaving.



NUSwim continued to dominate major swimming meets across New South Wales in 2005, achieving the following outstanding results:

- Sixth – NSW State Championships held January 2005
- Third – NSW Country Championships held February 2005
- 22nd – Australian Age (13yrs – 18yrs) Championships held April 2005
- Second – Northern District Championships held June 2005
- 10th – NSW Country Championships held July 2005
- Second – Northern Districts Championships held December 2005
- Fifth – NSW State Championships 9yrs – 12yrs held January 2006
- Third – NSW Country Championships held February 2006 (first in the overall girls point score)

NUSwim club member Ryan Seymour won Gold and broke the NSW record for the 10 years 100m Butterfly at the Pacific School Games held in Melbourne in November 2005. He also won Gold in his age category of the 50m butterfly and formed part of the NSW team which won Silver in the 10 years 4 x 50m freestyle relay.

Fellow NUSwim member Hayden Jackson represented Australia in junior teams. Hayden was selected to train at the Australian Institute of Sport, at which he commenced in August 2005. In March 2006 Hayden was recognised at the 2005 Newcastle Sports Awards, presented by Newcastle City Council and the Sports Advisory Panel.

Promotion and Publicity

NUSport website

The NUSport website is a major marketing tool for NUSport's activities and programs.

It is consistently among the top 15 hits of the University of Newcastle web pages.

www.newcastle.edu.au/sport



Promotion and publications

NUSport publications are prepared to support the promotional, planning and reporting activities of the University, alongside community engagement and international recruiting.

The key publications produced in 2005 for these purposes were the NUSport handbook and Positive Living newsletters.



Special events

The University of Newcastle Sports Awards

Australian and world Surf Lifesaving champion Lisa Wright was selected as the University of Newcastle Sport Person of the Year for 2004 (awarded in 2005), for her achievements in the sport. There were six Blues awarded in 2005 – Mathew McGovern for basketball; Rebecca Trethowan for rugby union; James Kemp for soccer; Meegan Shepherd for soccer; Linda Poolman for touch football; and Andrew Miller for waterski. Four Colours were presented in 2005 – Andrew Harrison for cricket; Graham Reynolds for rugby union; Roy Capitaio for soccer; and Emeritus Professor Ken Dutton (the University of Newcastle's Deputy Chancellor) for services to University Sport.

Campus Scamper

The Campus Scamper is an annual event which attracts some 300 competitors ranging from the elite athlete to the Sunday stroller. The three kilometre walk or five kilometre run starts at University No. 2 Oval (outside The Forum) and winds its way round the picturesque Callaghan campus, back to the oval. In 2005, 200 people competed in this event.

Orientation Week 2005

This annual event was again a key opportunity for new students at the University of Newcastle to learn about NUSport's programs and activities. The NUSport stand was one of the biggest and most popular at the Clubs and Societies Expo.



Management – Our Business and Our Future

Donations and sponsorships

NUSport has supported organisations such as the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Newcastle Foreshore Triathlon, Variety – the Children's Charity, Rotary, the CommStrength Foundation, Hunter Medical Research Foundation Institute (HMRI), Hunter Life Education, the National Breast Cancer Foundation several schools and community organisations, through donations and sponsorships. In 2005, NUSport donated over \$40,000 (in kind) to more than 70 local organisations. It also sponsored the Newcastle Sports Awards.

Management and staff continued to make quarterly reviews of the NUSport centre wide Policies and Procedures and Departmental Manuals. These provide a tool for NUSport staff and management to improve the implementation of Occupational Health and Safety at the operational level.

NUSport's Occupational Health and Safety Committee, established in 2002, provides the mechanism for NUSport to continue to deal with health and safety matters that relate to NUSport's strategic initiatives and operational activities.

Building and leading the community – NUSport representation

Occupational health and safety and compliance

NUSport is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all employees, members and patrons. NUSport recognises that maintaining high standards of health and safety is a key management responsibility.

Committee structure supporting management

In 2005 NUSport established a Marketing Committee to complement its existing Committees, including Audit, Finance, Operations, Student Sports Advisory, Personnel and Clubs.

NUSport Clubs



Archery Club

- President** Paul Clark
- Vice-President** Lukasz Wiklendt
- Secretary** Lukasz Wiklendt
- Treasurer**
- Delegate** Lukasz Wiklendt

The Archery Club this year had 25 members including two new members who compete in weekend competition and are affiliated with Archery Australia, Archery NSW and Newcastle City Archers.

2005 saw the Archery Club included in adventure week (held by NUSport). 53 young students gained a greater understanding of the sport or had their first try at archery. This day proved to be successful, with the majority of students excited at the opportunity to shoot a recurve bow.

A new Club member who joined at the beginning of the year is student Lehman Lindeque. Lehman's determination and hard training was rewarded when he competed in five events at the 2005 Trans Tasman Masters Games and won five Silver medals. Paul Clark also competed and won one Gold, one Bronze, and achieved numerous other placings.

The Newcastle University Archery Club still has a bit of work to be done to become a competitive club. We require a closer and user-friendly storage area and are unable to use our Olympic targets and shoot Fita-style rounds. This would enable the archers to record accurate scores to determine their own progress from officially marked distances.

Badminton Club

- President** Ian Rigby
- Vice-President** Damien Marik
- Secretary** Zoe Sin
- Treasurer** Jovin Yapar
- Delegate**

No report submitted.

Baseball Club

- President** Danielle Jones
- Vice-President** Chris Fell
- Secretary** Annette Poulton
- Treasurer** Ian Frame
- Delegate** Danielle Jones

The majors didn't have as much success as they would have liked and the loss of international students hurt the Club mid season. Fourth Grade made the Grand Final and was unfortunate not to win. Fourth Grade was also this year's recipient of the Murray Turnbull Award.



Baseball photographs courtesy of Chris Fell

Basketball Club

President	John Woodward
Vice-President	Frank Gallego
Secretary	Kim Britton
Treasurer	Robyn Connett
Delegate	Robyn Connett

This year three student teams played basketball in the local district competition at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium in three 12-week competitions – Division One HAP (Monday night); Division 3 SWAT (Thursday night); and Division 5 Showtime (Thursday night).

The teams played very well, with Team SWAT Grand Final winners for the first competition and narrowly losing its second competition. Team Showtime won its second competition with students Alan Hope, Matt O'Delli, Andrew McLeod, Brett Moss, Hugh Todhunter, and brother Owen Todhunter. Team HAP won its Grand Final in the second competition with players Jai Allison, Tom Burgess, Craig Kennedy, Dwayne Ramzam-Levi, Brendan Sims, Harvard Spurkerland, and Gareth Williams.

The women's Eastern Univeristy Games (EUG) team was unsuccessful in qualifying for the Australian University Games due to injuries sustained at the Tamworth EUG. The men's team was successful at the EUG, coming fourth and qualifying for AUG.

The Junior Club competition (ages range from 8 years to 20 years) was again successful at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium with five out of 12 teams winning the first competition. The Under 22 team came second over 16 weeks competition, while the second junior competition saw both the Under 12B Rebels and Under 14B Hornets as Grand Finalists.

We wish to thank the NUSport staff for their support this past year once again.



Boat Club

President	Bronwyn Deane
Vice-President	Leah Doman
Secretary	Patrick Bird
Treasurer	Sarah Dunn
Delegate	Bronwyn Deane

2005 was a highly successful year for the Newcastle University Boat Club (NUBC). The opening of the new boat shed at Berry Park on November 6 2004 began a new era for NUBC. The opening attracted many alumni members, with which the Club has maintained a relationship over 2005.

The highlight of the year was the 2005 Australian University Games, held at Hinze Dam on the Gold Coast. NUBC had 22 participants, a 210% increase in numbers from two years ago. The majority of the team was novice rowers and they achieved a highly commendable result of 10th out of 24.

NUBC has been successful in attaining minor sponsorship for our regattas, assisting with the expenses. NUBC attended many regattas and hosted three of our own during the year. One of these was the first ever NSW University-hosted regatta, accommodating University students competing for the University trophy, masters and school-aged competitors.

2005 saw the implementation of a novice training program for high school students at Merewether High School. The initiative provides an income for NUBC, and it is hoped that with continued fostering of the students' rowing abilities, they will join NUBC as experienced rowers, elevating the standard of University rowing.

The Club purchased two new singles this year – Race 1 and an elite Olympic class light-weight racing Sykes Single, and a second-hand excellent-condition Ausrowtec double. It is hoped that with wise consideration of equipment expenditure, NUBC will be able increase its fleet to be at a competitive level with other universities for future AUG events. Fundraising is currently taking place for a new quad.

This year saw the emergence of a strong, competitive and friendly relationship with the University of NSW. Being of relatively the same standard as our Club, UNSW provided healthy competition between our separate club's novice crews.

Cricket Club

President	Alan Northey
Vice-President	Stephen Taylor
Secretary	Ben Smee
Treasurer	Andrew Baker
Delegate	Ben Smee

The 49th season of the Club was a great improvement on the previous year, both on and off the field.

The First Grade side, led by Rob Faraday, had an excellent season and just missed out on the Semi-Finals. The Second Grade team, captained by Ben Smee, was a mix of new and experienced players and made the Semi-Finals but was defeated by the eventual winners, Merewether. Third Grade just missed out on the Semi-Finals. The Fourth Grade side suffered from unavailabilities that occurred throughout the grades and with our Club not having a Fifth Grade, had no back-up to call upon.

Rob Faraday had an excellent year with the bat and has been named in the Newcastle District Cricket Association (NDCDA) squad. James Hillery was the leading wicket taker in Newcastle First Grade and was very unlucky to miss selection in the NDCA squad. Matt Metcalfe, in his first season with the Club, came a close second for the most dismissals by a keeper in First Grade. Congratulations to Rehan Anjum who won the district batting average; we hope to see him in First Grade next year. Also congratulations to Tim Northey on his success in junior representative cricket, culminating in his selection in the CHS tour of UK and Ireland and the NSW Under 17 training squad.

A big thanks to Greg Burgess for his fantastic efforts in his first year as Club Coach. Much of the success of First Grade can be put down to the improved training regime implemented by Greg.

The Club had a great Committee this year that worked together extremely well. Congratulations to Andrew Harrison on being awarded a University Colour for his services to the Club.

The upcoming year is an important year, being the Club's 50th season. The Club is putting together an exciting program of celebrations. Be part of it and enjoy good cricket.



Fencing Club

President	Gavin Mott
Vice-President	Kim Au
Secretary	Sam Hughes
Treasurer	David Webb
Delegate	Kim Au

2005 saw the Fencing Club steadily increase the number of regular members. This has been attributed largely to the structured training program introduced in 2004, conducted mostly by Samuel Hughes.

The Club will also conducted an ongoing pool competition each week as well as two in-house competitions, held at the end of each semester. These were a great success and helped promote both the social aspect of the Club and a level of competitiveness in newcomers.

2006 will see the Club travelling to Sydney for novice competitions. This will improve the Club's involvement in external competition and encourage better communication with other fencing clubs within the region.

The Club will also actively advertise on campus to increase student membership as currently many Club members are from the community. An increase in student membership will help promote the Club at events such as O Week and at student competitions, and will allow students to accept Executive responsibilities.

In conclusion, the Fencing Club has had a pretty good year, and looks forward to an even better one in 2006.

Gymsports Club

President	Elecia Johnston
Vice-President	
Secretary	Lisa Wilks
Treasurer	Matthew Patterson
Delegate	

The total number of members in 2005 dropped from 2004, however regular attendance at training improved in comparison to 2004.

2005 saw Gymnastics included in the University Games for the first time. Unfortunately the Club was not aware of its inclusion in the list of sports and hence did not enter any competitors. The Club is hoping to send members to the EUG in 2006.

Hockey Club – Men's

President	Chris Colman
Vice-President	Ben Holmes
Secretary	Robert Raymond
Treasurer	Josh Hunt
Delegate	Robert Raymond

A new year, team, uniform, and sponsor. These changes were a welcome sign that the Club was still growing.

A new team was created this year due to the fact that we had so many players turn up to trials. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our bid for a Fourth Grade team but the association allowed us to submit a second Fifth Grade side.

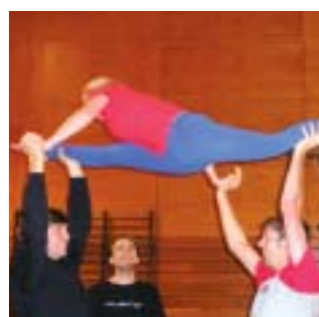
The on-field performances for all grades were mixed, and it was good to see some form return to our top grades. Second Grade managed to scrape into the finals only to be knocked out in the first round. One of the Fifth Grade teams missed out on the minor premiership by goal difference and went down fighting in their preliminary final.

I would like to acknowledge both the improved results of the Club overall, and the on-field behaviour and morale of the Club. In my three years as President, I have not had to handle unacceptable behaviour by players on the field or on the hill. Not a single Club player has received a red card nor have there been any suspensions. Our players should be congratulated for showing restraint on the field, which truly benefits the sport.

Special thanks needs to go to the Executive team. Josh Hunt has been my right hand man for the past two years as Treasurer. His 'can-do' attitude towards his role has ensured that our accounts are always up to date. Steve Coulcher stepped into the role of selector in a time of need and assumed the role for the rest of the year. Joe Cooper and Pat Burl, despite being Social Committee members, were able to fill in other duties during the year. Finally, Nick Costley has shown true commitment in his Board role.

I'd also like to thank my on-field captains and managers in all grades. Joe Lantz and Adrian Varela in Premier, Matt Lovett in Second, John Taylor and Glen Galvin in Third, Alan Knight in Fifth, Mark Pigram and Pat Burl in Retreads and Laurie Bartlett and Ian Van Altena in Sixth Grade. I can't thank you enough for your input.

Finally to the players, who turn up every week to their games, pay their fees on time, cheer and yell abuse from the sideline, and are willing to play three or four games during the holidays. It's people like you who promote the Club spirit.



Hockey Club – Women’s

President	Kristy Adams
Vice-President	Skye West
Secretary	Katie-Maree Kinniard
Treasurer	Katrina Wilson
Delegate	Katie-Maree Kinniard

2005 marked the 50th anniversary of the formation of the University of Newcastle Women’s Hockey Club. The Club fielded seven teams, from Premier through to Sixth Grade, and comprised of a total of 97 members.

Unfortunately it was a disappointing year of performances, with no women’s teams successful in making it to the Semi-Finals; however, on the administrative side, the Committee was well organised and thanks to some hard work by a dedicated few, the Club is in a financially strong position heading into next season.

The 2005 season saw a uniform change with the introduction of a women’s style playing shirt, the first of its kind in the Newcastle district, which was well received by players and officials. Each player also received a social shirt for training and social events.

We had a number of girls represent the Club at Eastern University Games and Australian University Games and we fielded two representatives in the Newcastle State League and the Newcastle Open Women’s squads.

The Club couldn’t have functioned as well as it did without the sponsorship and support from Bar 121 and Gloria Jeans Jesmond and the Committee would like to extend its thanks to these two local businesses.

Thank you to all UNWHC members.



Jujutsu

President	Richard Ormerod
Vice-President	Sebastian Hazell
Secretary	Will Hipps
Treasurer	Amy Stokoe
Delegate	Richard Ormerod

The year started with strong member participation in the introduction course. The Club enjoyed many trips to Canberra for seminars, the first being in April and based on the purple belt syllabus, and the second being in June and based on the yellow belt syllabus. Also throughout the year Amy Stokoe and Richard Ormerod attended seminars on the basic kano Jujutsu. These sessions were well enjoyed by all students attending.

The Club is happy to announce the following International Syllabus gradings for the year.

Amy Stokoe – Brown belt and Shodan

Richard Ormerod – Green belt and Purple belt

Will Hips – Yellow belt

Carl Ormerod – 10th Kyu and 9th Kyu

Ngoc Tran – 10th Kyu and 9th Kyu

Matt Kenny – 10th Kyu

In November Club members attended the annual International Jujutsu Institute held in Queanbeyan, at the Meidokan Dojo. The international guests included Errol Perera Soke and Mr K.S. Moorthy sensei. The main focus was on the basic Kano Jujutsu techniques and principles, as well as tuition on Kuatsu for the senior ranks. A grading session was held where Amy Stokoe successfully graded to Shodan with honours. The Club would like to thank Errol Perera Soke and Mr K.S Moorthy for travelling from Malaysia and Singapore to instruct at the Congress, as they provided the inspiration and the tuition that will keep us in the right direction for practising Jujutsu.

Congratulations to all who graded this year and thanks to all who trained hard.

Karate Club

President	James Doolan
Vice-President	Tim O’Donohue
Secretary	Masato Hosotani
Treasurer	Chris Wlodarczyk
Delegate	Masato Hosotani

No report supplied.

Kendo Club

President	Michael Eckford
Vice-President	Robert Woods
Secretary	Adam Mills
Treasurer	Luke Shearston
Delegate	Luke Shearston

No report supplied.

La Peña Club

President	Angelica Date
Vice-President	Lorena Pais Soto
Secretary	Alexandra Hadfield
Treasurer	Eduardo Carvajal
Delegate	Eduardo Carvajal

2005 was an eventful year for the La Peña Club. La Peña has been involved in a variety of events for social and educational purposes, enhancing the lifestyle of students in the Callaghan campus and community.

This year, as with past years, La Peña has run weekly salsa and capoeira classes; these have blossomed throughout the year with increased numbers of participants.

A carnival party was held at the start of the year with a Sydney band, which proved to be a successful event with an attendance of more than 50 people.

This year we have also been able to strengthen our involvement with other clubs, especially the NUMC (Newcastle Mountaineering Club), through the combined organisation of camping trips (the Watagans and Barrington Tops). It’s hoped this relationship will be further strengthened throughout the years.

La Peña was also heavily involved during the Cultural Awakenings week, which always proves to be a highlight of the year, with food stalls, salsa and capoeira presentations.

Medieval Combat Club

President	Robin Fisher
Vice-President	Jason Yelds
Secretary	Aimee Turner
Treasurer	Tim Moore
Delegate	Robin Fisher

2005 started well, with the Club gaining about 50 new members. We were able to keep a good portion of these members (around 12) by encouraging and discounting entry into events. While the number of new members was high, it was a lot lower than in previous years. Using the support of NUSport we were able to provide discounted entry into events as well as cheap travel.

Unfortunately the Club’s events slowed down during the year as mundane life interfered. In all, the year allowed the Club to develop with an increase in numbers and equipment.



Mountaineering Club

President	Simon Baker
Vice-President	Linda Holz
Secretary	Sarah Truscott
Treasurer	Derek Johnston
Delegate	Nick Kaczorowski

Club members continue to support the more prominent activities such as indoor climbing at The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre, mountain-biking, walking and climbing. We have finally purchased the new sea kayaks and have seen many a section of water. Other activities include cross-country skiing, snorkelling, bouldering, canyoning, rogaining and caving, which continue to show the Club's varied interests.

The Club has started to coordinate activities with other Clubs. The prospect of inter-club activities offers interesting opportunities to expand our activity range and to learn new things while meeting new faces. Examples include a combined La Peña and NUMC outdoors social weekend and the slide night, to which we invited La Peña and Scuba Diving. Scuba Diving has also changed its gear store hours to coincide with our Tuesday afternoons.

The introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) will have a small impact as the Club is in a strong position to continue effectively. Small increases in costs to members by way of slightly increasing hire fees and introducing trip fees to recover the cost of wear and tear to Club gear will be needed. Despite this, the Club will remain a relatively inexpensive place to hire gear and participate in activities.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the Committee members for all the advice, help and hard work given to keep this Club running smoothly.

N.U.D.E.S. (Scuba Diving Club)

President	Gary Ellem
Vice-President	Lars Thomsen
Secretary	Glen Platt
Treasurer	Nicole Elsemore
Delegate	

The Club's 2004 difficulties in fulfilling a number of its administrative responsibilities left the new 2005 Committee with the task of rebuilding the Club administration. This has been done through regular committee meetings and with voluntary help from many Club members. Procedures have been put in place for various administrative tasks that should easily be carried over to 2006.

During 2005 N.U.D.E.S. developed a membership of just under 100, which is higher than the long term average for the Club. It has allowed members of NUSport to effectively engage in the sport of diving.

A number of new initiatives will be implemented in 2006 to try to grow Club membership. The Club will endeavour to attract highly skilled divers to conduct trial pool dives to encourage new members. To attract the highly skilled divers, the Club plans to invest in a dive boat and a compressor. These are expensive items, however the cost will be offset by the wealth of knowledge the Club will gain from experienced divers.

2006 will see the Club forming an underwater filming society. To get this society started, the Club has purchased a digital still camera with waterproof housing.

Thank you to all of the hardworking Committee members for your continual efforts to ensure that equipment was maintained in line with industry and legal standards.

Rugby League Club

President	Bill Kearsy
Vice-President	Shaun Johnston
Secretary	Paul Stolk
Treasurer	Danny Bayly
Delegate	Paul Stolk

The Club decided to split the two teams in 2005 and enter one team in the local Lower Hunter competition and rejoin the other team in the Tertiary competition.

There were a high number of registrations at the start of the season; however, only two-thirds stayed as regular Club members and made themselves available to play.

As the season progressed, the Tertiary team was more than holding its own whilst the fortunes of the Lower Hunter team were going from bad to worse. A number of forfeits due to lack of numbers and the loss of Coach Roods meant things were not looking good. Lucas accepted the position of Captain/Coach and the team began to resurrect its season.

The season ended on a high note, with both teams making the Grand Finals, a fantastic result. Unfortunately both teams were defeated in their respective Grand Finals, with Tertiary's dream ending at Leichhardt Oval and Lower Hunter losing to Buldelah at Charlestown.

Overall it was a good year and a special mention must be made to our sponsors, The Civic Hotel, Bolte Industries and Bayline Developments, without whom we could not function.



Rugby Union Club

President	Graham Eather
Vice-President	Alison Wright
Secretary	Graham Reynolds
Treasurer	Matt Johnson
Delegate	Graham Reynolds

Season 2005 proved to be another outstanding season for the Newcastle University Rugby Club, both on and off the field.

All three Premier Grades (One, Two and Colts) progressed to the Semi-Finals and beyond for the first time. Our third in the club championship (again) was capped off by the Colts victory, our first major premiership in the Club since 1988. First and Second Grades were both finalists, and this bodes well for season 2006. With the women's team making the Semi-Finals for the sixth straight year, this means that four of our six teams made the Semis or went further in 2005. Third and Fourth Grades both had up and down seasons, although Third Grade was still in Semi-Final contention until the third-last round.

Two of our coaching staff held representative posts – Wayne Baggs coached NSW Country Under 17s and Col Pratt coached the NSW Country Under 16s and stepped up into a provincial coaching role.

John Cannon and Paul Smith represented Newcastle and Hunter Rugby Union and Tom Torrance captained the champion Newcastle U19s and played for NSW Country. The Newcastle University Women's team won the Australian University Games for the fourth successive year. Tobie McGann captained NSW Country and Tobie, Rebecca Trethowan and Alexia Matthews were selected into the Australian Women's Rugby squad in preparation for the Women's world cup. Arlyn Mills won the Hunter Women's Rugby Most Improved Player Trophy.

Administratively, 2005 saw another new Treasurer, and an interim Secretary. In particular, the efforts of Barry Mullard, Matt Johnston and Alison Wright need to be recognised for their outstanding contributions to the Club this year, along with John Mullard for his continued role as Club Captain and re-election to the NUSport Board.

Financially, the Club increased its fee recovery from players to 93%; increased sponsorship with the inclusion of three new significant sponsors (Newcastle Permanent Building Society, Barry Gamer Motor Auctions and Ray Grant Resort Management); paid our referees fees in full at the start of the season; and finished the year well with money in the bank. Additionally, sponsorships for 2006 have already increased, with one major sponsor almost trebling its contribution.

Soccer Club – Men's

President	Jim Catlin
Vice-President	Daryl Fidge
Secretary	Mark Rowe
Treasurer	Brock Harrison
Delegate	Jason Warwick

In 2005 the University of Newcastle Men's Soccer Club had 80 members.

After winning the Northern NSW First Division Premiership in 2003, the Club finished last in 2004. So 2005 was an important year for both players and administrators.

We entered five teams in two competitions – First Grade, Reserve Grade and Under 19 sides in the Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation (NNSWSF) First Division; and First and Reserve Grade sides in the Newcastle-Port Stephens Inter-District Third Division.

Unfortunately the NNSWSF First Division League reverted back to a four team Semi-Final format after being a six team format for the last three years. It was with some disappointment that we finished sixth in all three grades.

If the Club wants to continue to improve and reach the NNSWSF Premier League we must work in conjunction with NUSport and the University to ensure that our facilities meet the standards set by the Northern NSW Soccer Federation. We also hope for greater support from NUSport in our quest to provide our Club members with an opportunity to compete at the highest level in the region.

Soccer Club – Women's

President	Erin Morgan
Vice-President	Melanie Flynn
Secretary	Hilary Benson
Treasurer	Adele Griffin
Delegate	Hilary Benson

The 2005 season was again a successful venture for the Women's Soccer Club.

The Executive Committee ensured that without major sponsorship, the Club continued to be one of the best on campus.

The Club was pleased to see the return of coaches Jason Aird, Andrew O'Brien, William Pastor and Peter Muddle, and welcomed new coaches Claudio Simeone and Annette Aird.

The Club membership has yet again hit the 100 member mark and the Club again fielded six teams in the Newcastle-Port Stephens, Hunter and Macquarie Soccer competitions.

On the field, 2005 was our most successful year to date. We had a record four teams compete in the Semi-Final series, with the A, B and C Grades being named Semi-Finalists and the D Grade named as Finalists. This meant it was the fifth consecutive year that the University has had teams qualify and compete in the finals series. The E and G Grades, comprising of many newcomers to the sport, finished eighth in their respective divisions.

Several Club members represented the University at Eastern University Games and also at Australian University Games, where they placed second and fifth respectively.

The Annual Ball and Presentation Night was held in September and was a great way to celebrate a season of hard work and to congratulate those who performed exceptionally well throughout. Awards included Coaches' Player, Players' Player, Most Improved and the Golden Boot Award, won by D Grade's Jane Hamilton, who scored an impressive 16 goals for the season.



Softball Club

President Danielle Jones
Vice-President Chris Fell
Secretary Annette Poulton
Treasurer Ian Frame
Delegate Danielle Jones

The 2004/05 season started with lots of players and high hopes. There were two Men's teams, First and Second Grades, and two Women's teams, Second and Third Grades. The First Grade Men's team had some great players but it was hard to get a consistent team together due to absence and injury. Representative duties meant our two main pitchers were absent for a lot of games and our catcher from last year could not play out the season. The Second Grade Men's team also had injury problems and did not win many games.

The Second Grade Women's team had a good year and was competitive most of the time but struggled when our regular pitcher was injured or unavailable. The Third Grade Women's team combined experienced players with some new girls and it improved over the season.

Congratulations to Justin Brown for winning the Elite Male Player of the Year award.

The University Women's Softball team competed in the Eastern University Games in Tamworth in July. It qualified fourth and travelled to Brisbane in late September to play in the Australian University Games. Unfortunately, injuries set back the team and it did not do as well as in past years.

Three teams have been entered in the 2005/06 competition – Second and Third Grade Women's teams and a Men's A team, which is a combined First and Second Grade from 2005.



Squash Club

President Nathan Allen
Vice-President Robert Kolar
Secretary Charles Eisman
Treasurer Peter Mozsi
Delegate Nathan Allan

This year the Squash Club had 44 members, an increase from last year, with 22 representing the University in the local pennants squash competition. These were the 55th and 56th pennants competitions run by the Newcastle Squash Racquets Association (NSRA), in which the University Squash Club has participated since its formation.

In the 2005 Autumn Competition (our 55th competition), the Club entered four teams – three Men's teams (A02, B01 and B05) and one Women's team (A03). Our two A Grade teams performed extremely well and the two B Grade Men's teams were unlucky, with both narrowly missing out on a finals berth.

In the 2005 Spring Competition (56th pennants competition for the Club), four teams were again entered in the same four grades. Results were again very similar to those in the earlier competition. The Club placed 10th from 11 in the Club Championship point score in the Autumn competition and seventh from 10 in the Spring competition. Results were:

	Autumn comp	Spring Comp
Men's A02	Second	Second
Men's B01	Sixth	Fifth
Men's B05	Sixth	Fifth
Women's A03	Second	Third

Squash was included in the Eastern University Games held in Tamworth in April and it was a fantastic week. The team consisted of Adam Shaw, Adam O'Rourke, Paul Bucan, Brian Yates and Charles Eisman (Team Manager). Unfortunately, the Club was unable to send a Women's team to the Games. The level of competition was very high, with the Newcastle University squash team performing strongly to bring home Gold. Squash Club members were a dominant part of the Newcastle University squash team which placed fourth in the Australian University Games in Brisbane in September.

The Club is in a transitional phase, with many of our senior members and executives leaving University. However, interest in the Club and the competition has been growing and we've had an influx of some very skilled players in 2005, putting us in a competitive position for 2006.

Tae Kwon Do Club

President Zoe Benson
Vice-President Susan Griffiths
Secretary Raquel Sullivan
Treasurer Raquel Sullivan
Delegate

The Tae Kwon Do Club was a small but tightly knit group in 2005. A number of beginners as well as old hands continued to develop their Olympic-style sparring techniques as well as practical self defence and traditional martial arts skills under the tutelage of Master Ben Capotosto.

The Club participated in a number of local tournaments, taking out places in free sparring, patterns and self defence and board breaking events. The team also travelled to Sydney for the Eastern Conference, where Zoë won the Women's red belt welterweight, and Jim won the Men's yellow belt featherweight. Sara picked up a broken eye socket and a Silver medal in the Women's yellow belt heavyweight. These results were repeated at the Australian University Games in Brisbane, although the team escaped without any injuries.

We hope to be able to continue to interest university students in our sport, and facilitate their training and development by offering a central point of enquiry into Tae Kwon Do and helping out with equipment needs.



Tennis Club

President	Warner Leung
Vice-President	Tim Lindsay-Brown
Secretary	Orann Antebi
Treasurer	Edwina Fox
Delegate	Stephen Crawford

The University of Newcastle Tennis Club ended 2005 with a membership of 46 and for the first half of the year saw a good turnout of members with our four booked courts being filled regularly. However, towards the end of the year, it was disappointing to see only 4 – 12 members turn up each week, leading us to hire only two courts on some nights.

There was better news for our competitive Men's tennis team, consisting of Hieu Le, Orann Antebi, Stephen Crawford and Kyle Fuhrmann. The team entered the NDTA's Winter Teams Competition in the Men's Division 2 category, in which they also competed in 2004. Our team won the final, beating Minor Premiers, Redhead, 5 sets/39 games to 3 sets/29 games.

The Club celebrated the end of the year with a Christmas dinner. The chief aim of the Club in 2006 is to gain a larger membership of 50 – 60 players, enough to fill the eight courts on the Callaghan campus. Another goal is for our defending champion Men's team to again win the NDTA Division Two Winter Competition, or even Division One if it can make the grade.



Ultimate Frisbee Club

President	Felicity Williams
Vice-President	Chris Lavis
Secretary	Penny Uther
Treasurer	Sturt Wilson
Delegate	Chris Lavis

A successful O Week stall, demonstration BBQ and welcome BBQs were held in semester 1, resulting in a record number of 70 new members. These members competed in University League competitions, held with six teams competing in semester one and four larger teams in semester two.

Newcastle Open (Men's) players contributed to the elite National League team Deathstar that placed third at the National Championships. The Newcastle women also contributed to the National League competition, with six players joining the Queensland-based team 'Sultry' that was awarded the spirit prize in the Women's division for enthusiasm and fair play. One female member competed with 'Southside', which became the National Champions for 2005.

Our team at the Eastern University Games (EUG) in Tamworth won the Gold medal for the first time. The team at the Australian University Games (AUG) held in Brisbane in September won the Silver medal in a close final, with a final score of 12 – 11 after overtime. NUDiscs was named the Australian Flying Disc Association's Club of the Year for 2004 – 2005, in recognition of the Club's outstanding University Games results and the contributions to Ultimate by the running of Mixed Nationals 2004 and Terrigal Towel 2005.

Club member Jonathan Holmes traveled to Duisburg, Germany, where he represented Australia at the World Games in the first Australian team to qualify to compete at the games. The Australians won the Silver medal in a close final against the USA.

The Club has conducted Ultimate lessons at local high schools in conjunction with the Australian Flying Disc Association, to raise the profile of the sport and encourage increased participation. Primary school students participating in NUSport Holiday Camps were also introduced to Ultimate Frisbee by Paul Dowden.

We look forward to another successful year in 2006.

Underwater Hockey Club

President	Ben Tranter
Vice-President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Delegate	

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Volleyball Club

President	Ryan Shaw
Vice-President	Mark Whiteman
Secretary	Alex Hadfield
Treasurer	Mark Whiteman
Delegate	

The NUVC Executive Committee had a good response to students participating in the sport of volleyball in 2005, with a large membership growth in semester two. Of the new members, three were staff members and one was an associate member. The average number of members attending training in 2005 increased, allowing the Club to provide more structured training sessions throughout the year. The training sessions focused on teaching members the necessary skills to better play the game while continuing to have fun.

The Newcastle Volleyball Association this year hosted the State Cup. Teams from Sydney, the Central Coast, and Hunter region played in A and B Divisions. NUVC entered both a Women's and Men's team in B Division. Both teams enjoyed the experience, with the women progressing further in the competition than the men.

The Club selected strong Women's and Men's teams to attend the Eastern University Games, held in Tamworth. Along with these teams, the Club also sent two beach volleyball teams. The Women's team finished in fifth place; the men finished ninth; and the beach volleyball teams finished second and third. Both the beach volleyball and the Women's indoor teams qualified for the Australian University Games held in Brisbane.

Particular mention should be given to Mark Whiteman for his outstanding commitment to the Club as a member of the Executive Committee since 2002. His enthusiasm, professionalism and experience have inspired many and the Club wishes him well in the future.

Waterpolo Club

President	Joshua Donnelly
Vice-President	
Secretary	Peter Davies
Treasurer	Peter Davies
Delegate	Joshua Donnelly

The Club had 15 male and 13 female members during 2005.

Both teams entered Eastern University Championships held in Sydney and both finished third. At the Australian University Games in Brisbane, the Men finished eighth and the Women finished ninth.

There were no major excursions during the year but the Club did hold a couple of fundraising events to help with the expenses of competing in Brisbane. These events consisted of barbeques outside of Bunnings Warehouse.

Waterski and Wakeboard Club

President	Drew Miller
Vice-President	Asher Trounce
Secretary	Naomi Roberts
Treasurer	David Smith
Delegate	

2005 was a successful year for Club members, with Daniel Blackmore placing first in wakeboard at the Australian University Championships (AUC). At the National Waterski Championships, Drew Miller placed seventh in slalom and sixth in jump and Dave Smith placed 10th in slalom. Michael Gilesie placed third in the under 25 Men's category at the NSW State Titles – Wakeboard.

The Club's outgoing President Drew Miller received a Blue at the University of Newcastle Sports Awards. Drew also travelled to Belgium with the Australian disabled water-ski team as its coach for the world championships in September.

2005 saw the Club hosting the KB tri-series wakeboard event at Raymond Terrace, in conjunction with its major sponsor, The Junction Hotel. The event was a major success, with universities from around the country represented.

The Club has shifted its orientation back to more social skiing, after an eight year focus on tournament skiing. This puts the Club in a stronger position to promote social skiing and wakeboarding. In 2005, the Club purchased new skis, wetsuits and accessories to replace old and used equipment.

The Club plans to continue its current activities of providing access to inexpensive water skiing for students of the University of Newcastle, and associate members of NUSport. The Club has made a commitment to paying off new equipment and will be working hard through the next two years to fundraise and promote waterskiing as a university sport.



NUSport Financials



Directors' Report

Principal activities

The company's principal activities in the course of the financial year were the provision of sporting and gymnasium facilities.

Review of operations

The company generated a net profit of \$575,399 in the current financial year (2004: \$488,255).

Changes in the state of affairs

Optional Membership of Student Organisations

The Federal Government passed legislation on 9th December 2005 making it non-compulsory for university students to pay a General Service Charge from 30 June 2006. In 2005, this source of revenue totalling \$1,812,256 represented 37% of total revenue (2004: \$1,686,712 or 37%). In 2006, the company's General Service Charge revenue will reduce to approximately \$875,000 for enrolments in Semester 1. The Board and management of Newcastle University Sport have developed strategies in order to ensure the continuity of operations based on a combination of:

- the development of another gymnasium and health facility located in premises under lease to the company in the Honeysuckle precinct adjacent to the Newcastle CBD;
- changes to the current pricing of membership and hire fees which have, in the past, been subject to significant discounting;
- reduction in various areas of expenditure.

As a result of these measures, the Directors are of the opinion that despite the impact of the legislation, Newcastle University Sport will be able to continue to operate as a going concern and the financial report has been prepared on that basis.

Directors' meetings

The names of the Directors of the company who held office during the year and at the date of this report are listed below. The number of Directors' meetings held in the year and the number of meetings attended by each Director while holding office in the Company during the year are also listed below:

		Board meetings held	Number attended
Trevor John	(resigned 11 May 2005)	4	4
Dianne Pascoe	(resigned 11 May 2005)	4	4
Michael Johns		12	10
Nathan Rae McGregor		11	8
Gail White		12	11
Philip Morgan	(resigned 13 December 2005)	11	10
Stephen Fityus		12	12
John Mullard		12	8
Erin Morgan		12	11
Simon Baker	(resigned 18 May 2005)	4	4
Andrew Johnson	(appointed 11 May 2005)	8	7
Paul Munro	(appointed 11 May 2005)	8	5
Bernard Curran	(appointed 28 January 2005)	11	10
Alison Hobbs	(appointed 26 May 2005)	7	7

NUSport membership base

Callaghan enrolled students	19,273
University staff members	268
Associate and External members	179

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Income Statement for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Operating revenue	4,814,723	4,607,683
Gain/(loss) on sale of plant and equipment	56,701	34,235
Employee benefits expense	(2,110,307)	(1,977,469)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(583,294)	(509,556)
Forum & facility running expense	(608,987)	(753,954)
Consumables purchased	(86,542)	(35,415)
Movement in inventory	(538)	(36,899)
Borrowing expense	(187,434)	(197,710)
Advertising & marketing expense	(70,832)	(74,491)
Representative team & affiliated club expense	(259,041)	(180,016)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(389,049)	(388,154)
Profit before income tax expense	575,399	488,255
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit attributable to members of the parent entity	575,399	488,255

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,484,011	2,916,044
Trade and other receivables	258,080	132,412
Inventories	70,388	70,926
Other current assets	64,133	76,903
Total current assets	1,876,612	3,196,285
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	13,332,515	11,457,862
Total non-current assets	13,332,515	11,457,862
Total assets	15,209,127	14,654,147
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	730,950	629,627
Borrowings	475,688	431,888
Other financial liabilities	100,000	100,000
Provisions	96,053	74,929
Total current liabilities	1,402,691	1,236,444
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	3,129,918	3,241,436
Other financial liabilities	100,000	200,000
Provisions	63,374	38,523
Total non-current liabilities	3,293,292	3,479,959
Total liabilities	4,695,983	4,716,403
Net assets	10,513,144	9,937,745
Equity		
Retained earnings	10,513,144	9,937,745
Total equity	10,513,144	9,937,745





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