

NUsport Annual Report 2006

www.theforum.org.au





CONTENTS

A report for the academic year March 2006 – March 2007, with financial reporting from 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2006.

About NUsport	2
Introduction	3
Chair and General Manager's Review	4
2006 Highlights	5
The NUsport Board	6
NUsport Committees and Life Members	8
Participation	10
Education	12
Facilities and Services	14
Programs and Activities	16
Athlete Development	18
The University of Newcastle Student Representation	20
Promotion and Publicity	24
Management	25
NUsport Clubs	26
Archery	26
Badminton	26
Baseball	27
Basketball	28
Boat	28
Cricket	29
Fencing	30
Gymsports	30
Hockey - Mens	31
Hockey - Womens	31
Jujutsu	32
La Peña	32
Medieval combat	32
Mountaineering	33
N.U.D.E.S. (Scuba Diving)	34
Rugby League	34
Rugby Union	35
Soccer - Men's	36
Soccer - Women's	36
Softball	37
Squash	37
Tennis	37
Ultimate Frisbee	38
Volleyball	38
Waterpolo	39
Waterski and Wakeboard	39
NUsport financials	40
Directors' Report	40
Statement of Financial Position	42
Statement of Financial Performance	43
Statement of Cashflow	44

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

The objectives of NUsport are to initiate, develop, operate and maintain sporting and recreational services, facilities and relationships for and in support of the University and its communities, with particular reference to:

- Participation
- Education
- Facilities and services
- Programs and activities
- Athlete development
- Promotion and publicity
- Management

AWARD WINNING FACILITIES

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 communities.

NUsport facilities include the NSW Fitness Centre of the Year 06/07, The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, located in the grounds of the University's Callaghan campus, and The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, located in the state significant Per Way Building in the Newcastle Honeysuckle precinct.

NUsport also manages the Ray Watt Pavilion, the Squash and Tennis Pavilion, eight tennis courts and six ovals, all on campus, as well as the Rowing Pavilion at Berry Park, near Maitland. NUsport facilities are available for use by members of local and sporting communities, staff, students, 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.



2006 YEAR IN REVIEW

From the Chair and General Manager



Michael Johns
Chair, NUsport

The past year has been most challenging for Newcastle University Sport (NUsport). Following the Australian Government's introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) and the abolition of up-front student fees, NUsport's adaptive response was critical to the continuation of sport and leisure opportunities at the University of Newcastle. Consultation with all stakeholders and clear Board strategies and direction assisted in laying the foundation for a successful year despite the challenges.

Major achievements in 2006 included the successful opening of the second Forum venue, The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside, in the Newcastle CBD and The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, the University of Newcastle being recognised as the NSW Fitness Centre of the Year 06/07.



Samantha Martin-Williams
General Manager, NUsport

Partnerships with local community and industry and alignment with University wide strategic imperatives have been a deliberate part of NUsport's strategic direction. This was evident through the diversity of patrons who utilised NUsport facilities, services and Clubs – from children participating weekly in our Flippers at The Forum Learn to Swim program, to elite teams such as the Newcastle Jets, Sydney Football Club, McDonald's Hunter Jaegers, Newcastle Knights, Cronulla Sharks and Carlton United, opting to train at our facilities.

Representation and the success of our student athletes at the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games was testament to the success of our Elite Athlete Friendly University strategy. Successes in club sport were significant with Cricket celebrating 50 years of continuous existence and Men's Rugby First XV reaching the Grand Final.

In 2006, the University of Newcastle became a member of the national network of Elite Athlete Friendly Universities. NUsport manages the program which assists athletes to balance their sporting commitments and their studies at the University of Newcastle. In 2006, 15 students participated in this initiative.

In competition against other universities, the Men's Basketball team scored the Gold double winning Gold in the Men's Basketball event at the Eastern University Games (EUG) in July and Gold at the Australian University Games (AUG) in September, with three team members selected in both the EUG Merit team and the AUG Green and Gold team.

The commitment of the NUsport Board to its constitutional goals was unwavering in 2006. Directors voluntarily devoted unprecedented amounts of their time to working through the many issues that confronted NUsport during the year. Their dedication and generosity to the organisation is acknowledged and appreciated.

To continue to achieve excellence in the delivery of sport and leisure, NUsport encourages and supports the development of relevant and innovative lifestyle-based health initiatives. NUsport staff is the human capital that enthusiastically contributes to the achievement of these outcomes for our user groups. Without the staff's motivated approach, the delivery of outstanding service to our patrons would be marginal. We thank them personally.

While NUsport continues to build on traditions of University Sport we recognise the dynamic and transitional nature of changes taking place in the region around us and the industry sector in which we operate. NUsport is well positioned to meet the challenges to move forward.

2006 HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening of The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside
- More than 1.05 million visitations to NUsport facilities
- The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre named as NSW Fitness Centre of the Year 06/07
- NUsport was announced as Sporting Organisation of the Year at the 2006 Newcastle City Council Sports Awards
- Opening of the only Speedo Concept Store in Northern NSW at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre
- 99 Primary and Secondary schools participated in a variety of NUsport Healthier Schools initiatives and NUKidz programs
- Introduction of Corporate Wellness initiatives including Health Expos, Healthy Heart Checks, seminars and memberships for over 100 Hunter organisations



THE NUSPORT BOARD



Dr Bernie Curran (Deputy Chair), Mr John Mullard, Emeritus Professor Adrian Page, Mr Michael Johns (Chair), Ms Alison Hobbs, Ms Gail White

NUSport Directors are volunteers drawn from the key stakeholder groups within the organisation.

In 2006, the areas of expertise that Directors brought to the NUSport Board covered a diverse range of skills. Directors served on Board Committees sharing the workload between Board meetings and communicated often and openly with each other. The NUSport Board was supported in its role by the following Board committees:

- Audit Committee
- Clubs Committee
- Finance Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Operations Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Student Sports Advisory Committee

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. Deputy Chancellor of the University of Newcastle. Chairman of the Board of 2NUR-FM, University of Newcastle Tender Committee and the Audit and Risk Management Committee. Deputy Chairman of the Hunter Area Consultative Committee. Board Member of the Hunter Area Consultative Committee and Member of the University of Newcastle Council. Member of the Finance and Capital Developments Committee, the Nominations Committee, the Promotions Appeals Committee and the Disciplinary Appeals Committee. Former Board Member Hunter Area Health Service, Hunter Area Pathology Service, Hunter Corporate Catering, Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Association, Newcastle Grammar School Limited, Pacific Linen Services, and the University of Newcastle Union Limited.

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). Associate Professor 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), LLB (Hons) (1999), Dip. Legal Practice (1999). Currently an Associate of Turnbull Hill Lawyers. Prior to joining Turnbull Hill Lawyers, Alison worked with Sparke Helmore in Newcastle and Minter Ellison in Sydney within their Corporate and Business groups, as well as with Shell International in London as an in-house lawyer in its Intellectual Property division.

Andrew Johnson

B.A. (Hons1), the University of Newcastle. PhD (Criminology), the University of Western Sydney. Associate Director (Business Development), Research Division, the University of Newcastle.

Nat McGregor (ceased 1 June 2006)

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 (the University of Newcastle). President of the University of Newcastle Women's Soccer Club 2004 and 2005. Certificate IV Business Management (Music) TAFE NSW. Higher School Certificate St Francis Xavier's College 1999.

John Mullard

B.Eng (Civil) (Hons1) 2003 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 (ceased November 2006)

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

Emeritus Professor Adrian Page

ASTC., B.E. the University of New South Wales, PhD. the University of Newcastle, FTSE., HonFIEAust., CPEng. Chairman of the Masonry Structures Code Committee, Standards Australia. Vice President of the Newcastle Division of Engineers Australia. Past Board member of CRC - Advanced Composite Structures Ltd, CRC - Centre for Integrated Engineering Asset Management, ResTech, CRC - Centre for Coal in Sustainable Development, CRC - Construction Innovation, Hunter Medical Research Institute, the University of Newcastle Research Associates (TUNRA).

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. Former Director, Hunter Academy of Sport and Director, Universities' Admission Centre.

Trudi Williams

B.Com, MBA the University of Newcastle. Qualified Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Senior Financial Accountant at the University of Newcastle since December 2004. Director Lake Macquarie Small Business Centre 2005-06. Financial Chairperson Newcastle Red Shield Appeal 2006.

NUSPORT COMMITTEES AND LIFE MEMBERS

Audit Committee

Associate Professor Jim Psaros – Committee Chair
 Dr Andrew Johnson
 Ms Gail White

Clubs Committee

Dr Bernard Curran – Committee Chair
 Mr John Mullard
 Professor Adrian Page
 Mr Adrian Iakin – NUsport Executive Officer
 Mr Chris Hicks – NUsport Commercial Manager
 Ms Roxana Olivares – NUsport Programs Manager

Finance Committee

Ms Trudi Williams – Committee Chair
 Ms Alison Hobbs
 Ms Gail White
 Mr Chris Hicks – NUsport Commercial Manager
 Ms Samantha Martin-Williams –
 NUsport General Manager
 Mr Adrian Iakin – NUsport Executive Officer
 Mr Jason Gapps
 Ms Helen Wild

Marketing Committee

Dr Bernard Curran – Committee Chair
 Ms Alison Hobbs
 Mr Paul Munro (resigned November 2006)
 Ms Rebecca Wilson – NUsport Marketing and
 Communications Coordinator
 Ms Samantha Martin-Williams –
 NUsport General Manager
 Ms Roxana Olivares – NUsport Programs Manager
 Mr Rhys Palmer
 Ms Kristy Lawrence

Operations Committee

Dr Stephen Fityus – Committee Chair
 Dr Andrew Johnson
 Professor Adrian Page
 Mr Don Foster (resigned December 2006)
 Mr Todd Williams – NUsport Operations Manager
 Ms Samantha Martin-Williams –
 NUsport General Manager
 Mr Chris Hicks – NUsport Commercial Manager
 Mr Adrian Iakin – NUsport Executive Officer

Personnel Committee

Mr Michael Johns – NUsport Chair
 Dr Bernard Curran – NUsport Deputy Chair
 Ms Trudi Williams – NUsport Chair Finance
 Mr Paul Munro (resigned November 2006)
 Ms Samantha Martin-Williams –
 NUsport General Manager

University Sports Awards

Selection Committee

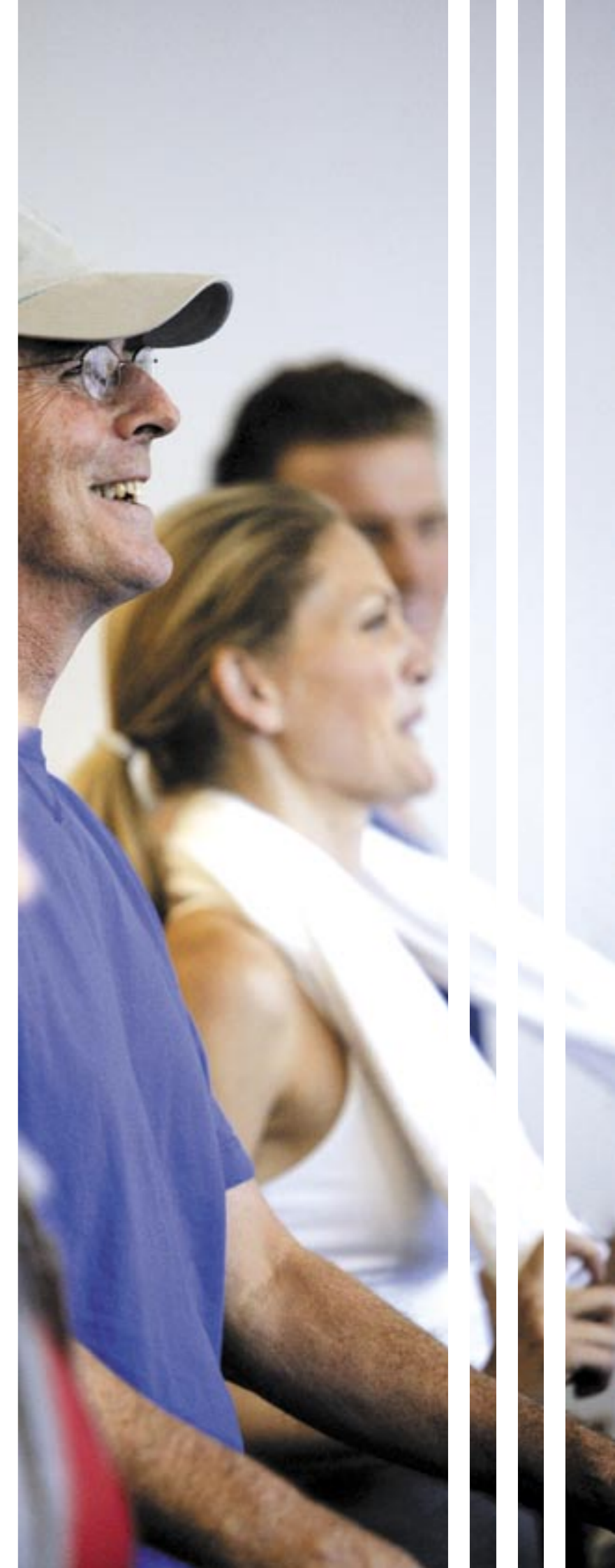
Dr Bernard Curran – NUsport Deputy Chair
 Ms Lisa Bradley – NUsport Bookings Coordinator
 Mr Michael Kmet – Campus Central; Colour
 Ms Lauren Van Munster – President Campus Central
 Ms Jenny Williams – Blue
 Ms Lynette Van Homrigh – Blue
 Mr Philip Reid – Blue
 Mr Darrel Sparke – Colour
 Ms Louise O'Brien – Colour
 Mr Andrew Baker – Colour

Student Sports Advisory Committee

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

NUsport Life Members

Professor James Auchmuty	1967
Mr Ken Booth	1967
Mr Peter Kleeman	1967
Mr Douglas March	1967
Mr Brian O'Shea	1967
Professor Godfrey Tanner	1967
Mr Harry Bradford	1970
Mr David Karpin	1972
Professor Brin Newton-John	1974
Dr Alec Forsythe	1984
Professor Barry Boettcher	1986
Mr Hugh Floyer	1988
Dr Bernard Curran	1993
Mr Herb Presker	1994
Mrs Lesley Woodhead	1995
Mr Adrian Iakin	1998
Professor John Fryer	1999
Mrs Margaret Heron	2001
Dr Ian Webster	2005
Mr Trevor John	2006
Mrs Dianne Pascoe	2006



PARTICIPATION



- To encourage and provide opportunities for Members to participate at all levels in sporting and physical recreational activities
- To encourage and assist Members to form, operate and develop sporting and recreational clubs affiliated with NUsport
- To encourage and assist Members to interact with the broader community in sporting and physical recreational activities

Constitution of Newcastle University Sport, 30 June 2006

Visitation and membership

In 2006 there were more than 10,000 memberships of The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre and The Forum Health & Wellness Centre and 1.05 million visitations to NUsport facilities.

NUsport clubs and societies

NUsport supported 26 sporting clubs with approximately 1,550 members, of which over 800 participated in regional sporting competitions every weekend. The clubs were:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery • Badminton • Baseball/Softball • Basketball • Boat • Cricket • Fencing • Gymsports • Men's Hockey • Women's Hockey • Jujutsu • La Pena • Medieval Combat • Mountaineering • N.U.D.E.S. • Rugby League • Rugby Union | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Soccer • Women's Soccer • Squash • Tae Kwon Do • Tennis • Ultimate Frisbee • Volleyball • Waterpolo • Waterski |
|--|--|

Notable performances were achieved by the Rugby and Cricket Clubs. The Cricket Club 50th Anniversary was celebrated and the second grade team won its division. Rugby Union First Grade finished second overall and the Colts team won the Grand Final.



University sport

286 students attended the Eastern University Games in July at Coffs Harbour. 101 students attended the Australian University Games in September. 11 were selected in Green and Gold merit teams.

College sport

NUsport conducted the Intercollegiate Sport Program for all on-campus accommodation residents in 2006. Over 12 sports were coordinated during the academic year for the students living on campus (Edwards Hall, International House, Evatt House and Barahineban). The sports included swimming, cricket, touch, rowing, netball, softball, soccer, volleyball, basketball and the Campus Scamper.

927 students participated in Semester 1 and 935 students participated in Semester 2.

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

Hunter region primary and secondary schools – Healthier Schools initiatives and NUKidz



Healthier Schools initiatives and NUKidz

programs

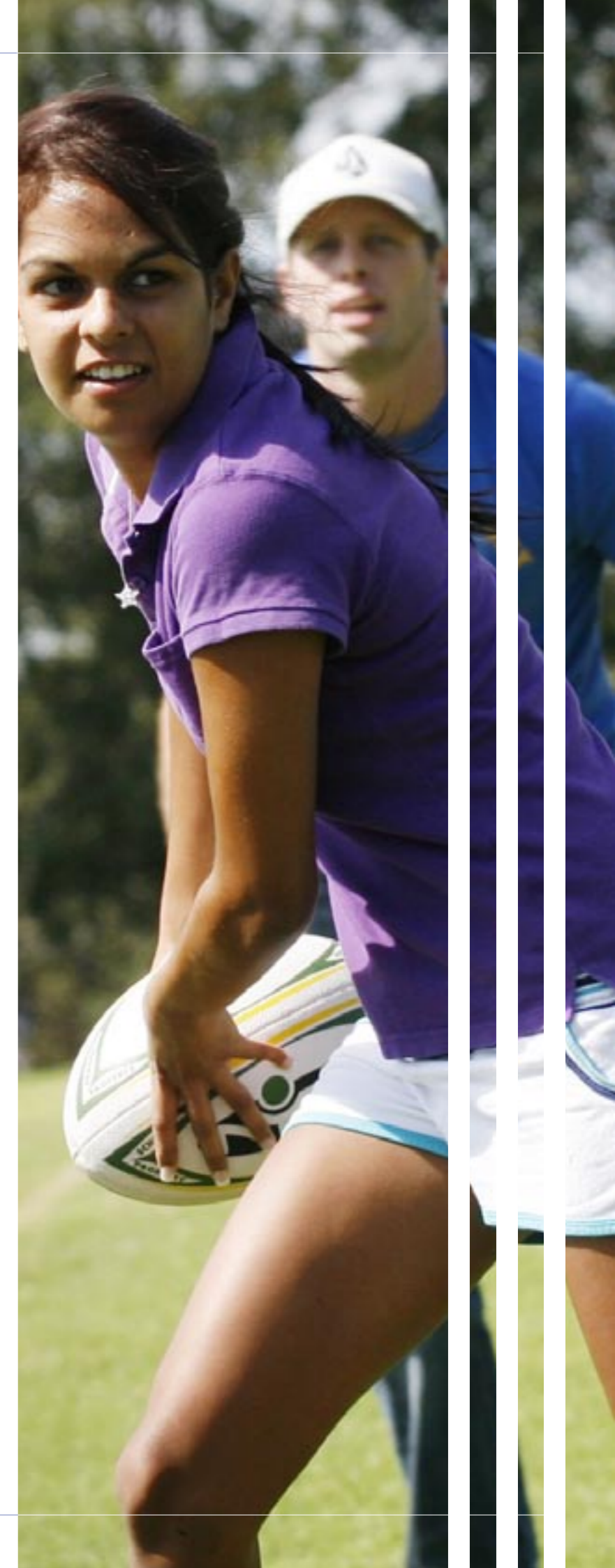
NUsport hosted term based sport, activity days and swimming carnivals for 99 Hunter primary and secondary schools.

NUsport's corporate partners

NUsport offers a range of programs and services to its partners from the local business sector. These include Corporate memberships, Health Expos, Healthy Heart Assessments, Corporate Activity Days and Health and Wellness Seminars.

Social sport

374 teams participated in NUsport's social sport competitions in netball, basketball and touch.



EDUCATION



Partnerships

In 2006, several Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreements continued:

- The MoU signed by NUsport, the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Academy of Sport encourages collaboration between the organisations through cooperative research projects and programs to encourage elite athletes to study at the University.
- The MoU signed by NUsport, the University of Newcastle and Netball NSW continues to assist players with the McDonald 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 NUsport, 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, NUsport and NU Moves Physiotherapy. NU Moves is a physiotherapy clinic located in The Forum Sports & 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.

- To support the programs of teaching and research undertaken by the University
- To demonstrate the value of a healthy lifestyle as an integral part of personal development
- To encourage and assist Members to acquire and enhance administrative, financial, promotional, coaching, playing, umpiring and paramedical skills to support their sporting and recreational interest

Constitution of Newcastle University Sport, 30 June 2006

Nationally accredited training

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

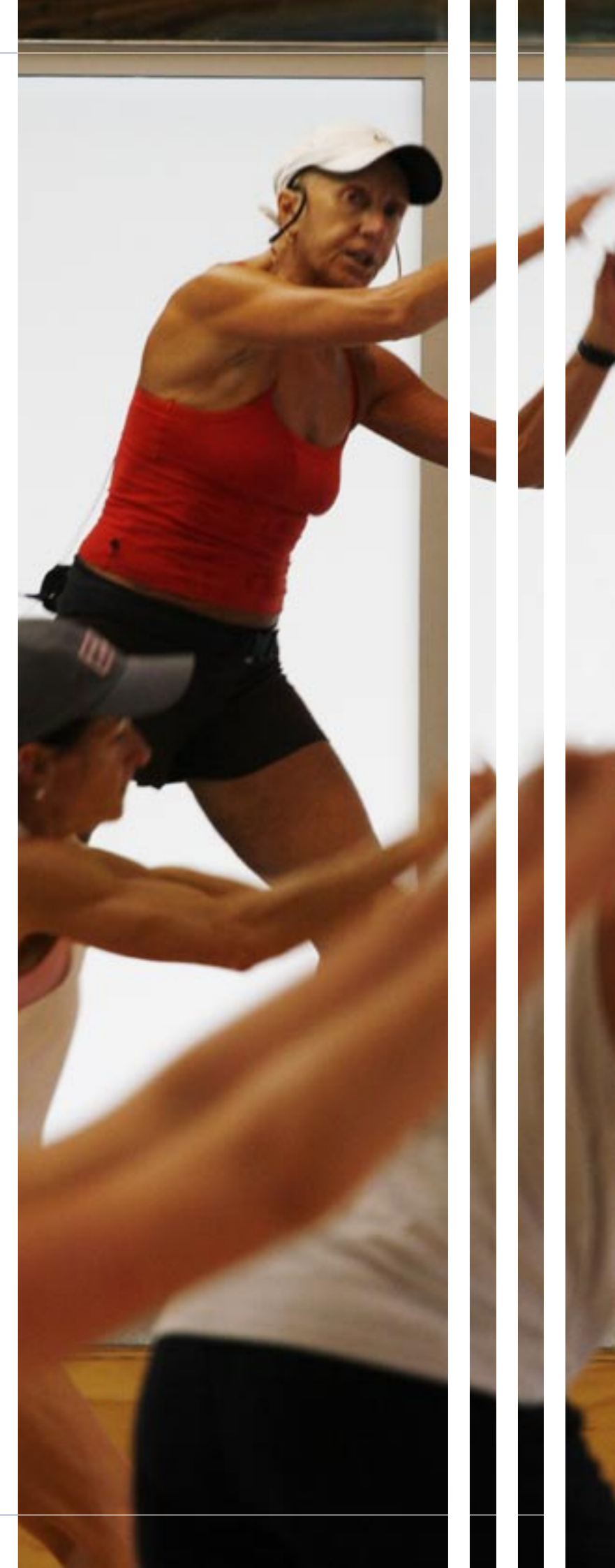


Supporting research, education and recruitment programs

- In 2006 NUsport established a grant to the Hunter Medical Research Foundation for maximising the benefit of The Forum Holiday Camps: encouraging increased participation in organised sporting activity.
- NUsport continued to support ongoing research by the Faculty of Education at the University of Newcastle into childhood obesity (the HIKUPS project).
- NUsport endorsed the LEAF (Learning to Enjoy Activity with Friends) research project by the Department of Physical Education at the University of Newcastle into increasing adolescent physical activity.
- NUsport signed an agreement with the NSW Department of Education and Training for The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre to be the main Star Struck rehearsal venue for more than 3,600 students from more than 130 schools.
- NUsport supported the University of Newcastle'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 from schools across NSW.
- Orientation Week: Presentations to University faculties and centres about NUsport, as well as participation in the annual O Week Expo.
- NUsport hosted 63 work placements and work experience students, including a 10 week Australearn student internship.

The University of Newcastle Sports Awards

Paralympian Christie Dawes was selected as the University of Newcastle Sport Person of the Year 2005 (awarded in 2006), for her achievements in athletics. There were two Blues awarded in 2006 – Adam Melmeth for basketball and Jonathan Holmes for ultimate frisbee. There were three Colours presented in 2006 to Christopher Colman for hockey, Andrew Percival for soccer and Graham Eather for rugby union for their services to University Sport.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- To provide the best sporting and recreational facilities, services and equipment to Members commensurate with the resources of the organisation
- To ensure ongoing affordable access to facilities, services and equipment for students
- To make sporting and recreational facilities, services and equipment available to the broader community on an ongoing basis when and where opportunities arise subservient to the needs of Members
- To make sporting and recreational facilities, services and equipment available for special events when and where opportunities arise and in consideration of the needs of Members

Constitution of Newcastle University Sport, 30 June 2006

Venue management

NUsport manages the following venues:

The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside

Opened 28 October 2006, The Forum Health & Wellness Centre is a unique destination for students and staff of the University, inner city residents and business people, offering an unparalleled ambience for health, wellness and fitness.

This contemporary health and wellness centre has been created to 'touch the building lightly', with the sheer size and volume of the iconic Per Way Building maintained through individual spaces including a mezzanine level.

The Forum Health & Wellness Centre is a fusion of the old and new, redefining exercise and wellness in an environment that embraces the past.

The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, the University of Newcastle

Named NSW Fitness Centre of the Year 06/07, this internationally recognised venue sporting facility continues to be the venue of choice for staff and students of the University as well as the community.

Speedo Concept Store (located within The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre)

The Speedo Concept Store was officially opened on 22 July 2006 by Olympic Gold medallist and Champion, Leisel Jones. The store is the only Speedo retail store in Northern NSW. The store provides a convenient and comprehensive range of high quality swimwear, fitness apparel and related equipment to patrons of The Forum and the community.

High performance training area

This area at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre allows sporting teams and elite athletes 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.

Ray Watt Pavilion

The Newcastle Jets utilised the Ray Watt Oval and Pavilion as their home training ground in 2006.

Six sporting ovals

In 2006, the sporting ovals were used by local and national teams including the McDonald Hunter Jaegers, Newcastle Jets, Newcastle Knights and Carlton Football Club.

The Squash and Tennis Pavilion

The McDonald Hunter Jaegers continued to use The Squash and Tennis Pavilion as their administration office in 2006.

NUsport's portfolio of sporting facilities is conservatively valued at \$40 million.



PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



Campus Scamper

More than 500 students, staff and community members competed in the annual Campus Scamper at the University of Newcastle Callaghan campus on Wednesday, 30 August 2006.

Learn to Swim

One of the region's premier swim schools, Flippers at The Forum Swim School had more than 1,000 enrolments each term.

Recreation activities

Recreation courses and activities included Latin Fit, Learn to Salsa, Learn to Surf, Learn to Play Golf and Senior First Aid.

- To provide recreational programs and activities of interest to members
- To introduce innovative and progressive programs to expand the activities of Members
- To provide programs of instruction in the proper use of equipment and facilities
- To promote healthy physical development of Members

Constitution of Newcastle University Sport, 30 June 2006

Program and activity partnerships with the community

Spring to Life

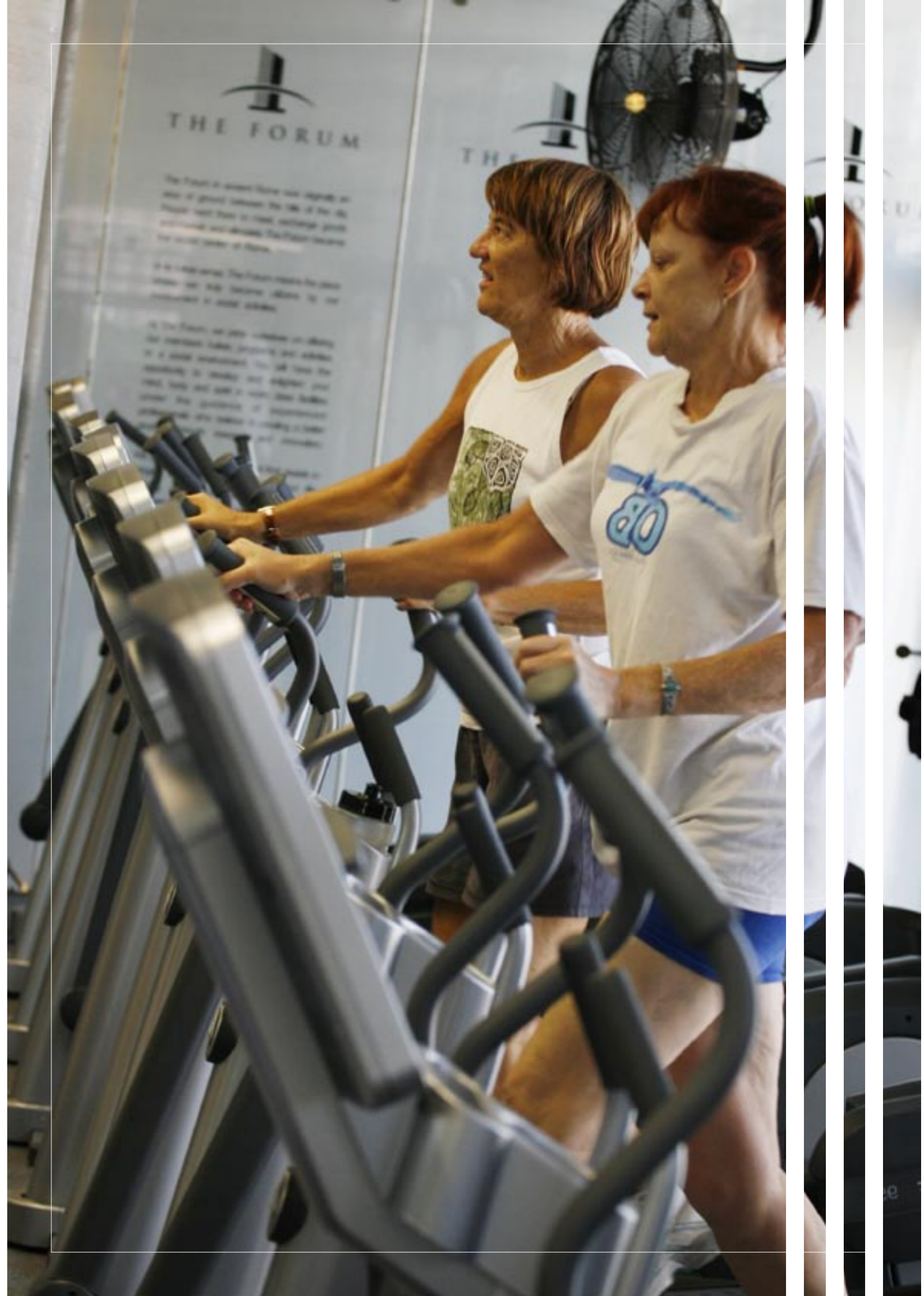
This program was an initiative between 1233 ABC Radio and NU Sport. An ABC presenter and five listeners participated in a 12 week program. The program highlighted the benefits of private training, individual exercise, a balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle.

Fit Squad

In 2006, NU Sport collaborated with *The Herald* and dietitian, Dr Clare Collins, to develop a 10 week exercise and diet program for readers of *The Newcastle Herald*.

Helicopter Hi-Jinx

In consultation with NU Sport, this program was developed by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service to help school children learn new physical skills, develop physical fitness and learn how the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service operates. It was designed to complement PDHPE guidelines and assist children to become more active. 60 schools participated in the program in 2006.



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT



Kate Gill

University of Newcastle students compete at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games

Six students from the University of Newcastle represented Australia at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games:

- Heath Francis (AWD athletics)
- Rosemary Hayward (athletics)
- Ben Harradine (athletics)
- Christie Dawes (AWD athletics)
- Michael Brown (shooting)
- Prue Watt (AWD swimming).

All these athletes participated in their respective event finals with Heath Francis and Rosemary Haywood winning Commonwealth Gold and Michael Brown winning Silver.

Elite Athlete Friendly University

In May 2006, the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) program was officially launched. This was 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).

Elite Athlete Friendly University



- To promote and provide opportunities to assist Members to achieve their full potential in their chosen sport
- To promote and provide opportunities to assist Members to represent the University in regional, state and international competition in their chosen sport
- To promote and provide opportunities to assist Members to represent the University in competition against students from other universities in Australia and overseas

Constitution of Newcastle University Sport, 30 June 2006

The EAFU 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.

15 athletes participated in the program in 2006 – four of whom graduated during the year.

These athletes were:

- Michael Brown (shooting)
- Shelley Clarke (open water swimming)
- Lauren Colthorpe (soccer)
- Christie Dawes (athletic paralympian)
- Heath Francis (athletic paralympian)
- Dominique Georgiou (cricket)
- Kate Gill (soccer)
- Rosemary Haywood (athletics)
- Kathryn Jankovic (archery)
- Brett Lee (triathlon)
- Oliver Martin (ice hockey)
- Rebecca Trethowan (rugby union)
- Prue Watt (swimming paralympian)
- Amanda White (surf lifesaving)
- Lisa Wright (surf lifesaving)

NUsport's national and international athletes

National and international teams training at NU sport in 2006 included:

- Australian Football League team
 - o Carlton Football Club
- Australian Women's Rugby Union
 - o Wallaroos
- Country Rugby Union (men's and women's)
- Hunter Academy of Sport
- National Basketball team
 - o Townsville Crocodiles
- National Football (Soccer) team
 - o Newcastle Jets – utilised NU sport as their home training base
 - o Sydney Football Club
- National Netball team
 - o McDonald Hunter Jaegers
- National Rugby League teams
 - o Newcastle Knights
 - o Cronulla Sharks
- North Stars Ice Hockey
- Northern NSW Sabot Sailing Association
- Northern District Swimming Association
- NSW Rugby Association
- New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS)
- NSWIS Football Squads
- NSWIS Triathlon Squads



Newcastle Jets

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE STUDENT REPRESENTATION



Eastern University Games

NUsport sent 286 athletes to compete at the Eastern University Games in Coffs Harbour from 3 to 6 July, 2006. The University of Newcastle finished in overall 3rd place.

The Newcastle team won Gold medals in Men's Basketball, Men's Squash, Mixed Netball, Women's Rugby 7's and Women's Touch. Silver medals were won by Men's Hockey, Men's Rugby 7's, Men's Touch, Mixed Ultimate Frisbee and Women's Softball. The Men's Volleyball, Women's Netball and Women's Soccer teams won Bronze medals.

Sport	Event	Result	Merit Team selection
Basketball	Mixed	Gold	Matt McGovern, Adam Melmeth, Jonathan Smith
Cross Country	Mixed	-	
Lawn Bowls	Mixed	Fourth	
Hockey	Men	Silver	Daniel Bosley, Andrew James, Nick Costley
Hockey	Women	Fifth	Elizabeth Coleman
Netball	Women	Bronze	Jessica Jackson, Zara Francisco
Netball	Mixed	Gold	Luke McBeath
Rugby Union 7's	Men	Silver	David O'Neill, Thomas Torrance
Rugby Union 7's	Women	Gold	Rosslyn O'Connor, Sarah Hauville, Leigh Whitehead, Lauren Kelly, Megan Shanahan
Rugby League 7's	Mixed	Fourth	Brendan Swansborough, Andrew Laurie
Soccer	Men	Seventh	
Soccer	Women	Bronze	Ashley Wilson, Jessica Kellar, Tarra Harrison,
Softball	Mixed	Silver	Holly Egan, Corinn Gardiner
Squash	Mixed	Gold	Brian Yates, Paul Bucan
Ultimate Frisbee	Mixed	Silver	Jonathan Tatham, Sturt Wilson
Volleyball	Men	Bronze	Joergen Roenvik, Leath Swierenga
Volleyball	Women	Sixth	
Tennis	Men	Fifth	
Tennis	Women	Seventh	Carla Dyson
Touch	Men	Silver	Glenn Knightley, Mark Reynolds, Adam Rosenbaum, Joshua Sparke
Touch	Women	Gold	Tegan Considine, Kayla Faulkner, Leah Mandell
Touch	Mixed	15th	



Australian University Games

A team of 101 athletes represented the University of Newcastle at the Australian University Games held in Adelaide 24 to 29 September, 2006. The University finished 15th overall and won Gold medals in Men's Basketball and Men's Beach Volleyball. Silver was won by the Women's Beach Volleyball team.

Sport	Event	Result	Merit Team selection
Athletic – 200 sprint	Mixed	Fifth – preliminary heat	
Basketball	Mixed	Gold	Matt McGovern, Adam Melmeth, Jonathan Smith
Beach Volleyball	Men	Gold	Leath Swierenga, Chris Wigman, Ryan Tranter
Beach Volleyball	Women	Silver	
Hockey	Men	Seventh	Jared Reeves
Hockey	Women	Eighth	Alicia Norris
Netball	Women	Fifth	
Netball	Mixed	Fifth	Luke McBeath
Ultimate Frisbee	Mixed	Fourth	Jonathan Tatham
Waterpolo	Men	Fifth	Josh Donnelly
Waterpolo	Women	Fifth	

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 2006 the University of Newcastle achieved the following results:

Championship	Event/Competitor	Result
Distance Running	Mixed	Fifth
Triathlon	Women	18th



Other sporting representation

Touch Football

The NUsport Women's Touch team was Runner Up at the Country Championships held in Dubbo in May and the Senior Mixed team was also Runner Up at the State Cup at Port Macquarie in December

Indigenous Games

The University of Newcastle finished first overall at the 11th National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games hosted by Griffith University in Queensland.

Individual student athlete success

- Rebecca Trethowan was selected to compete in the Australian Women's Rugby Union team, the Wallaroos, at the World Rugby Championships in Canada.
- Katie Gill and Lauren Colthorpe were regular members of the Matilda's national Football (soccer) squad.
- Prue Watt represented Australia at the 2006 IPC Swimming World Championships.
- Shelley Clark became the 25 kilometre National Open Water Swimming Champion.

NUsport sport grant

NUsport provided financial assistance to Daniel Byrnes to compete with the Australian Sitting Volleyball team in the Far Eastern South Pacific International Conference (FESPIC) Games at Kuala Lumpur in November/December 2006.

NUSwim Swimming Club

NUSwim is currently the number two ranked swim club in Newcastle. It focuses on junior and senior, competitive and non-competitive swimming through the promotion, teaching and encouragement of the arts of swimming and lifesaving.

NUSwim participants continued to dominate major swimming meets across New South Wales in 2006, achieving the following outstanding results:

- Fifth – NSW State Championships held January 2006
- Third – NSW Country Championships held February 2006
- Second – Northern District Championships held June 2006
- 12th – NSW Country Championships held July 2006
- Second – Northern Districts Championships

Notable achievements by NUSwim members in 2006 included:

- Prue Watt represented Australia at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games and World Championships
- Hayden Jackson was selected to train at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and represented the AIS and NUSwim in America
- Brianna McConville won five gold medals and was awarded 'Swimmer of the Meet' at the Combined High Schools State Championships



PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

- To promote the excellence of sport at the University of Newcastle through publicising the performances, programs and facilities of the organisation and its Members
- To assist the University in its recruitment of students and staff through the promotion and publicity of the sporting and recreational facilities, services and equipment available to Members
- To record, develop and promote the history and traditions of sport at the University

Constitution of Newcastle University Sport, 30 June 2006

Brand evolution of NUsport and The Forum

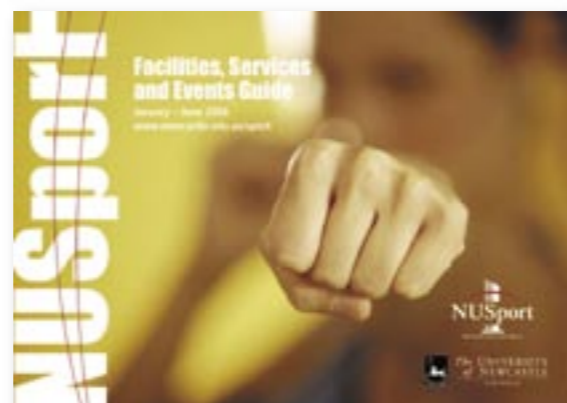
In consultation with partners Peach Advertising, NUsport reviewed its corporate image in 2006 and changed the The Forum and NUsport logos and promotional material, including the website. An umbrella identity was created for clarity and improved understanding of what NUsport delivers in the marketplace.



Promotion and publications

The Forum and NUsport were featured in numerous external publications including the international publications Revolution Magazine and Australasian Leisure Management during the year.

NUsport prepared publications to support the promotional, planning and reporting activities. Key publications produced in 2006 for these purposes were the NUsport Facilities, Services and Events Guide and Positive Living newsletters (in hard copy and email version).



Special events

Hudson/The Forum Corporate Breakfast

The 2006 Hudson/The Forum Corporate Breakfast, High Performance in Business and in Sport, was held at Crowne Plaza Newcastle on 1 August. The guest speaker was Olympic diver, Loudy Tourkey and attracted a sell-out crowd of prominent local business and sporting people.

Hanger Fashion 2006

The Forum supported the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service's fashion event. Held at the Newcastle Jockey Club on 28 August 2006, the event attracted more than 700 people with The Forum providing the major prize for an attendee of the event.

MANAGEMENT



- To provide and maintain an independent organisational and business unit to implement to objects of NUsport
- To conduct its operations in a self sufficient manner
- To facilitate cross subsidisations within the organisation to support less financially viable operations for the greater benefit of Members
- To apply any operating surpluses to NUsport for purposes of expansion of the range of services, facilities and equipment provided for Members, and to maximise these returns within the constraints of its other goals

Constitution of Newcastle University Sport, 30 June 2006

Amendments to the NUsport Constitution

NUsport members and the University of Newcastle Council approved changes to the NUsport Constitution to ensure its compliance with Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) legislation.

Donations and sponsorships

NUsport has supported organisations such as the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Hunter Medical Research Institute, the John Hunter Hospital Neonatal Unit, the CommStrength Foundation, the Samaritans, National Breast Cancer Foundation, several schools and community organisations, through donations and sponsorships. In 2006, NUsport donated over \$40,000 (in kind) to some 70 local organisations. It also sponsored the Newcastle City Council Sports Awards.

Building and leading the community – NUsport representation

Occupational health and safety 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.

NUsport's Occupational Health and Safety Committee, continued to provide the mechanism for NUsport to deal with health and safety matters that relate to NUsport's strategic initiatives and operational activities.

NUSPORT CLUBS



Archery Club

- President** Paul Clark
- Vice-President** Arjan Martin
- Secretary**
- Treasurer** Byron Broadman
- Delegate**

The Archery Club this year had 34 members. Five Club members were affiliated with Archery Australia, Archery NSW and Newcastle City Archers.

The Club was represented at two Archery competitions during the year: The Northern Star in Sydney, where Paul Clark achieved two Fita Stars and placed in the top 10 and the Lake Macquarie Championships, where both Alex King and Paul Clark placed in the top 10.

The University of Newcastle Archery Club conducted a Fun Shoot during Semester 1. The Shoot allowed Club members to test their skills against each other.

This year, every member of the Club completed the Level 1 of the Ranger Safety Checklist. The members enjoyed learning about the archery equipment provided by NUsport and the Club and learning to shoot under safe conditions.

Badminton Club

- President** Scott Hayter
- Vice-President** Gordon Gnansingham
- Secretary** Muhammad Huda
- Treasurer** Keith Ho
- Delegate** Scott Hayter

The Newcastle University Badminton Club this year had 59 members. More than half of our members were international students from Asian countries, where Badminton is very popular.

This year was a transition year for the Club's committee due to instability caused by VSU and by the loss of previous committee members who have now graduated. These combined with having a new Club Executive and timing issues for the dates of the AUG, resulted in the Club missing out on the 2006 Australian University Games. The Club will try to make sure that these transitions are conducted in a smooth fashion, though 2007 is likely to be a more challenging experience. In terms of membership, the Club should not have a problem in getting at least 50 members in the coming years. Also with the popularity of the sport in Asian and Scandinavian countries, the Club sees itself as helping the University in its advertising campaign to promote the university life experience for students.

Baseball Club

- President** Jeremy Slapp
- Vice-President** Danielle Jones
- Secretary** Chris Fell
- Treasurer** Rowland Hayes
- Delegates** Matt Watson

In 2006 the University of Newcastle Baseball Club had 70 members, fielding six teams in the Newcastle Baseball Association competition.

The Club was successful during the year with teams achieving the following results:

- Second Grade Joint Premiers
- Third Grade Semi Finalists
- Fourth Grade Minor Premiers / Finalists
- Fifth Grade Finalists
- Sixth Grade A Semi Finalists
- Sixth Grade B Eighth

The Club also competed at the Toronto Masters and several players were selected in representative teams. The representative players were:

- Newcastle Open Women's Side: Kirstine Metcalfe, Sophie Dowling, Kristy Frame, Kristy Field.
- NSW Country Open Women's Side: Sophie Dowling.





Basketball Club

President	John Woodward
Vice-President	Frank Gallego
Secretary	Stephanie Rumball
Treasurer	Robyn Connett
Delegate	

This year students registered as individuals in the Senior Social Competition held at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium and also played in the competition at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre.

The Women's Eastern University Games (EUG) team was unsuccessful in qualifying for the Australian University Games (AUG) this year. The Men's team was successful, winning Gold at the EUG and Gold at the AUG. The University of Newcastle Basketball Club members, Matt McGovern and Adam Melmeth were honoured by being named in the AUG Green & Gold team. The winning AUG team consisted of Jamil Bin-Hassan, Dave Bourke, Josh Cohen, Matt Fagg, Mark Garland, Jarrod Gillard, Steve Guy, Alex McDougall, Matt McGovern, Akolde Mayhom, Clement Majok, Adam Melmeth and Jono Smith.

The Junior Club competition (ages range from nine to 17 years) was once again successful at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium with four of the 10 teams winning the first competition.

The second junior competition had 10 teams with the following four teams, U14 Boys Awesome, U14 Boys Snakes, U16 Girls Opals and U18 Boys Force making their respective Grand Finals. The U18 Boys Force won their Grand Final.

Boat Club

President	Leah Doman
Vice-President	William Huynh
Secretary	Elissa Calderwood
Treasurer	Stephen Pfennigwerth
Delegate	Leah Doman

2006 was a successful year for the University of Newcastle Boat Club (NUBC). The highlight of the year was the 2006 Australian University Rowing Championships, held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC). This year, NUBC had a record 22 participants, evidence to the continued steady growth of the Club.

Overall, NUBC came eighth out of 21 universities – which was a tremendous effort considering the majority of our crews were comprised of novices. While some personal expectations weren't met, all rowers put in a commendable effort. Notable achievements include Men's Open Single, Patrick Bird finishing fourth in the A-Finals; Women's Lightweight Single, Sarah Faint finishing fifth in the A-Finals; the Women's Open Double, which came fifth in the A-Finals and the Men's Coxless Lightweight Four, which finished sixth in the A-Finals.

The Club's strong, competitive and friendly relationship with the University of NSW continued to develop at the Regatta, while relationships with other universities were forged over the three days.



Cricket Club

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

After all the planning and hard work, the 50th season of the Club has been and gone.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the 50th year celebrations with the results, culminating in our 50th year dinner in February. It was an extremely rewarding experience to catch up with so many people who have helped make the Club what it is today. We are a club with a fine tradition and one that many people are pleased and proud to have been actively involved with. The 50th Committee of Alan Northey, Andrew Harrison, Steve Taylor, Andrew Baker, Dan Smee, Andrew Casey, Robert Faraday and Ben Smee, did a tremendous job.

On the field it was fantastic that in our 50th year, we finished fourth in the Club Championship, our best result in a number of years. The Club also made the Final of the 20/20 competition and the Semi Finals in the Under 21 competition.

First Grade Captain, Rob Faraday had an excellent year winning the Jack Walsh trophy; Jimmy Hillary was once again one of the top wicket takers in NDCA First Grade; and Matthew Metcalfe won the NDCA trophy for the most dismissals by a keeper in First Grade.

The Club members also competed at a representative level. Nathan Ward played for the Country Colts and Tim Northey played in the Newcastle U17 and U19 teams as well as the NSW U17 and Hunter CHS sides.

The Club's Second Grade team enjoyed a great season of success ending up Final Winners! They started slowly and built steadily, managing to win key games, particularly the Semi Finals against Waratah. Rehan Anjum and Ian Mark led the way with high scores of 116 and 97 respectively. The Final was a remarkable effort by the bowlers to restrict Charlestown to 71 when chasing a total of just 92 runs. Andrew Baker, was rewarded for his efforts with the new ball by claiming the Second Grade District bowling average and his five wicket haul (5-16) in the Final was a match-winner.

The Third Grade team narrowly missed the Semi Finals. A combination of experienced players such as Neil Quigg and Steve Taylor and new players including Sam Hennessey, Morgan Lewis, Brett McFadzien and Pat Dempsey resulted in Third Grade having the biggest improvement in the Club.

The Fourth Grade team didn't have a successful season, however newcomer Luke Rampster showed great potential.

Fifth Grade battled on well all season. It was pleasing to see the Club field a Fifth Grade team this year. Made up by a number of newcomers to the game, and a few returning, it is hopeful they will all benefit from the experience next season.

Overall an excellent season and a great reunion of players over the past 50 years.



Fencing Club

President	Gavin Mott
Vice-President	Kim Au
Secretary	Sam Hughes
Treasurer	Kevin Rowan
Delegate	

2006 has been an encouraging year for the Fencing Club. The more structured training regime introduced in 2005 has continued to pay off, with many members who were novices last year, continuing to train and develop a core membership for the Club.

Considerable interest was shown in the Club early in the year, resulting in many occasions when there was not enough equipment to go around. While some of these beginners have remained, it is hoped that a recent equipment purchase will redress some of the shortfall and will encourage greater numbers of beginners to remain next year. If numbers continue to increase, the Club will consider training in a larger venue.

We have also realised we are in a relatively good position as far as VSU is concerned. As the only fencing club in Newcastle and the Hunter, the Club will not have to compete with other community clubs for membership.

Efforts to purchase fencing equipment and supplies during the year at a reduced cost from China were not successful; the increased cost of obtaining equipment from Australian suppliers has been offset by increased membership.

On a sadder note, it was with great regret that the Fencing Club mourned the passing of our Head Coach, Mr Edward Sarkoezy, in July of this year. Eddie had been a part of the Fencing Club for countless years and many of his students have progressed to National and International fencing competitions. Eddie continued to train and teach at the Fencing Club until age and poor health forced him to stop. His enthusiasm and wealth of experience and knowledge will be greatly missed.

The Club's new Head Coach, Mr Sam Hughes, has introduced a new training regime which has proven successful over the past few months.

Looking ahead, the Fencing Club has no reason to doubt that the coming year will prove to be equally, if not more successful.

Gymsports Club

President	Elecia Johnston
Vice-President	
Secretary	Jason Drummond
Treasurer	Matthew Patterson
Delegate	Elecia Johnston

In 2006, the University of Newcastle Gymsports Club had 22 members and hopes to increase membership numbers in 2007.

Training in 2006 was held at the Hunter Sports Centre. Everyone is extremely happy with this venue as it offers a wide variety of equipment catering for all interests.

The Club hosted its first competition in May this year with competitors from Sydney University attending. Many people have expressed interest in the competition becoming an annual event, with the goal for 2007 to have attendees from the Gymnastics Club at Wollongong University, also involved in the competition.

Participation in circus arts has declined this year, mostly due to the Circus Arts Coordinator leaving after completing university. Despite this, the Club held two trips to Homebush to participate in flying trapeze classes.

Some members from the Club have participated in workshops and private lessons with Circus Monoxide to excellent reviews - with many new skills learnt and new apparatus attempted. The Club will continue circus arts in 2007, and in particular aerial activities.

Hockey Club – Men's

President	Nick Costley
Vice-President	Joe Cooper
Secretary	Robert Raymond
Treasurer	Peter Melling
Delegate	Nick Costley

2006 was another busy year for the University of Newcastle Men's Hockey Club. On the field there was a team representing the Club in all six Grades. Off the field the Club has had to manage the introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) which will lead to a massive decrease in funding from NUSport over the coming years.

Despite the large number of teams, on field success was limited, with the exception of Second Grade which narrowly missed the Grand Final. During the year, all teams showed they could challenge and beat any other team in the competition. The Club numbers tend to dwindle during the holiday period and during parts of Semester due to other commitments such as practical work placements. We thank those who showed commitment during the entire season and played two, three and sometimes four games in a weekend.

From an administrative perspective, the Club has been running relatively smoothly and has been able to effect some change within the Association. One major change to running the Club this season was that we were required to provide a certain number of umpires per week for different games. Thank you to everyone who sacrificed their time to umpire during the season; your dedication allowed us to meet our umpiring requirements as a club.

Without mentioning names (because there are too many) thank you to the Executive Committee, the Social Committee, as well as the Captains and Managers for their ongoing commitment to the Club. Without these individuals the Club would not exist.

2007 promises to be an exciting year. Despite VSU, the Club will survive for other students to enjoy and share in the memorable experience the Club produces.

Hockey Club – Women's

President	Nicole Sattler
Vice-President	Angela Hern
Secretary	Kathy Freeman / Clare Howlett
Treasurer	Amanda Sattler
Delegate	Clare Howlett

The University of Newcastle Women's Hockey Club (UNWHC) again fielded a team in every grade, from Premier to Sixth Grade, which was more than any other Women's Club in the Association. This achievement should not be underestimated as it has been the result of a year of hard work from a few dedicated individuals within the Committee.

The 2006 season, the 51st year of the Club did not run as smoothly or successfully as we all hoped it would. The administration suffered some set-backs with key members not returning this year and a number of new Committee members leaving during the season.

On the field, the Club was successful with First Grade making the Semi Finals and a number of other grades only narrowly missing out on the top four. Thank you to the Coaches and Managers who supported and encouraged each of our teams this year

The UNWHC also had many players represent at the Eastern University Games (EUG) and at the Australian University Games (AUG) with the Women's team coming fifth and eighth respectively. Congratulations must go to Libby Colman for being named in the EUG Merit team and Alicia Norris for being named in the AUG Green and Gold team. The Club was also represented in the Newcastle Open Women's team. Congratulations to Amy Byrnes for being named Newcastle's player of the tournament at the State Open Carnival.

2006 saw the introduction of Club jumpers. These are owned by most members of the Women's Club and can be seen all over Newcastle, especially at the University! Thanks to Jess O'Cass for her organising the jumpers.

We thank the Social Committee for their hard work in organising a variety of events throughout the season.

We also thank our sponsors Bar 121 and Gloria Jeans. With the introduction of VSU the financial future of the Club is not as secure as in previous years. It is unavoidable that playing fees will increase. However with sponsorship, facilitated by well attended social functions, we will be able to minimise these increases.



Jujutsu Club

President	Amy Stokoe
Vice-President	Carl Ormerod
Secretary	Ngoc Mai Tran
Treasurer	Richard Ormerod
Delegate	Richard Ormerod

2006 was a year of significant change for the University of Newcastle Jujutsu Club. The Club's head instructor, Michael Wray, moved away early in the year. He is greatly missed. Despite such a loss, a core group of dedicated students are continuing the Club.

In 2006 a number of Club members achieved significant gradings including: Richard Ormerod to Brown Belt (3rd kyu), Jason Briggs and Will Hipps to Green Belt (6th kyu), Carl Ormerod and Ngoc Tran to Yellow Belt (8th kyu) and Cameron Marshall to (9th kyu). These gradings reflect the Club members' commitment to the study of Jujutsu.

Throughout the year, senior students continued to travel to Canberra regularly, for more advanced Jujutsu training.

There was an influx of new students at the beginning of 2006, with up to 15 students training at any given session. This can be attributed to the Club's O Week stall and posters displayed around the University at that time.

La Pena Club

President	Lorena Pais Soto
Vice-President	Stewart Pais Soto
Secretary	Veronica Meneses
Treasurer	Eduardo Carvajal
Delegate	Lorena Pais Soto

During 2006 the Newcastle University Latin American Society (La Pena Club) was actively involved in numerous social and community activities.

The Club has maintained its commitment to conduct Salsa classes every Saturday and Capoeira classes every Tuesday at The Forum. The Club also participated in dance presentations at public schools such as Jesmond and Lambton Public Schools. The Club was actively involved in the Cultural Awakening Week providing students with a Latin barbeque and dance presentations.

The Club also enjoyed Peñas throughout the year, however these were not held as often as we would have liked.

The Club has assessed the impact of VSU and has decided to try to maintain existing membership fees. It is hoped that this will encourage students to become La Pena members and enjoy their time at University as well as getting a taste of the cultural diversity that exists at the University of Newcastle.

Medieval Combat Club

President	Lenore Studdert
Vice-President	
Secretary	Sharon Lou
Treasurer	Lara Field
Delegate	Lenore Studdert

No report supplied.

Mountaineering Club

President	Tim Watt
Vice-President	Warren Keen
Secretary	Kate Doherty
Treasurer	Kate Wagner
Delegate	Tim Watt

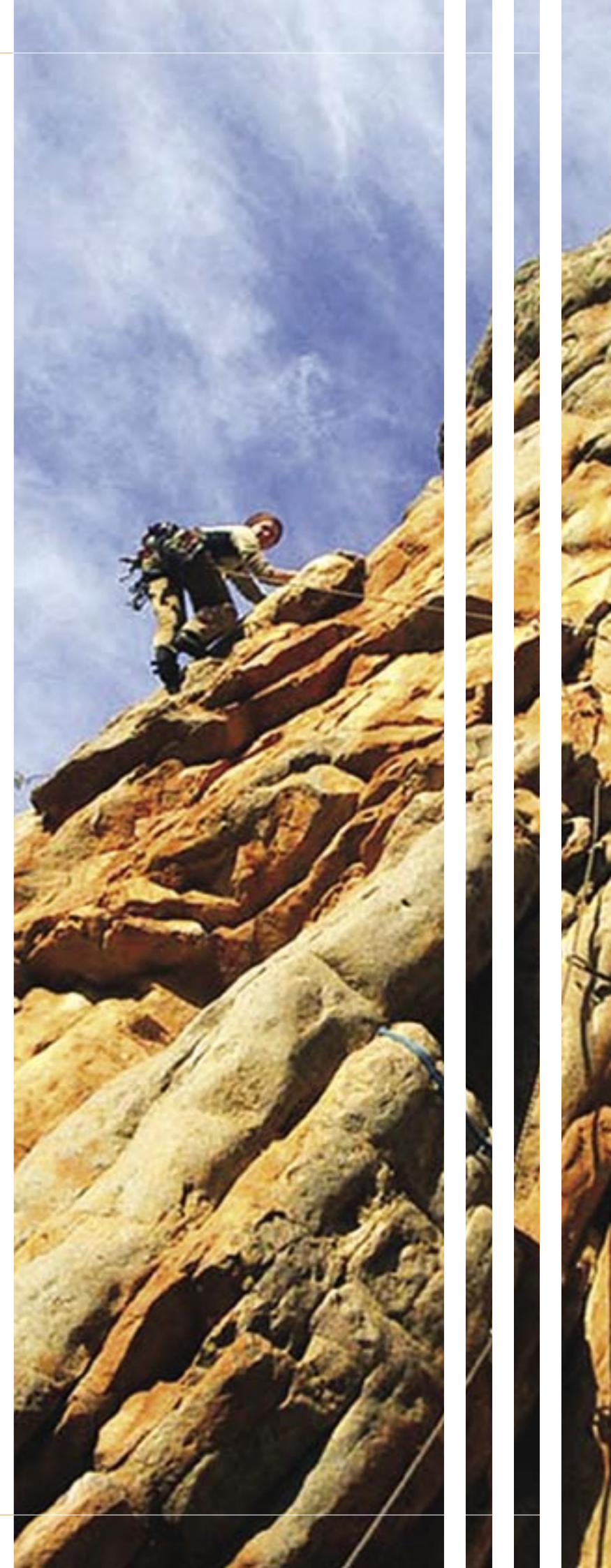
In 2006 the Newcastle University Mountaineering Club (NUMC) offered a multitude of outdoor pursuits to our 215 members including mountain biking, bushwalking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, canyoning, navigation sports, caving and cross country skiing. Our members had access to affordable hire of equipment for any outdoor adventure they undertook.

The Climbing Wall at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre was very popular with Club members during the climbing session. Many members also furthered their climbing experience by participating in outdoor climbing at the highly successful 'Beginner's Day' trips held at the start of each semester.

Bush walking was popular again this year, with regular trips to the Watagan Mountains, Blue Mountains and other local National Parks. Kayaking and canoeing trips have also been held, with a recent trip to the Myall Lakes which was so well received that numbers had to be limited.

Navigation sports, including rogaining, orienteering and adventure sports, are well liked amongst NUMC members with three teams entering the local Socialgaine and Lake Macquarie and Paddy Pallin Rogaines. One member competed in the 24 hour NSW Championships (result, fifth mixed open), 24 hour Australian Championships (result, ninth mixed open) and the World Rogaining Championship held in the Warrumbungle National Park (result, 25th mixed open).

Mountain biking (MTB) is another NUMC member pastime with weekly rides arranged in the Glenrock State Recreation Area throughout most of 2006. Some of our club members also compete in local and state MTB races; gaining third place in women's open in the 110km Vaude Highland Fling MTB Marathon.





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

President	Lars Thomsen
Vice-President	Shea Pletz
Secretary	Leah Beith
Treasurer	Gary Ellem
Delegate	

2006 saw a reduction in Club membership from previous years to just 60 members. This is a result of many factors including the declining success of O Week as students now enrol online and hence fewer students are on campus during O Week and the limited marketing conducted by the club throughout the remainder of the year. The rise in cost of diving courses has also created a barrier to entry and may be a factor in lower membership.

In late 2006 the Club advertised on campus with posters and flyers and offered trial dives to students. The Club also discussed senior Club members developing their diving skills and becoming diving instructors so the Club can offer reduced price dive courses and ensure new divers are welcomed into the Club. It is expected this will be introduced in 2007.

Throughout the year the Club ran an active diving and snorkelling calendar. Equipment usage was strong and consistent throughout the year and was maintained in line with industry and legal standards.

The Club focussed its efforts on replacing its obsolete collection of Sherwood BCD's. While these were in working order, the cost of maintenance has increased due to the limited availability of spare parts. NUsport's purchase of replacement regulators for the Club in 2005 along with replacement of the BCD's will result in the Club being in a healthy position regarding operating costs; which should be a great help with the introduction of VSU.

Rugby League Club

President	Michael Burke
Vice-President	Shaun Johnston
Secretary	Matthew Flynn
Treasurer	Matthew Dove
Delegate	Matthew Dove

The Club began the year strongly with approximately 45 players attending the pre-season training and 7's Competition. However as injury and university commitments increased, our numbers diminished during the year to a core base of 25 players. The Club attempted to field two teams, First and Reserve Grade in the Student Tertiary Competition, based in Sydney but also incorporating Canberra and Newcastle universities. However injury and external commitments resulted in the reserve side being disbanded during the season.

Four of our Club's First Grade players were chosen to represent the Student's New South Wales side, with Lucas Duncombe, Captain and Coach of the 2005 Grand Final side, being selected as starting second row in the Australian side.

Throughout the year, the Club undertook numerous in-house promotions to assist in raising funds for the Club. The major fund raising activity was the Newcastle Trotting Night which continued to prove a success in providing revenue and the opportunity for reunions. The Club received hotel sponsorship and major support from past members.



Rugby Union Club

President	Barry Mullard
Vice-President	Col Pratt
Secretary	Alison Wright
Treasurer	Matt Johnson
Delegate	Luke Serhan

Season 2006 has been the most successful season the Rugby Club has had in many years and is the result of the Club's strategy of building playing strength, improved coaching and providing a stable administrative structure. The assistance and encouragement provided by NUsport is also a factor in the resurgence of the Rugby Club.

The highlights of the 2006 season included: the Grand Final appearance for First Grade and the Women's teams; Preliminary Final appearance for Third Grade; Second, Colts and Fourth Grade making the Semi Finals; the Women's team winning Eastern University Games; and the Men's team placing third in Eastern University Games.

Both men and women players were selected in Regional, Country and Australian teams with Captain of the Club's Women's team, Rebecca Trethowan, selected in the Australian Women's Rugby World Cup team.

The Club also had many players achieve representative honours including Sam McNiven, Dave Woods, Luke McBeath, Thomas Torrance, Nicholas McRae, Mark Herd, Alexia Mathews, Margaret Watson, Rebecca Trethowan and Arlyn Mills being selected at the Regional Hunter level and Dave Woods, Mark Herd, Alexia Mathews, Margaret Watson and Rebecca Trethowan all being selected at the NSW Country level. Most significantly, our Women's team captain, Rebecca Trethowan was selected in the Australian Women's Rugby Team and travelled to Canada with the "Wallaroos" to compete in the Women's World Cup.

The Club has been progressively strengthening its administrative personnel and procedures. The profile and the stability of the Club Executive has been a major factor in securing sponsorship in a very competitive market. The Club was most grateful for the support received from its major sponsors. The introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) is still unknown but is expected to affect the Club's cash flow in the future. To meet fixed costs, the Club will be forced to raise fees substantially in 2007, placing an additional burden on already stretched student finances.

The Club appreciates the support received from Patrons Chancellor Professor Trevor Waring and Dr Bernie Curran, who regularly attended matches and provided encouragement to the players.

The continued success of the Club depends on the willingness of the University to continue to promote sport and provide as much financial and administrative assistance as possible.



Soccer Club – Men's

President	Jim Catlin
Vice-President	
Secretary	Peter McFadden
Treasurer	Stuart Sandie
Delegate	

This year has been a learning curve for many people. Many of the Committee members this year were new to their roles and this showed in many areas throughout the season. However, once the season began, the soccer played was enjoyed by most.

The Club had teams in the 2HD competition (First Grade, Reserve Grade and U19s) and the ID3 competition (First Grade and Reserve Grade). All teams were successful; particular mention should go to 2HD First Grade who finished seventh and the ID3 Reserve Grade who made the Semi Finals.

We would like to thank MJ Finnigans for their sponsorship, as well as all the Coaches and parents who helped out in 2006. We would also like to thank NUsport for providing invaluable advice and help regarding what is required financially and individually.

Soccer Club – Women's

President	Melanie Flynn
Vice-President	Elizabeth Savovski
Secretary	Rebecca Philp
Treasurer	Louise O'Brien
Delegate	Rebecca Philp

The 2006 season was very successful for the University of Newcastle Women's Soccer Club. We were proud to start the year as the Club of the Year for the second year running. The Executive Committee ensured that the Club continued to be one of the best clubs on campus during 2006.

The Club welcomed new coaches Ken Wilson, Geoff McCallum, Leith Dawes and Paul Dunsford in 2006 and saw its membership swell to 120 members.

Seven teams were fielded in the Newcastle-Port Stephens, Hunter and Macquarie Soccer Competition. The year was very successful with three teams competing in the Semi Finals series with the A1, C and E Grades competing in their respective Grand Finals. This was the sixth consecutive year the University has had teams qualify and compete in finals. Our A2 and G Grade teams finished eighth and B and F Grades finished sixth.

Several Club members represented the University at Eastern University Games where the team placed third.

The Annual Ball and presentation night was held in September and recognised those who performed exceptionally well throughout the season. Awards included Coaches Player, Players Player, Most Improved and Golden Boot which was won by A Grade 1 player Kirralee Gardener, who scored 18 goals during the season.

The Club named Megan Cooper and Josie Miller the Most Valuable Players for the Club for supporting the sponsor and for their fundraising efforts selling doughnuts and chocolates. Samala Shepherd and Louise O'Brien were recognised for their administration efforts being named Club Persons of the Year.

In 2006 the Club proudly had the support of two new sponsors MJ Finnigans and Broadmeadow Physio.

Softball Club

President	Jeremy Slapp
Vice-President	Mark Jones
Secretary	Kristy Field
Treasurer	Rowland Hayes
Delegates	

The University of Newcastle Softball Club had 34 members creating three teams which competed in the local competition. The Fourth Grade Women's team reached the Semi Finals, First Grade Men's reached the Finals and Second Grade Women's made the Grand Finals.

The Club sent representatives to the Eastern University Games and various Gala Days throughout the year.

Clement Gaothuse was selected to represent Newcastle in the Open Men's team.

Squash Club

President	Gregory McIntyre
Vice-President	
Secretary	Nathan Allen
Treasurer	Glen Maher
Delegate	Nathan Allen

This year the Squash Club membership was 47 members. Almost 30 of these members represented the University of Newcastle in the local Pennants Squash Competition, run by the Newcastle Squash Rackets Association.

Interest in the Club and in the district competition grew with some very skilled players joining the Club this year.

In the 57th competition since the formation of the Club it entered five Men's teams in A2, B1, B3 and B5 Grades and one Women's team in A04 Grade. The top Grade teams performed well with the A Grade team winning the Grand Final.

In the 58th competition the Club enter five teams which all progressed to the finals series. The Men's A2, A3 and B1 teams played in Grand Finals and the Women's A04 team was narrowly defeated in their Preliminary Finals.

Next year the continuation of VSU will be a test of the Club's strength, especially with many of its senior players finishing university. In the coming year the Club would like to refresh the Club logo and finalise the creation of a Club shirt.

The Club has done well to attract new members this year, and is looking forward to welcoming more new players in 2007.

Tennis Club

President	Hieu Le
Vice-President	Stephen Crawford
Secretary	Orann Antebi
Treasurer	Marie Kearney
Delegate	Hieu Le

No report submitted.



Ultimate Frisbee Club

President	Tim Lindsay-Brown
Vice-President	Chris Lavis
Secretary	Matthew Spencer
Treasurer	Sturt Wilson
Delegate	Chris Lavis

In 2006 the University of Newcastle Ultimate Frisbee Club (NUdiscs) provided a range of playing opportunities at various competition levels, offering an assortment of disc sports, as well as the social-minded culture that has become an integral part of the club.

The league continued to meet once a week on Monday nights. Both the First Semester League and the Wade Demmer Cup were very popular. The format encourages skill-building and socialising between new and old members.

The highlight of the year was the performance in external Ultimate competitions. NUdiscs members participated in three National Club Championships teams: Newcastle Women's team, the Sugar Magnolias, the Newcastle Men's Open team and the Open Division team Deathstar (Newcastle, Canberra, Wollongong).

In the second half of the year, the Club formed a side to compete at the Australian Mixed Ultimate Championships. The team, Reekin' Havoc, won the Final to claim the 2006 Championship and remain undefeated for the tournament.

The 2006 Eastern University Games (EUG) was the focus of the Club's year. The team was successful winning Silver at EUG. The Australian University Games (AUG) team that competed at Adelaide, finished fourth overall.

NUsport recognised the contribution and performance of NUdiscs founding President, Jonathan Holmes, awarding him a Blue and naming him a Sports Person of the Year finalist at the 2006 University of Newcastle Sports Awards.

Volleyball Club

President	Lorena Pais Soto
Vice-President	Josie Milner
Secretary	Gwennia Kwok
Treasurer	Joyce Lim
Delegate	Lorena Pais Soto

This year the Club had 39 members. The average number of members attending training sessions each week was 20. This consistency helped the Club provide a more structured training session that focussed on teaching members the skills necessary to better play the game while continuing to have fun.

2006 was the third year the Tomornsak Tournament intra-club competition was conducted. Three Volleyball Club teams competed at the Tournament, winning Gold medals.

Selection trials for the Eastern University Games (EUG) and Australian University Games (AUG) were well attended. Strong Men's and Women's teams were selected to attend the EUG. The Women's team finished sixth and the Men's team finished fourth. The Men qualified for Australian University Games but were unable to attend due to the high cost. Two beach volleyball teams competed at the AUG. The Mixed team won Silver and the Men's team won Gold.



Waterpolo Club

President	Josh Donnelly
Vice-President	
Secretary	Oliver Walsh
Treasurer	Andrew Petters
Delegate	

This year the Club participated in activities that previously haven't been attempted by the Club. The Club conducted many fundraising activities to provide the funds for teams to compete at the Australian University Games (AUG) in Adelaide.

The Club sent both Men's and Women's teams to the Australian University Games (AUG) in Adelaide. The teams had excellent tournaments with both placing fifth in their respective divisions.

This year the Club founded a social competition for students which resulted in over 30 competitors. The competition was played every Tuesday night for a number of weeks in a round-robin style format. It was a success and it is hoped to continue next year with the goal of attracting more players.

Waterski and Wakeboard Club

President	David Noble
Vice-President	Brooke Henderson
Secretary	Asher Trounce
Treasurer	David Smith
Delegate	David Noble

In 2006 the Club had 75 financial members, with approximately 30 members skiing regularly and many others using the Club services only a few times during the year.

This year the Club had five representatives attend the Australian University Waterski & Wakeboard Championships in Victoria. Newcastle won the Overall Men's Wakeboard competition. An honourable mention goes to Daniel Blackmore who attended his last competitive Australian University Waterski & Wakeboard Championships.

Brooke Henderson was very successful in Women's Wakeboarding in 2006, winning the KB Tri-Series Advanced Women event. She also encouraged an increased female participation in wakeboarding by holding a "Chicks Day".

Andrew Miller also had a successful year, placing second at the 2006 Australian Masters in the ACT State Titles and setting a new ACT Slalom record. Drew placed third at the Australian National Championships for Open Men's Slalom, and fifth at the Australian and New Zealand Open. Drew was reappointed as the 2006 Australian Disabled Waterski Coach.

The New Members Weekend was held at Shalimar (Forster) early in Semester 1. It was a great weekend for all the new, and returning members.

The annual KB Tri-Series was held on Anzac long weekend. This "grass roots" wakeboard competition attracted members from Wollongong, Queensland, Sydney, UNSW, and Monash universities, as well as many University of Newcastle members.

Two Slider Weekends were held at Stoney Park, Telegraph Point (Port Macquarie). Both weekends were very popular, well run and well organised. Thanks to Michael Gillespie.

NUSPORT FINANCIALS



Principal activities

The company's principal activities in the course of the financial year was the provision of sporting and recreational facilities & services.

Review of operations

The company generated a net profit of \$4,697 in the current financial year (2005: \$575,399).

Changes in the state of affairs

During the financial year two significant events affected the financial situation of the company:

1. The cessation of the General Service Charge Revenue; and
2. The opening The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside.

Subsequent events

In December 2005, the Australian Federal Government announced the establishment of a transition fund to assist universities with the construction and maintenance for sporting and recreational facilities following the passing of Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-Front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005. The fund will assist universities to adjust to the changed funding environment by facilitating a shift from reliance on compulsory fees for the construction and maintenance of sporting and recreational infrastructure. The total funding available for the programme is \$80 million over three years. On 26 February 2007, the Minister for Education, Science & Training, the Hon. Julie Bishop MP announced funding of \$2.6 million awarded to the University of Newcastle to be applied in repayment of Newcastle University Sport's loan to the University. This loan was provided originally to assist in the construction of The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre at the Callaghan campus.

Schedule of meetings

The following table sets out the number of Directors' meetings held during the financial year and the number of meetings attended by each director (while they were a Director). During the financial year 11 Board meetings were held.

	Board Meetings Held	Number Attended
Michael Johns	11	11
Bernard Curran	11	9
Stephen Fityus	11	11
Alison Hobbs	10	10
Andrew Johnson	11	8
Adrian Page (appointed 10 May 2006)	8	6
Trudi Williams (appointed 1 June 2006)	7	7
John Mullard	11	8
Gail White	11	10
Nathan McGregor (Resigned 1 June 2006)	3	1
Erin Morgan (resigned 17 May 2006)	3	2
Paul Munro (resigned 10 November 2006)	9	5

Dividends

No dividends have been declared in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2006 (2005: nil).

INCOME STATEMENT

for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Revenue		
Interest received - term deposits	59,490	106,256
Membership & hire fees	2,601,183	2,476,870
Merchandise sales	68,272	89,583
Grants received	145,455	930
Forgiveness of loan	200,000	-
Personal training	118,660	99,953
Sport & recreation courses	119,253	112,201
General service charge revenue	1,006,009	1,812,257
Sports medicine fees	4,097	16,128
Other revenue	128,574	100,546
Total revenue	4,450,993	4,814,723
Expenses		
Gain /(loss) on sale of plant and equipment	27,749	56,701
Employee benefits expense	(2,309,332)	(2,110,307)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(671,189)	(583,294)
Forum & facility running expense	(539,230)	(608,987)
Consumables purchased	(48,661)	(86,542)
Movement in inventory	(13,240)	(538)
Borrowing expense	(23,920)	(187,434)
Advertising & marketing expense	(152,694)	(70,832)
Representative team & affiliated club expense	(146,844)	(259,041)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(568,934)	(389,049)
Total expenses	4,446,296	4,239,324
Profit before income tax expense	4,697	575,399
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit attributable to members of the parent entity	4,697	575,399

BALANCE SHEET

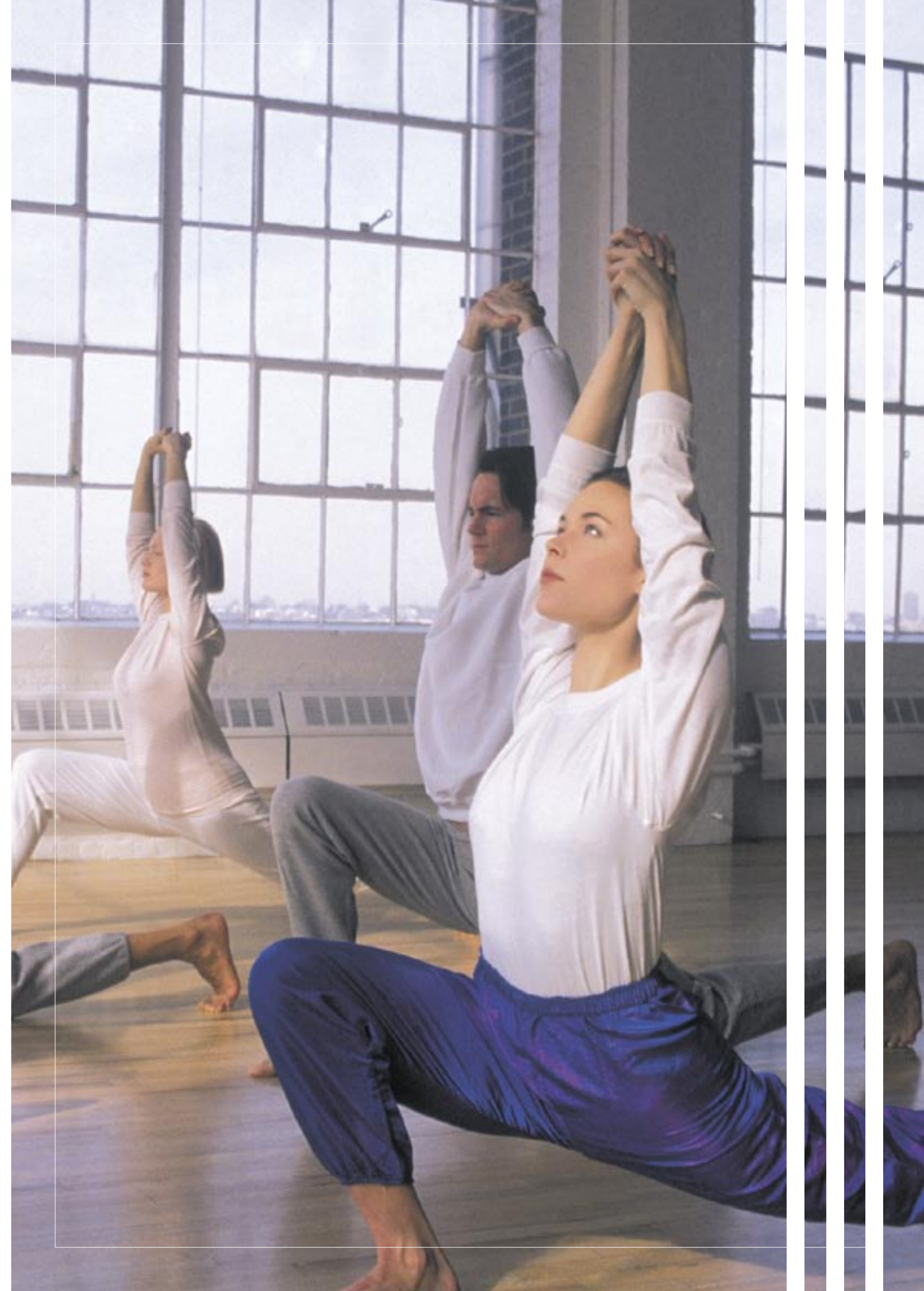
as at 31 December 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	277,296	1,484,011
Trade and other receivables	102,919	258,080
Inventories	57,148	70,388
Other current assets	42,460	64,133
Total current assets	479,823	1,876,612
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	15,909,223	13,332,515
Total non-current assets	15,909,223	13,332,515
Total assets	16,389,046	15,209,127
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,107,222	730,950
Borrowings	1,207,261	475,688
Other financial liabilities	-	100,000
Provisions	106,491	96,053
Total current liabilities	2,420,974	1,402,691
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	3,364,994	3,129,918
Other financial liabilities	-	100,000
Provisions	85,237	63,374
Total non-current liabilities	3,450,231	3,293,292
Total liabilities	5,871,205	4,695,983
Net assets	10,517,841	10,513,144
Equity		
Retained earnings	10,517,841	10,513,144
Total equity	10,517,841	10,513,144

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	5,164,919	5,041,253
Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,957,205)	(3,868,878)
Interest received	59,490	144,990
Interest paid	(23,920)	(187,434)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,243,285	1,129,931
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(3,265,740)	(2,498,637)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	45,591	97,391
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,220,149)	(2,401,246)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from repayment of loans	3,499	7,000
Net proceeds from (repayment of) borrowings	766,649	(167,718)
Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities	770,148	(160,718)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,206,716)	(1,432,033)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	1,484,011	2,916,044
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	277,295	1,484,011



THE FORUM HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE
HARBOURSIDE

Workshop Way, Newcastle NSW 2300



THE FORUM SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308

P 02 4921 7001 F 02 4921 7005

W www.theforum.orgu.au

