



ANNUAL REPORT

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY SPORT
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AWARD-WINNING FACILITIES

Those interested in sport, health and wellness enjoy some of the best possible facilities and services through Newcastle University Sport (NUsport).

These award winning facilities are:

- The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, in the grounds of the University of Newcastle
- The Forum Health & Wellness Centre in the historic Per Way Store at Honeysuckle in Newcastle's CBD.
- The Ray Watt Oval and Pavilion – home to A League team, The Newcastle United Jets
- The Squash and Tennis Pavilion
- Six ovals at the University's Callaghan campus
- Eight tennis courts
- The Rowing Pavilion at Berry Park near Maitland

NUsport managed facilities are a significant resource for our community

and they provide a hub for people to meet, socialise and enjoy the best of leisure and wellness experiences.

Through these facilities and with the guidance of a team of qualified staff led by an experienced Board of Directors, the people of the Hunter can access innovative programs and activities that are suitable for every age and every ability.

NUsport managed facilities are available for use by University of Newcastle students, staff, Alumni and the Hunter community.

Through the support and knowledge of the University of Newcastle and its industry and business partners, NUsport continues to deliver unparalleled health and wellness solutions for the community.

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ABOUT NUSPORT

OUR VISION

is to be the leading university sport and recreation provider in Australia.

OUR MISSION

is to enable customers, current and potential, to be aware of and to 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.



As you read this Annual Report, I am confident you will appreciate that collectively and as individuals those who bring the services of NUSport to our customers have upheld the intent and the delivery of both our vision and mission.

Michael Johns
Chair - NUSport
Deputy Chancellor
University of Newcastle



Recorded throughout the pages of this Annual Report are the many outstanding successes in achieving our objectives. I acknowledge the outstanding contribution of all members of staff particularly for their commitment to continued training, development and quality service.

Samantha Martin - Williams
General Manager
NUSport

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES are to initiate, develop, operate and maintain sporting and recreational services, facilities and relationships for and in support of the University of Newcastle and its communities, with particular reference to:

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



FLEXIBLE MEMBERSHIP

YEAR IN REVIEW

NUsport continued to deliver programs, services and facilities that have encouraged participation resulting in continued and increased usage.

There were more than 1.5 million visitations over the past 12 months to NUsport managed venues. This high level of acceptance confirms the organisation's valued contribution to the communities it serves.

About 58% of those who used the facilities were students of the University of Newcastle, while 24% were a combination of Alumni and the corporate sector and 18% from the wider community.

There were many on-going challenges to be met and equally as many hurdles to cross. Not least this year marked the first full year of operations without any income support from the General Service Charge.

Following the former Government's introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) and the abolishment of upfront student fees, an \$80 million Transition Fund was established for university sport and recreation facilities. The University of Newcastle, in collaboration with NUsport, was successful in obtaining funding to reduce NUsport's debt by \$2.6 million to the University in the fund's Round 1 submission. Round 2 proved unsuccessful.

The former Government also established a \$10 million, four year Regional University Sport Funding Program (RUSFP) through the

Australian Sports Commission (ASC). This program, administered by Australian University Sport (AUS) provided funding to employ staff to deliver sporting programs for students. It also provided support for University representation by student teams in local and inter-university competitions including the East Coast Challenge and the Australian University Games.

The AUS contribution has been significant and NUsport acknowledges the valuable role that AUS played in assisting the management of sport and recreation during this difficult year.

Despite these hurdles, NUsport continued to deliver programs, services and facilities that have encouraged participation resulting in continued and increased usage.

More than 90 schools participated in a variety of NUsport Healthier Schools initiatives with some 1,200 individuals each term participating in the highly successful Learn to Swim program.

NUsport, in conjunction with TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute, continued to deliver nationally accredited training packages in sport, fitness and recreation, developing highly credentialed industry professionals.

In the business sector NUsport created Corporate Wellness Solutions that were delivered to more than 180 local businesses with outstanding results in

improving the health and wellness of employees in and out of the workplace. The corporate wellness program has been well received especially by the corporate Alumni of the University of Newcastle.

While the number of visitations is perhaps the truest measure of success, other independent acknowledgements were welcome confirmation.

NUsport was again proud to be named as a finalist in the NSW Fitness Centre of the Year and the Australian Fitness Network Fitness Facility of the Year awards. It was also nominated as a finalist in the prestigious Hunter Business Chamber Awards for its customer service, programs for business and sustainable environmental management.

Operations Manager, Todd Williams, was named Young Achiever of the Year by Hunter Business Chamber.

NUsport was also a finalist in the MAP Fastest Growing Companies Awards in the area of services.

Another much valued award in 2007 was the Royal Institute of Architects Design Award to our architects, Buzacott Webber, for Heritage and adaptive reuse of the historic Per Way Building for The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside.



“The 2007 Sports Awards highlighted the outstanding achievements of the University of Newcastle sporting community.”

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.5 million visitations by members and the community to NUsport facilities.
- Receipt of funding through the VSU Transition Funding of \$2.6 million in debt relief for NUsport.
- Receipt of AUS funding for the Regional University Sport Funding Program.
- Todd Williams, Operations Manager, named Young Achiever of the year by Hunter Business Chamber.
- The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside won Heritage Award and Peoples Choice Award in the Royal Institute of Architects Design Awards.
- NUsport and the University of Newcastle maintained status as a NSW Institute of Sport Central High Performance partner and an Australian Institute of Sport Elite Athlete Friendly University.
- More than 180 local businesses undertook Corporate Health and Wellness Programs.
- The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University energy and water costs were significantly lower than the median in the CERM Performance Indicators Project benchmarking study of fitness and leisure centres around Australia.
- Outcome based research into childhood obesity and child activity for the benefit of members and the wider community, in partnership with the HMRI.
- Commenced a \$500,000 refurbishment of The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University.

NUsport also invested half a million dollars into The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University delivering on its promise to members and the community to provide contemporary facilities. The construction and renovation work was undertaken in stages to ensure that any impact on members and the wider community was minimal.

NUsport actively celebrated the outstanding sporting achievements of its students who competed at regional, national and international levels.

As a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly Universities (EAFU) network, NUsport and the University work together with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) to support the endeavours of students involved in sport by providing an environment that encourages excellence in academia and in the sporting arena.

Of note, NUsport continued to strengthen its partnerships with key sporting organisations. Its relationship with peak bodies including Australian University Sport, Australian Institute of Sport, the Hunter Academy of Sport and the NSW Institute of Sport provided valuable support, student/athlete pathways, and the delivery of programs and services in world class training facilities. The University of Newcastle was proud to have more than 40 elite student athletes involved in the EAFU initiative in 2007.

The 2007 Sports Awards highlighted the outstanding achievements of the University of Newcastle sporting

community. The details of these awards and the strong support from our local community are highlighted in a fuller report to follow.

Our close relationship with the University of Newcastle also allowed NUsport to be part of key recruitment activities. In 2007 NUsport staff participated in international student recruitment activities, orientation week activities, school visits, career and course open days and facility tours for visiting education groups and schools.

NUsport also strengthened its partnership with the University of Newcastle and Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) to fund research into community health issues such as childhood obesity. This type of research forms the basis of programs provided to its members and the wider community.

In 2007 The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University was highlighted for its impressive energy efficiencies. A large-scale, independent study, CERM Performance Indicators Project, delivered out of the University of South Australia found that the Centre's energy costs were less than one-thirteenth of the average of fitness and leisure centres around Australia. NUsport's water costs per square metre were also considerably lower than the study median. This demonstrated NUsport's commitment to environmentally friendly and socially responsible operations in the short and long term.

QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS

NUsport has a highly skilled team of professionals whose responsibility is to provide and maintain programs for a not-for-profit entity in a financially responsible framework.

That team combines experience, industry training and education and is led by a dynamic volunteer Board of Directors that works to support all efforts to promote the excellence of sport at the University of Newcastle.

These people through the Board, Committees and Advisory Panels are integral to our continuing growth and in our efforts to provide health and wellness solutions that suit our community's changing needs.

BOARD DIRECTORS



**MR 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 and the University of Newcastle Tender Committee. Deputy Chairman of the Hunter Area Consultative Committee and Member of the University of Newcastle Council. Member of the Finance & Capital Developments Committee, the Nominations & Legislation Committee, the Promotions Appeals Committee and the Disciplinary Appeals Committee of the University of Newcastle. Former Board Member

Hunter Area Health Service, Hunter Area Pathology Service, Newcastle Grammar School Limited, Pacific Linen Services, Hunter Corporate Catering, University of Newcastle Union Limited and Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Association.



**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 & Aquatic Centre Limited (UNSAAC).



LEAH BEITH

B.Eng (Environmental) 2008 University of Newcastle. President of the University of Newcastle Diving Club. Executive member of the University of Newcastle Diving Club since 2005. Member, Institute of Engineers Aust.



DR STEPHEN FITYUS

B.E. (Hons), B.Sc. PhD (University of Newcastle). Associate Professor in Geotechnical Engineering in the School of Engineering & Head of Discipline of Civil, Surveying & Environmental Engineering at the University of Newcastle. Executive Committee member of UNISS (The University of Newcastle Industry Scholarship Scheme). Chairman of the Newcastle Chapter of the Australian Geomechanics Society.



ALISON HOBBS

B.A. (1997), Dip Legal Practice (1999), B. Laws (1999), 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. Former member of the Newcastle and Hunter Junior Chamber.



DR ANDREW JOHNSON

B.A. (Hons1), the University of Newcastle. PhD (Criminology) University of Western Sydney. Associate Director (Business Development), Research Division, the University of Newcastle. Board member of the Co-operative Research Centre for Construction Innovation. Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



EMERITUS PROFESSOR ADRIAN PAGE

ASTC, B.E. University of New South Wales, PhD the University of Newcastle, FTSE, Hon FIEAust, CPEng. Chairman of the Masonry Structures Code Committee, Standards Australia. 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).



JULIET SCOTT

B.Com. Accountant Lawler Partners. 7 years experience in the accounting profession specialising in providing accounting advice and assistance to small to medium businesses, as well as assisting in providing taxation advice across a broad range of industries.



KRISTIE THOMAS

Currently undertaking B. Teaching/B. Design & Technology at the University of Newcastle. President of the University of Newcastle Water Polo Club for 2008 (Secretary in 2007). Former member of Hunter Hurricanes Women's National League Water Polo squad and member of Raymond Terrace Water Polo Club and Newcastle Water Polo Association since 2000. National A Grade Netball Umpire.



GAIL WHITE

B.A., Dip. Ed, MBA from the University of Newcastle. Academic Registrar at the University of Newcastle since September 2005. Employed in a variety of roles at the University of Newcastle since 1988. Former Director, Hunter Academy of Sport, and current Director, Universities' Admissions Centre.

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

SPORTS AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

- Dr Bernard Curran**
NUSport Deputy Chair
- Ms Lisa Bradley**
NUSport
- Dr Trent Dickeson**
Campus Central - Colour
- Ms Catherine Haszard**
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
- Mr Neil Goffet**
Media



CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS CONTINUED

STUDENT SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The NUsport Board

Immediate Past Chair
Mr Trevor John

Delegates appointed by the AGM
Mr Oscar Omegna

One Delegate from each Affiliated Club

NUSPORT COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

A/Prof Jim Psaros - Chair
Dr Andrew Johnson
Ms Gail White

ATTENDEES

NUsport Auditors
Ms Juliet Scott
General Manager
Commercial Manager
Company Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms Juliet Scott - Chair
Ms Alison Hobbs
Ms Gail White
Mr Jason Gapps
Ms Helen Wild
Commercial Manager
General Manager
Executive Officer

INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

A/Prof Stephen Fityus - Chair
Dr Andrew Johnson
Emeritus Prof Adrian Page
Operations Manager
General Manager
Commercial Manager
Executive Officer

CLUBS COMMITTEE

Dr Bernard Curran - Chair
A/Prof Stephen Fityus
Emeritus Prof Adrian Page
Executive Officer
Commercial Manager
Programs Manager

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr Michael Johns - NUsport Chair
Dr Bernard Curran
Ms Juliet Scott
General Manager

CONVENIENT AND CONTEMPORARY FACILITIES

NUsport's facilities provide a hub for people to meet, socialise and enjoy the best of leisure and wellness experiences in a fun environment.

The two key venues managed by NUsport, The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University and The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside are not just gyms, they are community assets.

A commitment to upgrading facilities in ways that ensure our members and guests have access to state-of-the-art health and wellness resources was a priority for NUsport.

A major feature of this program was the \$500,000 upgrading of The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University which commenced in late 2007. The works were significant and required a short shutdown at the very end of the year which, with careful management, was well received by members who took advantage of alternative access to The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside.

This upgrade included a 30% expansion of the gymnasium, the addition of state-of-the-art equipment, a new VIP/Personal Training Zone and refurbishment of the Cycle Zone. Other improvements to the Centre included renovations to the Group Fitness and High Performance Training Zones, as well as improvements to member amenities.

With the support of the University of Newcastle, acoustic insulation was installed in The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside in 2007.

NUMoves, in conjunction with the University's Faculty of Health continued to provide additional and valuable services at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University through the provision of a professional physiotherapy clinic.

M.A.P. Pty. Ltd. Projects commenced trading in the café at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University offering a new selection of menu and catering options for members and guests.

In 2007, staff members engaged with members regularly to discuss satisfaction with facilities and equipment. This continuous improvement program was conducted through focus groups, member surveys and feedback and was important in deciding which areas required most attention.

THE PREFERRED TRAINING FACILITY

National and international teams that chose the award winning training facilities at NUsport in 2007 included;

- Australian Women's Rugby Union Wallaroos
- Australian Rugby Union Country Rugby Union (men's and women's) Hunter Academy of Sport
- Home training facility for The Newcastle United Jets
- A-League Football teams Perth Glory Football Club Sydney Football Club
- National Netball team McDonald Hunter Jaegers
- National Rugby League team Newcastle Knights
- Northern District Swimming Association
- NSW Rugby Association
- New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS) Football Squad Triathlon Squad Cricket Squad
- NSW/ACT under 16 State AFL Team
- National Waterpolo Hunter Hurricanes

A PLACE FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

NUsport managed facilities were also the preferred place for many thousands of people who took part in social sporting competitions. In 2007 some 370 teams participated in social sporting competitions.

It was also the preferred place for sporting organisations at state and local level. In 2007 these included:

- Department of Sport and Recreation (Rugby Clinics)
- Football Federation Australian (Telstra Football Anytime Clinics)
- AUSTswim
- Royal Life Saving Association
- Hunter United Netball
- Hunter Surf Life Saving Association
- Surf Life Saving Australia
- Newcastle Oztag
- Broadmeadow Football Club
- Phoenix Football Club
- AFL NSW/ACT (Development/ Coaching Course)
- Australian Ninjutsu Society (Ninjutsu Seminar)
- NSW Rugby (Level 1 Coaching Course)
- NSW CHS U/16 Touch Tournament
- Hunter Women's Rugby Union Final series
- Country Rugby School Boy's Tournament
- State League 7's School Boy's Tournament
- NSW Ultimate Frisbee Tournament.

PROGRAMS MADE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY'S CHANGING NEEDS

NUsport strives to provide programs for every age and every level of fitness by developing innovative activities and services that meet the growing needs of our community.

SWIM SCHOOL

Universally regarded as one of the most valuable contributions to society is the teaching of children to swim. The Forum is considered as one of the nation's premier swim schools and was the place where more than 1,200 children each term participated in Learn to Swim and Squad programs.

GROUP FITNESS

Greater numbers of our community have accepted that fitness is a means to improved health and wellness rather than just a goal in itself.

As a result, numbers participating in group fitness increased with classes at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University never having fewer than 8,000 patrons a month and reaching 14,000.

At The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside numbers were similarly strong with a peak of 8,000 and participation generally around 6,000 people per month.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SPORT

The 2007 College Sport program included 12 sports as well as an activity day during Orientation Week. With more than 1,840 students over two semesters participating, the competition was won by Evatt House.

HOSTING ELITE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES

NUsport's outstanding facilities and programs continued to attract national and international attention from elite sporting teams.

Among those utilising NUsport managed facilities were the Australian Women's Rugby Union team, the Australian Rugby Union Talent Squad, the NSW Institute of Sport Football Squads and its Rugby Union Association.

Teams participating in national competitions that used facilities included The Newcastle United Jets, Newcastle Knights, Sydney Football Club, Perth Glory, Hunter Jaegers, Hunter Hurricanes, both men's and women's NSW Country Rugby Union teams and the Northern NSW Sabot Sailing Association squad.

Our close partnership with the Hunter Academy of Sport again saw teams from netball, touch, triathlon, archery, softball and basketball squads use NUsport facilities during the year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NUsport has developed a proud record in delivering a range of services and programs that reach well beyond what was traditionally considered the role of a fitness and sporting organisation.

In 2007 those programs were as diverse as the development of coaching courses and mobile school programs.

The events in 2007 included:

- Swim for Kids in conjunction with Hunter Children's Research Foundation
- NIB Winter Festival of Sport in conjunction with the Hunter Academy of Sport
- Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Helicopter Hi-Jinx school program

- Westfest with Newcastle City Council
- Provision of facilities for rehearsals for the school spectacular Starstruck
- Proficiency swims for Surf Life Saving Clubs
 - Merewether
 - Cooks Hill
 - Nobbys
 - Dixon Park
- Hunter Splashathon for the Tingira Deaf and Blind Society
- Holiday camps and football clinics with The Newcastle United Jets through NUsport's NUKidz programs.

“As a result, numbers participating in group fitness increased with classes at both centres never having fewer than 14,000 patrons a month and reaching 22,000.”





SUPPORTED BY KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

Much of the success of NUsport is based upon our strong partnership with the University of Newcastle. Research, on-going education, teaching and learning are shared objectives and mutual goals.

This is underpinned by the valued support of organisations such as Australian University Sport (AUS), as well as peak industry bodies at national, state and local levels and that of our corporate partners.

In 2007 there was again an extensive range of programs.

NUsport and the University of Newcastle remained committed to its Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) agreement with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and the University of Newcastle, to provide an accelerated and flexible approach to student athletes choosing to study at the University.

There were more than 40 athletes in the EAFU system, 18 from the NSW Institute of Sport studying at the University of Newcastle.

The continuing tripartite agreement between NUsport, the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Academy of Sport also encouraged cooperative pathways and programs that provided young elite athletes with support to study at the University.

Some research that attracted wide attention and acknowledgement was conducted collaboratively with the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) into the effects of holiday camps organised by NUsport on the involvement of children in sport. The NUsport funded program was conducted by Dr Erica James and Dr Chris Paul from the Centre for Health Research and Psycho-oncology with Kathy Chapman from The Cancer Council NSW.

NUsport continued to support research by the Faculty of Education and Arts at the University of Newcastle into childhood obesity (the HIKCUPS project). It also continued its endorsement of the Learning to Enjoy Activity with Friends (LEAF) research project by the Department of Physical Education at the University of Newcastle into increasing adolescent physical activity.

During the year NUsport offered professional placement and work experience opportunities to students of the University of Newcastle, TAFE and secondary schools students. These included students studying in fields such as communication, recreation, tourism, education and business.

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PROGRAMS FOR EVERY AGE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **OUR COMMUNITY**

Just as physical resources are upgraded, modified and replaced to provide the best possible experience for members and patrons, so too are the programs provided at all NUsport managed facilities.

In the past year the Hunter Water - NUsport Healthier Schools Partnership continued to grow. The Initiative which includes water management, conservation and education provides increased awareness of safe water

practices and environmentally friendly water solutions.

Children's birthday parties at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University once again proved outstanding successes and during the

year 263 families celebrated birthdays with NUsport.

Many of the 3,500 school students from 145 schools in the region used NUsport managed facilities during rehearsals for the 2007 Starstruck



concert - a celebration of dance, music and drama in the Hunter and Central Coast regions.

These early engagements with children and teenagers through such programs is part of the University's involvement in the wider community and helps young people gain an appreciation of the contribution the University and its services can make.

NUsport assisted in the delivery of the unique Helicopter Hi-Jinx program initiated by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. This program helps children develop physical skills and

fitness while at the same time helping them gain an understanding of another service in their community. Some 60 schools participated in the Hi-Jinx/ NUsport collaboration in 2007.

The Hunter Children's Research Foundation (HCRF) in conjunction with NUsport held a corporate Swimming Relay Carnival at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, University raising funds for medical research grants to research children's illnesses.

An outstanding success in 2007 was an event held in association with Hudson Global Resources at which

the coach of the Newcastle United Jets, Gary Van Egmond was the guest speaker. This sold-out event attracted more than 130 guests including a large number of sports Alumni of the University of Newcastle. Importantly it enabled NUsport to feature a number of elite athletes who were training at our facilities.

NUsport, in conjunction with TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute, delivered nationally accredited training and qualification in the areas of fitness, sport and recreation to over 100 students in 2007.

UNIVERSITY SPORT AND ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Strong partnerships with national, state and international sporting organisations greatly assisted NU sport to support the development of elite athletes at the University of Newcastle.

Australian University Sport (AUS) National Funding Programs continued to provide valuable support of our future athletes. This included the University Games program, the annual Sports Awards and a range of on-campus activities for the University of Newcastle students, including sporting club participation and engagement.

The East Coast Challenge, which is managed by AUS, is a new addition to the calendar. Held in July in Sydney, the Challenge featured 11 sports and attracted more than 1,000 university athletes including 86 in seven sports from the University of Newcastle.

The University of Newcastle men's hockey side won gold and the women's team silver. The women's football team won bronze as did the ultimate frisbee team and both the men's and women's volleyball teams.

152 athletes from the University of Newcastle competed at the Australian University Games on the Gold Coast in September.

Ian Rayson won a gold medal in the 5km walk. Man-Chun Lau won silver in the men's judo and Rachel Evans a silver in the women's discus. The men's water polo team won bronze as did the men's beach volleyball and the Division 2 men's water polo side.

Six University of Newcastle athletes were selected in the Australian Green and Gold Teams. Green and Gold teams are selected athletes recognised for outstanding performances at Australian University Sport events.

NU sport has assisted in the establishment of club sport including cricket at the University of Newcastle's Singapore campus.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE SPORTS AWARDS

The University of Newcastle's best sporting achievements were honoured at the Sports Awards on 14 September 2007.

Basketballer, Jonathan Smith, rugby league player Lucas Duncombe and sailor Michael Lancey were awarded a highly coveted University Blue. Blues are awarded to students who have outstanding sporting achievements while representing the University.

The University also honoured Paul Clark for his work in archery and Hugh Dunstan for his work in rowing by awarding them both with a University Colour. Colours are awarded to students, members of NU sport or members of Campus Central who have made an outstanding contribution to the organisation and administration of University sport over a period of three full years.

The Sports Person of the Year was awarded to athlete Heath Francis for his exceptional sporting record in the 2006 academic year in track and field. The finalists for this award were football player Kathryn Gill and swimmers Prue Watt and Shelley Clark.

These awards are made possible with the valuable and ongoing support of many of NU sport's business partners;



ELITE ATHLETE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY

In 2007, the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) program continued to offer support to student athletes. This program is an initiative of Athlete Career and Education (ACE), which is a national program of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), delivered through the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

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.

Students participating in the program in 2007 included:

- Heath Francis – AWD track and field
- Lauren Colthorpe – women's football
- Kathryn Gill – women's football
- Christie Dawes – AWD track and field

- Melanie Sexton – triathlon
- Brendan Sexton – triathlon
- Nathan Outteridge – sailing
- Alison Bruce – hockey
- Shelley Clark – swimming
- Hugh McLeod – rowing
- Jeremy Tilse – rugby
- Justin Blumfield – AFL
- Amanda White – surf lifesaving
- Adam D’Appuzo – men’s football

Individual student athlete success included:

- Heath Francis – AWD track and field
- Lauren Colthorpe – women’s football: member of the successful

Matilda’s Football team that competed in the 2007 Women’s FIFA World Cup with Lauren scoring a goal in the quarter final.

- Kathryn Gill – women’s football: member of the successful Matilda’s football team that competed in the 2007 Women’s FIFA World Cup. Leading up to the World Cup, Kathryn scored a hat-trick in three consecutive matches which has never been achieved by a female footballer in Australia before.
- Christie Dawes – AWD track and field: placed 6th in the 2007 Peachtree 10km Road Race International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation World Championship, being the first Australian home.

- Melanie Sexton – triathlon: 10th place in the elite female National Standard Distance Elite Triathlon Championships / Triathlon Union Continental Cup race held in Wellington, New Zealand.
- Brendan Sexton – triathlon: Mooloolaba World Cup in Queensland placed 9th.
- Nathan Outteridge – sailing: 2007 49 Worlds, finishing third overall.
- Shelley Clark – swimming: 7th place at the 12th FINA World Championships (25km Open Water Swim).
- Hugh McLeod – rowing: member of the Australian Under 23 Rowing Team.





A SPORTING CULTURE

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Two students, Kathryn Gill and Lauren Colthorpe from the University of Newcastle represented Australia at the 2007 Women's FIFA World Cup.

INDIGENOUS SPORTING REPRESENTATION

The University of Newcastle sent two mixed teams to the 12th National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games hosted by the University of Wollongong. The teams competed in the touch and netball competitions with both making the finals.

University of Newcastle students, David Hartwig and Carla Snow were named male and female athlete of the games respectively.

NUSWIM

NUSwim is a Swimming NSW registered club that is among the top ranked swim clubs in the state. NUSwim focuses on the promotion of teaching and enhancing the art of swimming to junior and senior, competitive and non-competitive swimmers.

The NUSwim club performed strongly at meets throughout 2007 achieving the following results:

- 12th place at NSW long course Country Championships in January 2007
- 9th place at NSW short course Country Championships in August 2007

NUSwim club member Brianna McConville was selected in the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) emerging athlete program.

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS LIFE

NUSport was proud to host the College Sport Competition again in 2007. The Competition encourages positive interaction between the residents of the Colleges of the University of Newcastle.

Each College (Edwards Hall, Evatt House, International House and Barahineban) was given the opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting events (for which they are awarded points).

More than 500 students, staff, Alumni and community members competed in the annual Campus Scamper in August, 2007. The Campus Scamper is a fun walk/run around the picturesque University Callaghan campus.

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

* ALL RESULTS DIVISION 1 UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

Sport	Result	Students
Athletics	12th	7
Basketball (Men)	4th	12
Beach Volleyball (Men)	3rd	4
Beach Volleyball (Women)	5th	2
Cross Country	11th	1
Golf		3
Hockey (Men)	7th	12
Hockey (Women)	12th (Division 2)	12
Judo (Under 73kg)	2nd	1
Netball (Mixed)	7th (Division 2)	12
Netball (Women Team 1)	7th	12
Netball (Women Team 2)	10th (Division 2)	12
Rowing	10th	16
Rugby League 7's	5th	10
Swimming	19th	1
Tennis (Men)	8th (Division 2)	7
Tennis (Women)	4th	4
Waterpolo (Men)	3rd (Division 2)	12
Waterpolo (Women)	4th	12
Overall	15th	152

EAST COAST CHALLENGE 2007

Sport	Result	Students
Basketball (Men)	5th	12
Hockey (Men)	1st	16
Hockey (Women)	2nd	16
Soccer (Women)	3rd	13
Volleyball (Men)	4th	8
Volleyball (Women)	3rd	9
Ultimate Frisbee	3rd	14
Overall		88

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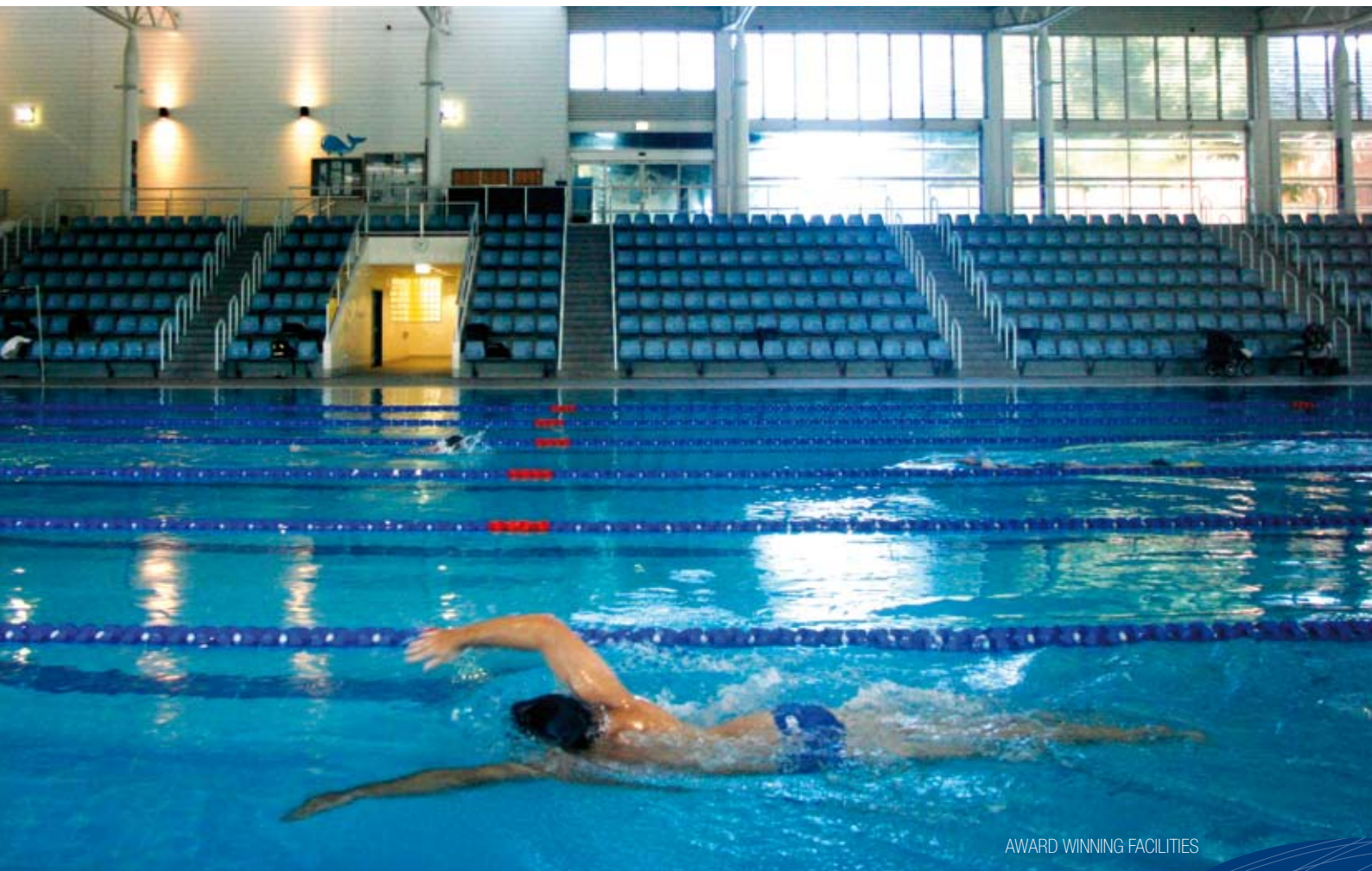
Sport	Result	Students
Skier Cross (Men)	23rd	1
Overall	19th	1

ATHLETICS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Rachel Evans – discus – 2nd
 Alice Horsnell – long jump – 5th
 Alice Horsnell – triple jump – 5th
 Melanie Sexton – 8000m – 11th
 Ian Rayson – 5000m walk – 1st

GREEN & GOLD SELECTIONS

Ian Rayson – athletics
 Matthew McGovern – basketball
 Adam Melmeth – basketball
 Jared Reeves – hockey
 Gabrielle Wilkinson – hockey
 Kate Killen – tennis



SPORTING CLUBS

NUsport supported a wide variety of sporting clubs for students in 2007.

NUsport gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance provided for University clubs by Australian University Sport (AUS) through the AUS National Funding Program.

ARCHERY CLUB

President	Phillip Au
Vice-President	Alexander King
Secretary	Cameron Ford
Treasurer	Danijel Djukic
Delegate	Phillip Au

At the beginning of the year new members to sign on with the Club included four members affiliated with Archery Australia and Archery NSW. Two of these affiliated members competed in weekly competition.

In 2007, the Club attempted to affiliate with Archery NSW so as to be able to compete and host its own archery competitions. Unfortunately, this did not come to fruition.

Throughout the year, members were introduced to other forms of archery besides target shooting. These included field archery and clouting. The change was met with positive feedback and was seen as a way to give the members an idea of the wide variety of styles and competitions that are available.

In 2007, the Erina Archery Club hosted a FITA 70m Competition, which was a qualifying event for the national championships. Members Alex King and Phillip Au competed and Alex King made the second round of shooting.



BADMINTON CLUB

President	Scott Hayter
Vice-President	Rodney Norton
Treasurer	Sugita Kunalan
Key Executive	Hadi Zulfiquar
Delegate	Scott Hayter

This year the Newcastle University Badminton Club had 59 student members, and 10 Newcastle University graduate members. The reduction in NUsport Graduate membership fees attracted more graduates to join the club this year.

This season, the Club missed out on competing at the University Games. The Club is working on new ways to obtain sponsorship to support players to enter at least one of the two university games events each year.

The Club hopes to gain at least 50 members in the coming years. Also, with the popularity of the sport in Asian and some European countries, the club hopes to assist the University in its advertising campaign to promote the experience of university life to international students.

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL CLUB

President	Jeremy Slapp
Vice-President	Steven Bennett
Secretary	Kirstine Metcalfe
Treasurer	Rowland Hayes

BASEBALL REPORT

While the 2007 season was not as successful as the previous season in terms of competition success, the Club hopes it can build on its current strength to develop a strong first grade side over the coming years and that this will flow down to the rest of the teams in the Club.

The Club is in a strong position financially despite the increased costs of keeping the club running and the introduction of VSU and has not had to increase fees too significantly.

The following teams qualified for finals

4th Grade	Minor Premiers
5th Grade	Semi Finalists
6th Grade	Finalists

Kristy Field, Sarah Richardson, Michelle Radcliffe, Teegann Asquith, Kirstine Metcalfe & Corrin Gardiner were selected in the Newcastle representative side for the country championships.

The Club was generously sponsored by Town Hall Hotel, Mullane & Lindsay and IC-Solutions.com.au

SOFTBALL REPORT

President	Jackie Kibble
Secretary	Kristy Field
Treasurer	Katherine Milla

Half way through the season The Bennett Hotel in Hamilton was named as the club's major sponsor for next season.

In addition to the University Softball Club's existing talent, the club recruited a number of new players this year who continued to improve throughout the season.

It was a great year for the Club's three teams with all experiencing encouraging results throughout the year and definitely showing great fighting spirit. All three teams made the semi finals, but unfortunately none of them were able to progress further.

The Club had another good social year with parties, the trivia night, and of course the presentation night standing out as the highlight.

BOAT CLUB (N.U.B.C)

President	Stephen Pfenningwerth
Secretary	Tracy Williams
Treasurer	James Elliott
Boat Captain	Mark Fretwell
Patron	A/Prof Hugh Dunstan
Delegate	Stephen Pfenningwerth

In 2006, the Club elected to change the membership fees structure in preparation for the impact of VSU. Competitive membership increased three fold (to \$150) and social membership increased from \$10 to \$30. As a result of increased membership fees, NUBC ran at a profit of approximately \$1,000 this



year. This allowed the Club to run entirely without relying on funding from NUsport. Overall membership numbers were up, while competitive membership and actual competing members were down.

However direct and indirect effects of VSU continue to influence the running of the Club. In 2007, Australian University Sport passed on Australian University Games and Championship registration fee increases to competitors.

In early 2007 the executive made a decision to use this year to prepare for the future of the Club and to build the Club membership base in 2008. The Club made some major purchases and changes.

The Club hosted two regattas at the Berry Park Rowing Complex.

The Club's intermediate and advanced rowers continue to rank high among the rowers of the Central Districts Rowing Association. Novices from NUBC are well matched against other CDRA novices. The Club attended the Australian University Games in Queensland, with a team of 16 rowers.

The Merewether High School Rowing Program continued in 2007 and is welcomed back in 2008. Hugh Dunstan has kept this on track and some new recruits began mid second semester under his coaching.

By the end of 2008 or mid 2009 NUBC will have finished paying off a loan to NUsport.

CRICKET CLUB

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

The Club has managed to win either a minor or major premiership in all grades in its 51 seasons, with third grade winning the final this year, a successful result for the Cricket Club.

Robert Faraday was selected to play representative cricket. He played well in the NSW Country side, which led to his selection in the Australian Country side.

Other Club members who were selected in local representative teams

during the season were James Hillery and Tim Northey.

The Club's President Alan Northey also retired from the executive committee at the Annual General Meeting in July. We thank Alan for his outstanding contribution.

DIVING & EXPLORATION SOCIETY (N.U.D.E.S)

President	Leah Beith
Vice-President /	
Treasurer	Cara Mulligan
Secretary	Rohan Stanger
Delegate	Leah Beith / Rohan Stanger

The Club had approximately 60 members this year. Even though the Club had to increase the membership fees to cover the loss of funds from NUsport because of VSU, membership this year was up compared to last year.

At Orientation Week the Club offered "Free Try Dives". These dives were a great success and will be repeated.

The Club maintained an active dive calendar and social calendar throughout the year with a combination of short day trips at various locations around Newcastle, Central Coast, Sydney and the North Coast and monthly BBQ's at the dives and the gear store. The gear usage was strong and consistent throughout the year and the equipment was maintained in line with industry and legal standards ensuring the safety of all club dives.

Club participation was high this year with the majority of the membership coming from international students.

The club held its AGM on the 13th November, which was attended by 21 members. A new committee for 2008 was also elected at the meeting.

FENCING CLUB

President	Gavin Mott / Alex Zablotkii
Vice-President	Samuel Barnes
Secretary	Sam Hughes
Treasurer	Kevin Rowan
Delegate	Samuel Barnes
Key Executive	Martin Ellway

2007 has seen a continual high level of interest in the club including a number of international students with prior high level fencing skills coming to the club every club night of their short stay in the country.

Having a club where competitive level foreign students feel comfortable to attend and where they feel challenged in their sport is a great sign of the club's over all talent and well-being.

On some club nights, where numbers reached 15 to 17 attendants, the size of the hall restricted the number of fencers who could practice. This is a problem for the club in its attempt to attract new comers (post Orientation Week) will not come again to a hall that is over crowded.

Equipment purchased last year has meant the club is in a relatively good position gear wise, and the acquisition of more storage room means the club can keep its new gear clean, dry and stored correctly.

This year the club has been more involved in state level activities.

A number of the club members have been competing in the Sydney novice competitions calendar this year and they will be progressing to fencing in the open A and B grade events in the 2008 session.

The head coach Sam Hughes attended a rules summit at the Olympic park.

Bryon Wright completed an Epee workshop in Penrith.

The club expects that it will be able to move forward and that it will be able to expand its services in 2008.

GYMSPORTS CLUB

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

The Club had 14 members this year, made up of 12 students, one Associate and one External member. This is a decrease from 22 members in 2006. It is important to note that while the number of members declined, the numbers present at training were more consistent.



Little circus arts was incorporated into training this year but this is set to change in 2008 with the opportunity to include it into lessons once a month.

We had 3 of our gymnasts (2 members and 1 coach) compete in the Australasian Masters Games in Adelaide in October. Sean Pickin received 2nd in the all-round men's event, Rosie Marley and Elecia Johnston were part of a women's team that finished 2nd, Sean received a 3rd in men's double mini tramp, and Elecia finished 2nd in women's double mini tramp.

MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB

President	Andrew James
Vice-President	Joe Cooper
Secretary	Ian Benson
Treasurer	David Stuart
Delegate	Andrew James
Head Selector	Adrian Varela

The Men's Hockey Club attended both the East Coast Challenge and the Australian University Games (AUG). The team won gold at the East Coast Challenge in Sydney and finished 7th at the AUG on the Gold Coast. Jared Reeves joined the Club for Uni Games for the second year and was again selected in the Green and Gold team. Ross DeClerk was selected in the New South Wales Veteran's team.

The Club had a high turnover of players this year with nearly a 50% turn over. The Club numbers dropped from 65 to 60 with a drop from 6 teams to 5.

There were a number of good performances throughout the season but overall the teams were inconsistent.

The Club's teams had the following results.

Premier League	8th
2nd grade	6th
4th grade	5th
5th grade	11th
6th grade	5th

The Club continued its strong affiliation with the Women's Hockey Club, holding numerous social events throughout the year. The annual dinner (presentation night) in October was attended by more than 90 people.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB

President	Nicole Sattler
Vice-President	Nikki Hancock
Secretary	Clare Howlett
Treasurer	Amanda Sattler
Delegate	Nicole Sattler

It was a very successful year for the University of Newcastle Women's Hockey Club in 2007. The following teams had successful results



6th Grade Joint Premiers
 1st Grade Grand Finalists
 2nd Grade Semi Finalists
 3rd Grade 5th
 4th Grade 6th

VSU did not have the disastrous effect that many of the Club's committee anticipated thanks to the preparedness of the committee and the ongoing assistance of NUSport.

The Club continued the tradition of being well represented at Australian University Games and at the new East Coast Challenge (ECC). The ECC team earned the silver medal in a tough final against Charles Sturt Bathurst. Gabe Wilkinson was selected in the AUG Green and Gold merit team.

The Club was sponsored again by The Crown and Anchor and traditional social functions, Welcoming BBQ, Cocktail Party and Trivia Night, were well attended by old and new Season's alike.

Committee member Rhonda Ticehurst was responsible for organising a successful team for the Women's Summer Comp.

JUJUTSU CLUB

President	Carl Ormerod
Vice-President	Cameron Marshall
Treasurer	Richard Ormerod
Delegate	Cameron Marshall
Coach	Amy Stokoe

The Club had a dedicated core of students who trained throughout the year with a number of other students training for a few lessons at different times during the year to find out about Jujutsu.

Luke Marshall was graded to 8th Kyu this year and Amy Stokoe, the club's instructor, was graded to Nidan (2nd black belt). Amy was also privileged enough to travel to Norway with Neil

Phillips, the head instructor of the International Jujutsu Institute (IJJI) in Australia and George Hyden, another senior student, to train with IJJI students in Norway in August. They then travelled to Singapore and spent time with Mr KS Moorthy, the senior advisor to IJJI. They also met with the head IJJI, Errol Perrera Soke, and with the head of the Singapore Judo Federation.

There have been monthly seminars in Canberra for senior students, which have been very beneficial. Unfortunately, there were only a small number of seminars this year for all students.

For the first time the Jujutsu Club was asked by the Post Graduate Students Association to run a women's self defence course. Approximately 15 women attended and there are plans to run a number of these courses next year.

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

President	Kate Doherty
Vice-President	Louise Cherry
Secretary	Melanie Simpson
Treasurer	Belinda Gribble
Delegate	Louise Cherry
Gear Store Officer	Derek Johnston

In 2007, the Club's membership was 144. The Club's action-packed calendar included mountain biking, bushwalking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing and navigation sports to name a few.

Many members furthered their climbing experience by participating in outdoor climbing at the highly successful 'Beginner's Day' held at the start of semester one.

A small group of climbers also participated in a climbing course run by the Australian Climbing Commission, which qualified them to instruct other members. Already, these members are using their expertise to run outdoor climbing trips for the benefit of other Club members.

There were trips on almost every week throughout semester. These included: cycling trips to the Blue Mountains and the Hunter Valley, bushwalking trips to the Watagan Mountains, Barrington Tops National Park and other local National Parks and kayaking / canoeing trips. Navigation sports, including rogaining, orienteering and adventure sports, are also well liked by members.

Throughout 2008, the Club will be continuing to organise trips for members. There are also plans of improving rope and water sports skills of current members so they can safely instruct and encourage other members to participate in more activities.

RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

President	Mat Sharman
Vice-President	Geoff O'Dell
Secretary	Lucas Duncombe
Treasurer	Matthew Dove
Delegate	Mathew Langford

The Club decided to field only one team and use this season to rebuild to its past strength after last year was plagued by injuries and absent players.

The team had a successful season in the Student Tertiary Competition, based in Sydney, finishing the regular season in fourth place.

The team then had to make the difficult journey to Sydney for a Thursday night play-off to qualify for the finals where unfortunately, it was beaten in the dying minutes of a close game.

After a fantastic performance in 2006 representing NSW and Australia in tertiary representative teams, Lucas Duncombe was awarded a University of Newcastle Blue at the Sports Awards dinner.

The club has a new major sponsor in The Royal Inn Waratah, as well as Bolte Civil and Burke & Elphick Lawyers offering sponsorship.

The club also enjoyed many social events including the annual Newcastle Trots Night and many raffles throughout the year held at the Royal Inn.

RUGBY UNION CLUB

President	Barry Mullard
Vice-President	Col Pratt
Secretary	Graham Campbell
Treasurer	Mathew Johnston
Delegate	Luke Serhan

The Club's season was not as successful as anticipated this year because of wet weather which continually disrupted training and caused games to be cancelled. However, the Club still managed to make the finals and take out two premierships.

The highlights of the 2007 season were:

- Grand Final wins for Premier Colts and the Women's team
- Semi Finalists in First and Fourth Grade
- The following men and women players gaining Regional, Country and Australian representative honours:

- Regional (Hunter) Level - Sam McNiven, Dave Woods, Luke McBeath, Thomas Torrance, Nicholas McRae, Mark Herd, Alexia Mathews, Margaret Watson, Rebecca Trethowan and Arlyn Mills.

- NSW Country Level - Dave Woods, Mark Herd, Alexia Mathews, Margaret Watson and Rebecca Trethowan.

- Australian Women's Team (Walloos) - Rebecca Trethowan and Tobie McGann.

To be competitive and meet basic running costs, the Club requires an annual budget in excess of \$70 000 to cover insurance premiums, competition registration fees, playing attire, playing and training equipment, Forum membership, medical services, ground hiring charges, referee fees and consumables.

Some money is provided by sponsors but the Club still relies heavily on membership subscription fees paid by student members.

The introduction of VSU has meant that the full cost of membership was passed on to students in 2007. To continue to meet fixed costs, the Club will be forced to raise fees again in 2008 and this will place an additional burden on already stretched student finances.

MEN'S SOCCER (FOOTBALL) CLUB

President	Luke Keating
Secretary	Arjuna Thiru Moorthy
Treasurer	Corey Nicholas
Delegate	Corey Nicholas

The Club decided not to participate in the Northern NSW First Division Football League due to insufficient volunteers, members and financial resources. This league is the second highest amateur competition available to clubs in Newcastle and it requires a 1st, Reserves and U-19's team.

The total Club membership for the 2007 season was 78 members, which was down from the 2006 season, for reasons mentioned above. 65 members were students of the University, with one staff, six graduate and six external members.

Following on from problems experienced in the previous two seasons, the new club committee focused its attention on improving club administration. Improvements within the club were reflected on the field with some very good performances.

The club entered into 5 competition leagues, Inter-District Third Division (two teams), All Age C League, All Age F League and All Age K. The results of the teams were:

- Inter-District Third Division 1st Grade
 - Grand Finalist Winners
 - Minor Premiers
- Inter-District Third Division Reserve Grade
 - Grand Finalist
 - Minor Premiers
- Inter-District Third Division
 - Golden Boot (Richard Strong 25 goals)
 - Club of the Year
- All Age C League
 - 8th in the League
- All Age E League
 - 7th in the League
- All Age K League
 - 6th in the League

At the club's presentation night, the following players were recognised for their contributions to the club.

Newcastle University Club Player of the Year
Robinson Tomavia

Newcastle University Coach of the Year
Alex Brambly

Inter-District Clubman of the Year
Corey Nicholas

Inter-District 1st Grade Player's Player
Michael Lawrence

Inter-District Res Grade Player's Player
Andrew Murphy

Inter-District 1st Grade Coach's Player
Todd Curtis

Inter-District Res Grade Coach's Player
Sam Nicoll

Inter-District 1st Grade Golden Boot
Richard Strong

Inter-District Res Grade Golden Boot
Evan Day

All Age C Grade Player of the Year
Josh McIveen

All Age E Grade Player of the Year
Andrew La Bas

All Age K Grade Player of the Year
Abe Mawoku

The club held three events this year, the FA Final night, the Presentation night and the Annual General Meeting.





All three events were held at MJ Finnegans, as they were our main sponsor for this year.

WOMEN'S SOCCER CLUB

President	Melanie Flynn
Vice-President	Elizabeth Savovski
Secretary:	Erin Morgan
Treasurer	Louise O'Brien
Delegate	Elizabeth Savovski

This year the Club had many returning players and also welcomed a number of new players.

The Club had the support of a new sponsor in The Sydney Junction

Hotel, starting 2007 with a new crew of coaches that included Russell McKenzie, Ernest Lapornik, Brendan Schilling, Jason Gould, Andrew O'Brien and Sam West.

The Club fielded 6 teams in the Newcastle-Port Stephens, Hunter and Macquarie Soccer competition. The C and J grade teams made the semi-finals while the C-grade team went on to make the final. It was the 7th consecutive year that the Club's teams have competed in the finals series. The Club also placed 4th at the University Games.

As always the Women's Soccer Club enjoyed a busy social schedule. The

Annual Ball and presentation night were held in September this year in the Brennan Room at the University. The night was a great way to celebrate a season of hard work and to congratulate those who performed exceptionally well throughout the year.

SQUASH CLUB

President	Nathan Allen
Secretary	Scott McIntyre
Treasurer	James Jacobs
Delegate	James Jacobs

This year was a successful year on the courts for the Squash Club which

also experienced a steady increase in member numbers.

Four teams represented the University in the Inter-district pennants competition. Two men's teams made the finals with one taking out the Grand Final. The third men's team unfortunately, was knocked out in the preliminary finals. The women's team made the Grand Final but it was beaten in what was a thrilling match.

Five men's teams and one women's team entered the Spring competition. The teams experienced some very good results, with 5 of the 6 teams making the finals. Because the finals were held during and just after the examination periods, the teams were unable to field their best sides and as a result did not seal any Grand Final wins.

TAE KWON DO CLUB

President	Chris Watterson
Treasurer	Adam Plant
Vice President	Chris Oldfield
Secretary	Darrel Sparke
Delegate	Chris Watterson

With the addition of instruction from the Australian Hwa Rang Do Academy and a new Club Executive came new vigour for the Tae Kwon Do Club.

Starting a new and fresh Club with a strong social community was a major focus for the year. The Club organised a number of activities including BBQ's and movie nights, a very successful Hunter Valley day excursion and an end of year dinner.

The Club also put on a demonstration as part of the Cultural Awakenings week at the University.

All members who participated in the Hwa Rang Do belt examinations excelled and were awarded new rankings within the academy.

On the competition front two members, Chris Watterson and James Castles travelled to Sydney to compete in the annual Hwa Rang Do Championships. Both men competed well, with Chris Watterson coming home with silver in the Blue Belt male division.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB (N.U.F.C)

President	Matt Spencer
Vice-President	Chris Lavis
Secretary	Jonathan Jonas
Treasurer	Scott George
Delegate	Matt Spencer

On the 17th and 18th of March, the Club hosted the 12th Annual Terrigal Towel. A record 140 people registered. Long time member of the club and social coordinator Katie King was Tournament Director.

Profits from this tournament have helped the club's finances significantly.

This year has seen the sport of Frisbee continue to expand both inside and outside of the University of Newcastle, and has resulted in Ultimate being played in Newcastle on Wednesday nights instead of at the University. The Newcastle Ultimate Frisbee Club (NUFC) hosts the games and throughout this last year the Club has held three leagues.

Newcastle sent a team of 14 players to the East Coast Challenge. The team finished in third place which qualified them to enter the Australian University Games. The Club did not have enough women to enter a team.

The Club had two teams qualify for and compete at the Mixed Nationals at Macquarie University in early October.

Some of the Club's past members have continued in the sport after completing their studies and are going to Vancouver in late 2008 to represent Australia. Jonathan Tatham and Tim Lavis will compete on the men's team and Kristen Nott and Leanne King will be representing Australia on the Mixed Team.

VOLLEYBALL CLUB (N.U.V.C)

President	Joyce Lim
Vice President	Josie Milner
Secretary	Paul Jones
Treasurer	Luke Spencer
Delegate	Josie Milner

This year was another exciting year for the NUVC, experiencing an increase in membership numbers and some strong results on the court.

The Club entered teams in each semester of the Newcastle Volleyball Association's Tuesday night competition at Broadmeadow. The teams experienced mixed results and used the weekly competition as vital game practice.

The Club sent a Men's and a Women's team to East Coast Challenge in Sydney. Both played well with the men's team finishing 3rd and the women's placed 4th.

Newcastle was represented at the Australian University Games by three beach volleyball teams. The first division Men's duo came away with a bronze medal. The second division team placed 5th with the mixed team learning many new skills and came away with a great experience.

WATER POLO CLUB

President	Oliver Walsh
Vice-President	Sally Woolaston
Secretary	Kristie Thomas
Treasurer	Matthew Cross
Delegate	Patrick Legge

The Club had another successful year in 2007. Membership numbers were almost double those of the previous year with a total of 49 members.

The Australian University Games was the highlight for the Club this year with a men's and a women's team attending the Games held on the Gold Coast from the 23 - 29 September. The men's team came home with a bronze medal in Division 2, while the women's team placed 4th in Division 1.

The club focused on fundraising throughout the year to help offset the cost of attending the Australian University Games. The major fundraising activities included the five "Bunning's BBQs" at Bunning's Warehouse Kotara and the Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser.

The Newcastle University Water Polo Club is looking forward to another successful year in 2008 and is also looking to enter a men's and women's team in the 2008/09 season of the local Newcastle Water Polo competition.

WATER SKI CLUB

President	Sam Rodgers
Secretary	Michael Gillespie
Treasurer	David Smith
Delegate	Sam Rodgers

No report provided.

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NUsport acknowledges and thanks its business partners.

Newcastle University Sport

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Newcastle University Sport

Directors' Report

The directors of Newcastle University Sport submit herewith the annual financial report of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2007. In order to comply with the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001, the directors report as follows:

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	No. Attended
Michael Johns		9	9
Bernard Curran		9	8
Gail White		9	7
Stephen Fityus		5	5
John Mullard	resigned 22 August 2007	5	3
Andrew Johnson		9	5
Alison Hobbs		8	8
Leah Beith	appointed 22 August 2007	4	3
Adrian Page		9	8
Juliet Scott	appointed 28 June 2007	5	5
Kristie Thomas	appointed 22 August 2007	4	2
Trudi Williams	resigned 24 May 2007	2	1

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The company generated a net profit of \$1,923,038 in the current financial year (2006: \$4,697).

CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

During the financial year there was no significant change in the state of affairs of the company other than that referred to in the financial statements or notes thereto.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There has not been any other matter or circumstance that has arisen since the end of the financial year, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Disclosure of information regarding likely developments in the operations of the company in future financial years and the expected results of those operations is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company. Accordingly, this information has not been disclosed in this report.

Newcastle University Sport

Directors' Report (Continued)

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

The particulars of the qualifications, experience and special responsibilities of each current 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 and the University of Newcastle Tender Committee. Deputy Chairman of the Hunter Area Consultative Committee and Member of the University of Newcastle Council. Member of the Finance & Capital Developments Committee, the Nominations & Legislation Committee, the Promotions Appeals Committee and the Disciplinary Appeals Committee of the University of Newcastle. Former Board Member Hunter Area Health Service, Hunter Area Pathology Service, Newcastle Grammar School Limited, Pacific Linen Services, Hunter Corporate Catering, University of Newcastle Union Limited and Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Association.

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 & 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 & Head of Discipline of Civil, Surveying & Environmental Engineering at the University of Newcastle. Executive Committee member of UNISS (The University of Newcastle Industry Scholarship Scheme). Chairman of the Newcastle Chapter of the Australian Geomechanics Society.

Alison Hobbs

B.A. (1997), Dip Legal Practice (1999), B. Laws (1999), 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.

Dr Andrew Johnson

B.A. (Hons1), the University of Newcastle. PhD (Criminology) University of Western Sydney. Associate Director (Business Development), Research Division, the University of Newcastle. Board member of the Co-operative Research Centre for Construction Innovation. Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Emeritus Professor Adrian Page

ASTC., B.E. University of New South Wales, PhD University of Newcastle, FTSE., Hon FIEAust., CPEng. Chairman of the Masonry Structures Code Committee, Standards Australia. 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).

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Directors' Report (Continued)

Gail White

B.A., Dip. Ed, MBA from the University of Newcastle. Academic Registrar at the University of Newcastle since September 2005. Employed in a variety of roles at the University of Newcastle since 1988. Former Director, Hunter Academy of Sport, and current Director, Universities' Admissions Centre.

Leah Beith

B.Eng (Environmental) 2008 University of Newcastle. President of the University of Newcastle Diving Club. Executive member of the University of Newcastle Diving Club since 2005. Member, Institute of Engineers Aust.

Juliet Scott

B.Com. Accountant Lawler Partners. 7 years experience in the accounting profession specialising in providing accounting advice and assistance to small to medium businesses, as well as assisting in providing taxation advice across a broad range of industries.

Kristie Thomas

Currently undertaking B. Teaching / B. Design & Technology at the University of Newcastle. President of the University of Newcastle Water Polo Club for 2008 (Secretary in 2007). Former member of Hunter Hurricanes Women's National League Water Polo squad and member of Raymond Terrace Water Polo Club and Newcastle Water Polo Association since 2000. National A Grade Netball Umpire.

INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors and officers of the company are insured under a indemnification policy against a liability incurred in their capacity as a director or officer to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The contract of insurance prohibits the disclosure of the nature of the liability and the premiums paid in respect of Australian officers.

The company has not otherwise, during or since the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the company or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such an officer or auditor.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends have been declared in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2007 (2006: nil).

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Directors' Report (Continued)

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The auditor's independence declaration is included on page 3 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s.298(2) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors



Director



Director

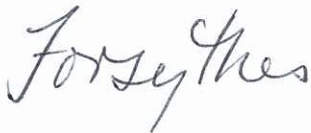
Newcastle, 4th April 2008

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE DIRECTORS OF
NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY SPORT LIMITED**

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Newcastle University Sport Limited.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the Newcastle University Sport Limited financial report for the year ended 31 December 2007, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



FORSYTHES



M J Matthews
Partner
Chartered Accountants
Newcastle, 4 April 2008

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY SPORT LIMITED

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Newcastle University Sport Limited, which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting under the Corporations Act 2001. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Newcastle University Sport Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2007 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 1; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and complying with the Corporations Regulations 2001; and

- (b) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.



FORSYTHES



M J Matthews
Partner
Chartered Accountants
Newcastle, 4 April 2008

Newcastle University Sport

Directors' Declaration

The directors declare that:

- a) in the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- b) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the company.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s.295(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors


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Director


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Director

Newcastle, 4TH April 2008

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Income Statement for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2007

	2007	2006
Note	\$	\$
Non-recurring grants received	2,600,000	145,455
Operating revenue	<u>4,491,240</u>	<u>4,305,538</u>
Gain /(loss) on sale of plant and equipment	(38,782)	27,749
Employee benefits expense	(2,602,504)	(2,309,332)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(828,418)	(671,189)
Forum & facility running expense	(734,580)	(539,230)
Consumables purchased	(108,498)	(48,661)
Movement in inventory	35,410	(13,240)
Borrowing expense	(244,065)	(23,920)
Advertising & marketing expense	(95,930)	(152,694)
Representative team & affiliated club expense	(65,168)	(146,844)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	<u>(485,666)</u>	<u>(568,934)</u>
Profit before income tax expense	2 1,923,038	4,697
Income tax expense	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit attributable to members of the parent entity	<u>1,923,038</u>	<u>4,697</u>

Notes to the financial statements are included on pages 13 to 20.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	21	109,020	277,296
Trade and other receivables	5	188,781	102,919
Inventories	6	92,558	57,148
Other current assets	7	54,702	42,460
Total current assets		445,061	479,823
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	15,786,696	15,909,223
Total non-current assets		15,786,696	15,909,223
Total assets		16,231,756	16,389,046
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	1,115,986	1,107,222
Borrowings	10	331,781	1,207,261
Provisions	11	117,003	106,491
Total current liabilities		1,564,770	2,420,974
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	12	2,137,689	3,364,994
Provisions	13	88,418	85,237
Total non-current liabilities		2,226,107	3,450,231
Total liabilities		3,790,877	5,871,205
Net assets		12,440,879	10,517,841
Equity			
Retained earnings	14	12,440,879	10,517,841
Total equity		12,440,879	10,517,841

Notes to the financial statements are included on pages 13 to 20.

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2007

	Ordinary shares	Retained earnings	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2006	-	10,513,144	10,513,144
Profit for the year ended 31 December 2006	-	4,697	4,697
Balance at 31 December 2006	-	10,517,841	10,517,841
Profit for the year ended 31 December 2007	-	1,923,038	1,923,038
Balance at 31 December 2007	-	12,440,879	12,440,879

Notes to the financial statements are included on pages 13 to 20.

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Cash Flow Statement for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
<u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>			
Receipts from customers		7,227,456	5,164,919
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,377,412)	(3,957,205)
Interest received		2,981	59,490
Interest paid		(244,065)	(23,920)
Net cash provided by operating activities	21(b)	2,608,960	1,243,284
<u>Cash flows from investing activities</u>			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(183,052)	(3,265,740)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		51,839	45,591
Net cash used in investing activities		(131,213)	(3,220,149)
<u>Cash flows from financing activities</u>			
Loans repaid / (advanced)		1,500	3,499
Net repayment of borrowings		(2,647,524)	766,649
Net cash used in by financing activities		(2,646,024)	770,148
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(168,277)	(1,206,717)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		277,296	1,484,011
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	21(a)	109,020	277,296

Notes to the financial statements are included on pages 13 to 20.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2007

1 Summary of accounting policies

Financial reporting framework

The company is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the directors there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, this 'special purpose financial report' has been prepared to satisfy the directors' reporting requirements under the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report is a general purpose report that has been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations and complies with other requirements of the law. Accounting Standards include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ('A-IFRS'). Compliance with A-IFRS ensures that the company financial statements and notes of the company comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS').

Basis of preparation

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except for the revaluation of certain non-current assets and financial instruments. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts are presented in Australian dollars.

In the application of A-IFRS management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgments made by management in the application of A-IFRS that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustments in the next year are disclosed, where applicable, in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report:

(a) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, cash in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

(b) Employee benefits

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

Provisions made in respect of employee benefits expected to be settled within 12 months, are measured at their nominal values using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

Provisions made in respect of employee benefits which are not expected to be settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the company in respect of services provided by employees up to reporting date.

(c) Goods and services tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except:

- i. where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of
- ii. for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

Cash flows are included in the cash flow statement on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(d) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Leased assets

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

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1 Summary of accounting policies (cont.)

(f) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount.

(g) Income tax

The company is exempt from income tax under Subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Accordingly no provision for income tax is required.

(h) Payables

Trade payables and other accounts payable are recognised when the company becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

(i) Plant and equipment

Depreciation is provided on plant and equipment. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis so as to write off the net cost or other revalued amount of each asset over its expected useful life to its estimated residual value. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the period of the lease or estimated useful life, whichever is the shorter, using the straight line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method is reviewed at the end of each annual reporting period.

The following estimated useful lives are used in the calculation of depreciation:

- * Leasehold improvements: shorter of life of the lease or useful life
- * Plant & equipment: 3 - 10 years years

(j) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present obligation, the future sacrifice of economic benefits is probable, and the amount of the provision can be measured reliably. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cashflows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cashflows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that recovery will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

(k) Revenue Recognition

Revenue recognition

Service fee revenue is recognised on a basis which reflects the stage of completion of the contract performed.

Sale of Goods and Disposal of Assets

Revenue from the sale of goods and disposal of other assets is recognised when the consolidated entity has passed control of the goods or other assets to the buyer.

(l) Receivables

Trade accounts receivable generally settled within 30 days are carried at amounts due. A provision is raised for any doubtful debts based on a review of all outstanding amounts at balance date. Bad debts are written off in the period in which they are identified.

(m) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
2 Profit from operations		
(a) Revenue		
Interest received - term deposits	2,981	59,490
Membership & hire fees	3,576,302	2,601,183
Café rental & merchandise sales	93,185	68,272
Grants received	2,600,000	145,455
Foregiveness of loan	68,723	200,000
Personal training	100,751	118,660
Sport & recreation courses	113,893	119,253
Student body subscriptions	23,418	1,006,009
Sports medicine fees	33,486	4,097
Service Level Agreement revenue	377,100	-
Other revenue	101,401	128,574
	<u>7,091,240</u>	<u>4,450,993</u>

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2 Profit from operations (cont.)	2007 \$	2006 \$
(b) Profit before income tax		
Profit before income tax has been arrived at after crediting / (charging) the following gains and losses from continuing operations:		
Gain / (loss) on disposal of property plant and equipment	(38,782)	27,749
Profit before income tax has been arrived at after crediting / (charging) the following expenses:		
Interest on loans - The University of Newcastle	177,111	4,638
Interest on loans - Finance Leases	66,914	19,282
Interest on overdraft	40	-
	244,065	23,920
Depreciation of non-current assets	828,418	671,189
Operating lease rental expense - minimum lease payments	6,880	-
Employment benefits expense:		
- Post employment benefits	-	-
- Share-based payments	-	-
- Termination benefits	-	-
- Other employee benefits	2,602,504	2,309,332
	2,602,504	2,309,332
3 Remuneration of directors		
All Directors of the company act in an honorary capacity and receive no remuneration and received no benefit from any contractual arrangements with the company.		
The names of the Directors who have held office during or since the financial year are :		
Michael Johns		
Bernard Curran		
Gail White		
Stephen Fityus		
John Mullard	resigned 22 August 2007	
Andrew Johnson		
Alison Hobbs		
Leah Beith	appointed 22 August 2007	
Adrian Page		
Juliet Scott	appointed 28 June 2007	
Kristie Thomas	appointed 22 August 2007	
Trudi Williams	resigned 24 May 2007	
4 Remuneration of auditors		
Audit of the financial report	19,800	18,285
Other non-audit services (i)	11,957	28,651
	31,757	46,936
(i) Non-audit services relate to the support of SAP accounting software & Attache payroll software and assistance with the preparation of finance lease schedules.		
5 Current trade and other receivables		
Trade receivables	179,579	92,216
Allowance for doubtful debts	-	-
	179,579	92,216
Other receivables	-	-
Loan receivables	9,202	10,702
	188,781	102,919
6 Inventories		
Merchandising stock - at cost	61,556	44,428
Parking permits	31,002	12,720
	92,558	57,148

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	2007	2006
	\$	\$
7 Other current assets		
Deposits and bonds	1,000	1,000
Prepayments	53,702	41,460
	54,702	42,460
8 Plant and equipment		
Leasehold improvements		
- At cost	18,031,120	17,921,497
- Accumulated depreciation	(3,737,561)	(3,304,187)
	14,293,559	14,617,310
Plant & equipment		
- At cost	2,571,643	2,536,188
- Accumulated depreciation	(1,078,506)	(1,244,276)
	1,493,137	1,291,913
	15,786,696	15,909,223

Movement in Written Down Values

	Leasehold improvements - at cost	Plant & Equipment - at cost	Total
Balance as at 31 Dec 2006	14,617,310	1,291,913	15,909,223
Additions	121,868	674,645	796,513
Disposals	-	(90,623)	(90,622)
Depreciation	(445,619)	(382,799)	(828,418)
Balance as at 31 Dec 2007	14,293,559	1,493,136	15,786,696

9 Current trade and other payables		
Trade payables and accruals	685,609	577,382
Deposits collected	4,836	8,286
Unexpired term memberships	425,541	521,554
	1,115,986	1,107,222
10 Current borrowings		
<u>Unsecured</u>		
At amortised cost (2006: cost)		
Loan from the University of Newcastle	60,149	1,000,000
<u>Secured</u>		
At amortised cost (2006: cost)		
Finance lease liabilities (i) (note 16)	271,632	207,261
	331,781	1,207,261
(i) Secured by the assets leased.		
11 Current provisions		
Employee benefits	117,003	106,491
	117,003	106,491
12 Non-current borrowings		
<u>Unsecured</u>		
At amortised cost (2006: cost)		
Loan from the University of Newcastle	1,389,208	2,872,246
<u>Secured</u>		
At amortised cost (2006: cost)		
Finance lease liabilities (i) (note 16)	748,481	492,747
	2,137,689	3,364,993
(i) Secured by the assets leased.		

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
13 Non-current provisions		
Employee benefits	88,418	85,236
14 Retained Profits		
Balance at beginning of financial year	10,517,841	10,513,144
Net profit attributable to members of the entity	1,923,038	4,697
Balance at end of financial year	12,440,879	10,517,841

15 Members Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$1 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company on winding up.

16 Leases

Disclosure as lessors

Nusport's lessor leasing arrangements relate to :

1. Lease of area within the company's premises allowing the operation of a Physiotherapy practice. The initial term of the lease is for a period of 3 years from 21st November 2005 with an option to renew for a further term of 3 years.
2. Lease of area within the company's premises allowing the operation of a café. The initial term of the lease is for a period of 3 years from 11th April 2007 with options to renew for a further term of 2 years and then a further term of 5 years.
3. Lease of area within the company's premises as an office and administration area. The initial term of the lease is for a period of 3 years from 1st October 2005 with an option to renew for a further term of 3 years.

	2007 \$	2006 \$
No later than 1 year	41,837	24,200
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	25,592	21,350
Minimum operating lease receipts	67,429	45,550

Disclosure as lessees

Finance lease relates to the acquisition of gymnasium equipment with a term of 48 months.

Ownership of the equipment will transfer to the company at the conclusion of the agreement.

No later than 1 year	368,350	262,014
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	864,771	561,450
Later than 5 years	-	-
Minimum payments	1,233,122	823,464
Less future finance charges	(213,009)	(123,456)
Loan liability	1,020,113	700,008
Included in the financial statements as :		
Current borrowings (Note 10)	271,632	207,261
Non-current borrowings (Note 12)	748,481	492,747
	1,020,113	700,008

17 Commitments for expenditure

(a) Plant and equipment		
Not longer than 1 year	-	-
Longer than 1 year and not longer than 5 years	-	-
Longer than 5 years	-	-

18 Contingent liabilities

As at balance date, the Directors were not aware of any contingent liabilities existing in respect to the Company.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2007

19 Related party transactions

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

	2007 \$	2006 \$
a) The University of Newcastle		
Hire of facilities for academic use	59,702	34,659
Loans owing to The University of Newcastle	1,449,357	3,872,246

20 Segment information

The company manages and operates sporting facilities and activities in Newcastle in Australia.

21 Notes to the cash flow statement

(a) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash and cash on hand	109,020	277,296
	109,020	277,296

(b) Reconciliation of profit for the period to net cash flows from operating

Profit for the period	1,923,038	4,697
Depreciation of plant and equipment	828,418	671,190
(Gain) / loss on sale of plant and equipment	38,782	(27,749)
Debt forgiveness	(68,721)	-
Changes in net assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in assets:		
Current receivables	(87,363)	151,660
Current inventories	(35,410)	13,240
Other current assets	(12,242)	21,673
Increase/(decrease) in liabilities:		
Payables	8,763	376,272
Other liabilities	-	-
Provisions	13,695	32,301
Net cash from operating activities	2,608,960	1,243,285

(c) Significant non-cash financing and investing activities

During the financial year the company acquired \$ 613,461 of plant & equipment utilising finance leases.

22 Financial instruments

a) Significant accounting policies

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect to each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in note 1 to the financial statements.

b) Net Fair Values

The aggregate net fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities both recognised and unrecognised at balance date are the values as disclosed in the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements.

c) Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognise financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provision for doubtful debts, as disclosed in the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2007

22 Financial instruments (cont.)

d) Interest Rate Risk

The company's exposure to interest rate risk at 31 December 2007, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and financial liabilities is as follows:

2007	Weighted average effective interest rate	Variable interest rate	Fixed Maturity Dates						Non interest bearing	Total
			< 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5+ years		
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
	%	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets:										
Cash	2.73	109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	189	189
		109	-	-	-	-	-	-	189	298
Financial liabilities:										
Payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1116	1,116
Related party loans	6.27	-	-	60	60	60	60	60	1,149	1,449
Lease liabilities	10.37	-	-	271	271	271	207	-	-	1,020
Employee benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	205	205
		-	-	331	331	331	267	60	1,149	3,790

The company's exposure to interest rate risk at 31 December 2006, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and financial liabilities is as follows:

2006	Weighted average effective interest rate	Variable interest rate	Fixed Maturity Dates						Non interest bearing	Total
			< 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5+ years		
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
	%	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets:										
Cash	1.80	277	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	277
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	103
		277	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	380
Financial liabilities:										
Payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1107	1,107
Related party loans	6.27	-	-	1,000	800	800	200	200	872	3,872
Lease liabilities	8.90	-	-	207	200	106	100	87	-	700
Employee benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	192	192
		-	-	1,207	1,000	906	300	287	872	5,871

23 Adoption of New & Revised Accounting Standards

In the current year, the company has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (the AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current annual reporting period. The adoption of these new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in changes to the amounts reported for the current or prior years.

The adoption of these new and revised Standards and the Interpretations has also resulted in a change to the Group's accounting policies in relation to business combinations involving entities under common control. Such business combinations were formerly within the scope of AASB 3 'Business Combinations', but are now scoped out of that Standard by AASB 2005-6 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards'.

At the date of authorisation of the financial report, the following Standards and Interpretations were in issue but not yet effective:

AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements (revised September 2007), AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB101	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009
AASB 123 Borrowing Costs (revised), AASB 2007-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009
AASB 1004 Contributions (revised)	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009

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23 Adoption of New & Revised Accounting Standards (cont.)

AASB 2007-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008
AASB 2007-10 Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009
Interpretation 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009

The directors anticipate that the adoption of these Standards and Interpretations in future periods will have no material financial impact on the financial statements of the company.

24 Subsequent Events

There has not been any events subsequent to balance date which require separate disclosure in this report.

25 Additional Company Information

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