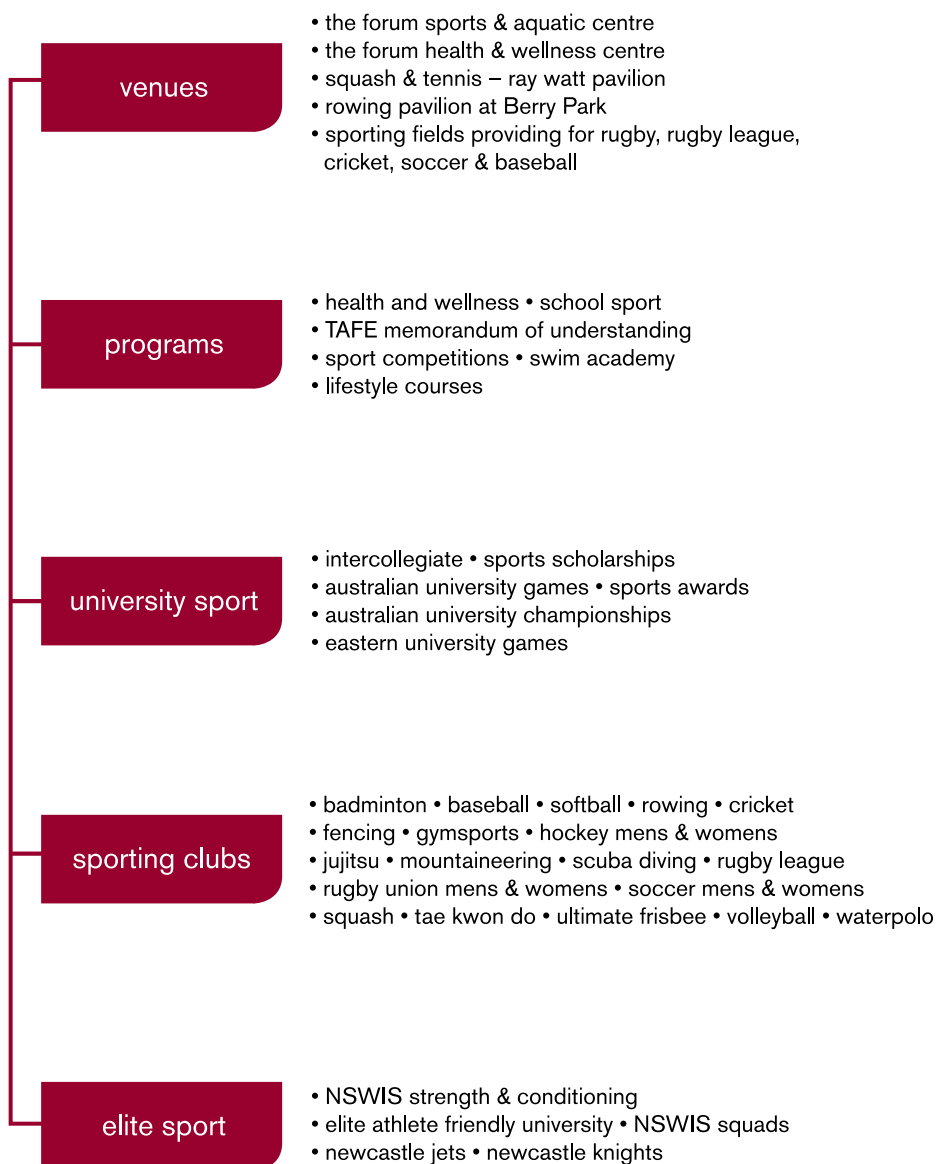




2010 annual report

Newcastle University Sport



about NUsport

NUsport is the organisation that provides health, sport and leisure services and facilities to students, staff and Alumni of the University of Newcastle, Australia. These services and facilities add great value to the total student experience on the Callaghan Campus.

our purpose

NUsport makes a distinctive difference by:

- initiating, developing, operating and maintaining sporting and recreational services and facilities.
- supporting the University and its communities through complementary pursuit of strategic objectives.
- being a leader in community issues which relate to recreation, social and leisure planning.

our vision

We will positively contribute to the health and sporting, cultural and social enrichment of our communities.

Our organisation will enhance the University of Newcastle's total student experience positively by:

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

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chair's report

It is with pleasure that I am able to present the 2010 Annual Report.

The major issue in 2010 facing the Board was the University's proposal that NUsport shed its independence and become a controlled entity of the University. The Board has been considering the information provided by the University in support of its proposal and if a strong case is presented, the issue will be put to members for decision.

I am pleased to report that NUsport posted a modest surplus in 2010. The surplus is the first for NUsport since 2006 when Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) legislation led to the loss of student funding. Since VSU, few university sports organisations have been able to continue independently and for NUsport to now achieve a surplus is testament to the hard work of staff, the quality of our management team and the underlying strength of the organisation.

It is particularly pleasing to note the growth in student participation in club sport and inter-college sport last year. The downturn in club participation which followed the introduction of VSU in 2006 reached its lowest in 2008 with club numbers rising over the past two years. It is therefore noteworthy that the financial assistance NUsport received from the Regional University Sports Funding Program (RUSFP) administered by Australian University Sport has now come to an end. NUsport also acknowledges the significant support provided by the University for non-commercial sport and recreation programs which enhance the student experience.

The key resource in being able to meet the needs of our members is our staff

and we take this opportunity to again thank our staff for their work and their dedication. NUsport is fortunate to have 28 of its 130 strong workforce with the company for more than five years. NUsport is dependent on its staff and we are particularly pleased to see that our members have rated NUsport staff very highly in the recent member survey. At this point it would be remiss of me not to recognise the outstanding contribution of two of our long term employees who left the company during the year.

In March 2010, CEO Samantha Martin-Williams went on maternity leave and later resigned to take up the role of Director Business Strategy with TAFE NSW Hunter Institute. Samantha's contribution to the development of sport at the University over the past 12 years has been considerable. Under Samantha's guidance, NUsport developed quickly, initiating collaborative partnerships with the University and achieving both high member growth and strong financial returns not previously thought possible.

Also in 2010, Director Operations Todd Williams resigned to take up the position as CEO of Regional Development Australia. Todd had been with the company since it was formed in 2001 and had overseen the maintenance and development of NUsport facilities over the previous 8 years. Todd led the project team responsible for the adaptive restoration of the heritage listed Per Way railway building in Honeysuckle to create The Forum Harbourside in 2006.

Chris Hicks, was appointed CEO to take over from Samantha and looking ahead the focus of the company in the immediate future will be upon:

- more programs to enhance the student experience;



- improvements in facilities and services in response to customer feedback;
- expansion of facilities to improve capacity where possible.

Members are also advised that the University has firm plans to increase residential accommodation on campus and that this may displace some existing sporting facilities. While this could be viewed with alarm, it provides NUsport with an opportunity because if this were to occur, it may fund the provision of new facilities elsewhere.

I would also like to thank my fellow board directors who volunteer their time and work tirelessly to positively contribute to the provision of sport and recreation at the University of Newcastle:

- Dr Bernard Curran
- Dr Stephen Fityus
- Ms Lindsay Hill
- Dr Brent Jenkins
- Dr Marita Lynagh
- Ms Cara Mulligan
- Mr Tim Osborn
- Emeritus Professor Adrian Page
- Prof Ron Plotnikoff
- Ms Heidi Turon
- Ms Gail White

I invite you to read all sections of this report to better understand how your organisation is performing.

Michael Johns – Chair

ceo's report

It is with great pleasure that I provide my first report as CEO of NU sport following the resignation of former CEO Samantha Martin-Williams during 2010. I fully endorse the Chair's remarks contained in this report in relation to Samantha's outstanding contribution to NU sport over many years.

During 2010 we saw continued increase in numbers in most activities but especially in those enjoying the facilities and programs at The Forum venues as well as students who have chosen to join one of the 20 affiliated sporting clubs.

In context of the decline in funding for University sporting organisations such as NU sport, since the introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism by the Howard Government, it is extremely pleasing for me to report a surplus for the year of \$118,229 – NU sport's first surplus since 2006. It is important to note & acknowledge the University of Newcastle for their continued provision of financial & non-financial support to NU sport without which we would be unable to offer the range of services and facilities currently available. Whilst this can be seen as a good financial result, there are a number of factors which may impact on the company's trading position in the upcoming periods. These include:

- the continued emergence of new fitness competitors/facilities especially those providing a limited low-cost 24 hour no-service offering.
- discontinuance of the Australian Sports Commission's Regional University Sport Funding Program.
- the tight labour market for health & fitness staff which also leads to pressure on salary & wages costs.
- increasing energy costs.
- continued maintenance and upgrade of equipment and facilities.
- potential increased music licensing costs.

NU sport venues, The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre and The Forum Health & Wellness Centre continue to be market leaders in the region and we would argue that they are among the best facilities available to students on any campus within Australia. In order that we continue to align the company's offerings to our members' requirements, NU sport undertook its first comprehensive survey during late 2010. The survey was designed to provide benchmarks and supply management with key data to help manage and plan current programs and services, and also evaluate current policies, procedures and personnel. From the 1,627 respondents to the survey, over 90% indicated that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with The Forum venues however the survey revealed a number of areas in which we can improve and these include the need to continue to review our group fitness program (including timing & variety of classes) as well as ongoing training of staff in various fitness areas.

NU sport programs, and in particular the sports competition program, continued to grow in 2010 with over 2,600 players involved over the year. The Forum Swim Academy saw a significant increase in enrolments. This was in addition to the maintenance of the Healthier Schools Program which is currently delivered to approx 3,500 Hunter school students, the Corporate Wellness program, TAFE partnership in delivering Cert III & Cert IV courses in Fitness and various lifestyle programs.



Of particular significance has been the growth in membership in the 20 NU sport affiliated clubs as well as the increased numbers of students wishing to take part in Eastern University Games, Australian University Games or Championships. For those students who have not resided in the Newcastle region prior to their enrolment at the University, club membership can provide many social as well as sporting opportunities and NU sport will continue to provide support for these activities.

I hope you will take the opportunity to read the outstanding results of our clubs and athletes as detailed later in this report. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Shelley Clark as the University's Sports Person of the Year, the Mountaineering Club as Sports Club of the Year, the recipients of the Blues, Colours and Sports Scholarships as well as Edwards Hall for winning the inter-collegiate sports competition.

I would also like to acknowledge the large number of people who recognise the contribution that sport & recreation makes to the University and who are committed to continuing to provide an extremely wide range of opportunities. They include:

- members of NU sport's Board of Directors and members of the various committees of the Board.
- senior management & staff of NU sport.
- the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nick Saunders, members of the University's Senior Executive and staff of the University of Newcastle.
- club officials and volunteers.

I hope you find the report informative.

Chris Hicks – CEO



at a glance

Enabling people of every ability to achieve their personal best in sport, recreation and fitness is just part of how NUsport maintains its hard earned reputation as a national leader.

The delivery of wide ranging services and facilities in sport, fitness and recreation through NUsport is the result of a strategic approach by the Board and Management that is professional, business like, member focussed and outcome driven.

In the past year there have been many achievements that NUsport can report on.

- Positive financial performance and further strengthening of trading position.
- Continued support for the strategic aims of the University of Newcastle.
- Ongoing and successful partnership with TAFE NSW Hunter Institute to provide career pathways for students of health & fitness.
- Strong industry partnerships with Fitness Australia, Australian University Sport (AUS), New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS), Hunter Academy of Sport (HAS) and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).
- Receiving the Hunter Water Corporation Community Grant of \$10,000 for The Forum's Healthier Schools initiative.
- The prestigious Sports Awards were held on campus at the University of Newcastle and revisited history in the Brennan Room. Three University Blues, four University Colours and one Honorary Life Membership were awarded with the Sports Club of the Year being awarded to Mountaineering and the Sports Person of the Year awarded to Open Water Swimmer Shelley Clark.
- Sporting Club membership increased by almost 9% in 2010.
- Edwards Hall was named 2010 Champions in the Intercollegiate Sport Program.
- Matt Brady, triathlete and student of the University of Newcastle represented at the World University Triathlon Championships in Spain in 2010.
- The launch of two television commercials tagged 'actively part of our community' on NBN television. These commercials used talent from The Forum membership base and were based around two testimonials, one family focussed, and one university focussed.



- As part of the 2010 strategic direction NU sport conducted an extensive marketing review. A plan was devised and identified three key strategies to be undertaken. Retention of Members – Our Member Experience; Acquisition of Members – in particular students and staff of the University of Newcastle; ‘World Class’ facilities, with ‘World Class’ customer service.
- After much research by way of questionnaires, competitor analysis and Google Analytic statistics, The Forum website was reviewed, redesigned and relaunched in February 2010. The new Forum website became easier to navigate, fresh and inviting and easier for members to communicate with The Forum through web data forms such as the Membership Variation and Talk to Us forms.
- Website statistics snapshot:
 - Total site visits in 2010 = 187,622 compared to 172,456 in 2009 – an increase of 8.79%.
 - The average time spent on the website was 2:31.
 - The percentage of new visits in 2010 was 42.56%.
- NU sport maintains its relationship with The Herald and provides a weekly column – Fit Squad – that provides general health and wellness information to readers. NU sport is able to provide newspapers to Forum members everyday as part of their membership benefits. 48 Fit Squad articles were submitted and printed through The Herald in 2010.
- Successful transition from the State Award to the new Modern Award and the National Employment Standards by 1 July 2010. With a staff base of over 140 and 82% of these staff casual, this process identified that a strategy to move more staff into a permanent employment category would be the focus for 2011. Of those employed by NU sport 68% are women with over 50% of those employed, students of the University of Newcastle.
- The integration of Ezypay, a third party billing provider used for the management of direct debit members, and the current membership management software, Gladstone MRMplus2 saw savings of up to 50% in Ezypay fees as well as streamlined the process for our staff to ensure that member accounts are managed through one database.



**“actively part of
my community”**



venues

NUsport achieves its high level of service and high standard of facilities through key objectives developed from our commitment to best meet the needs and expectations of our members.

In 2010 NUsport entered into a process to complete a Satisfaction Survey for members of The Forum. The purpose of the survey was to set a benchmark for various areas of The Forum's operation in order to continuously improve and monitor performance. Ezy pay was engaged to facilitate this project due to their experience in conducting the Annual Fitness Industry Survey. The survey aimed to capture four main areas of interest including:

- customer service across all Forum departments.
- range of services and activities.
- opening hours and program schedule times.
- methods of communication.

The survey was launched in November 2010 and ran for 3 weeks. At the end of the period 1,627 members had completed the survey.

As part of the 2010 strategic direction NUsport conducted an extensive marketing review. From this exercise three key areas were identified as a focus for marketing activities, one being 'World Class' facilities, with 'World Class' customer service. To 'test' our 'World Class' Customer Service, and to identify what is the real member experience NUsport engaged external consultants,

Shop Angels to conduct a Mystery Shopper program. The purpose of the Mystery Shopper program was to gain a non biased and objective snapshot of our business today and create a benchmark of overall performance to set targets for the future.

At the end of 2010 The Forum was home to over 8,000 members. This included those who are members of The Forum facilities as well as those who participate in programs such as the Swim Academy, Sport Competitions, Sporting Clubs and other programs.

The Forum hosted Australia's largest School Basketball Tournament, playing its role in assisting to inject \$1.4 million into the Hunter economy from the event. Over 130 schools and 500 officials and volunteers utilised four key Hunter venues for the event. The event was supported by Newcastle City Council, Lake Macquarie City Council, The Herald and NBN.

NUsport maintained its relationship with local elite teams Newcastle Knights and the Newcastle Jets. Other local and national teams that used NUsport facilities in 2010 included:

- NSWIS Football Squad
- Manly United Football Club
- Newcastle City AFL
- Broadmeadow Magic Football Club
- Northern NSW Football
- Perth Glory
- Combined High Schools Touch Competition
- Hunter Academy of Sport squads

To sponsor the local school community The Forum partnered with the Department

of Education & Training to support the 2010 Star Struck event. The agreement allowed the Star Struck rehearsals to be undertaken at The Forum, University when the facilities were free from academic use. This was a worthwhile partnership that The Forum looks forward to continuing into the future.

NUsport engaged engineroom design co. to produce two television commercials (TVC's) that could be used for on air advertising as well as online advertising. The brief behind the production was to position The Forum brand as actively part of the community and not lose sight of our University community as a key market. The result was two testimonials – one community focus with a family twist. Sam Wallace & Jennifer Young with their two children Josie and Ayyah utilise all areas of The Forum from the Swim Academy through to the Group Fitness classes and so were keen to share their positive experiences and thoughts on The Forum to the wider community.

The second commercial had a University flavour. Using an active student and staff member of the University, we were able to share the benefits of location, cost and variety to those in the University community. The community focussed ad was televised on NBN television in November 2010 with an email campaign as well as an online presence supporting the release of these TVC's.



programs

From special programs for children to elite athlete development for university students the programs of NU sport are as diverse as they are many.

445 teams competed in The Forum's social sport competitions in 2010, comprising over 2600 players. The range of sports on offer included:

- Ladies Netball
- Mixed Netball
- Mixed Basketball
- Men's Indoor Soccer
- Mixed Indoor Soccer
- Mixed Touch Football
- Mixed Tennis
- Squash

The Dockyard was a proud sponsor of the competition in Semester 1 2010 and Isobar generously agreed in late 2010 to lend their support to Social Sport on campus for 2011.

NU sport and its Healthier Schools Program was again successful in securing the Hunter Water Community Funding Program Grant. Through its Healthier Schools Program, The Forum delivers education and activities that support the sporting activities of the region's schools to encourage participation, education and skill development. Hunter Water Managing Director Kevin Young said he was pleased to provide a \$10,000 community grant for the Healthier Schools Program, which will be funded through the annual Community Funding Program. "Since 2005 more than 10,000 kids have learned skills to keep them safe in the water as well as important information about our waterways and how to use water more wisely" said Mr Young.

"I am delighted to know that we are able to support an initiative that plays such a strong role in educating our younger community about health and water safety."

The Forum was home to 15 schools throughout the year in the Healthier Schools Program and delivered this program to over 3,500 students. Other popular activities for school groups throughout the year where group fitness programs Zumba, RPM, Circuit as well as ball sports such as Badminton, Volleyball and Squash.

The Forum's successful Corporate Wellness initiatives continued with the delivery of health expos to NBN and TAFE NSW Hunter Institute. Measure Up Checks were a large focus in 2010 with over 900 checks delivered to companies including Bunnings, TAFE NSW Hunter Institute, ADHC, the University of Newcastle and Forsythes. Personal



Training and on site delivery sessions were delivered by our personal training staff to Pricewaterhouse Coopers, ADCO, Newcastle City Council and the University of Newcastle. Four 12 week programs were delivered to an Asthma Obesity Research Project through HMRI.

Educational Seminars including Healthy Heart and Functional Exercise were delivered to ADHC, Evolution, BHP Billiton, AECOM. These are all opportunities for NUsport staff to further develop their skills and deliver different types of programs to a niche group. Through these corporate relationships NUsport is able to build membership numbers to The Forum and encourage further secondary spend on an individual level.

2010 saw the delivery of four successful courses through the NUsport partnership with TAFE NSW Hunter Institute. Three

Certificate 3 in Fitness courses and one Certificate 4 in Fitness course were delivered throughout the year as part of the Memorandum of Understanding between NUsport and TAFE NSW Hunter Institute. NUsport is committed to providing career pathways for students in health and fitness.

The Forum Swim Academy had another successful year with over 1000 children participating in the program over the four school terms. The achievement during the term was supported by holiday intensive swim clinics in between each of the school terms. The ability to swim all year round is what makes the swim academy a popular program.

Lifestyle courses such as Boot Camp, Triathlon Training and Run for Fun were again successful with each 6 week course running three times throughout 2010 from The Forum, University and The Forum,

Harbourside. The strategy for 2011 is to grow this program delivery through a variety of courses ranging from fitness to recreation.

2010 was a big year in the fitness industry with regard to the Copyright Tribunal's decision on PPCA licence fees. NUsport as a member of Fitness Australia pledged \$2,200 to support the Operation Music campaign. This placed NUsport in the Gold category of supporters with other groups such as YMCA and PCYC.



clubs

The Sporting Clubs available through NUsport are as diverse and varied as the people that make up their membership. In 2010, overall membership across all clubs increased by almost 9% on 2009. Below is a summary of registration numbers provided by each affiliated club. Significant increases were experienced by Hockey, Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee clubs.

	Total Members	Students	Staff	Graduates	Externals
Badminton	95	82	3	9	1
Baseball/Softball	101	40	12	26	23
Boat	46	36	2	5	3
Cricket	69	36	1	13	19
Fencing	6	3	0	1	2
Gymsports	34	20	1	2	11
Men's Hockey	107	66	4	30	7
Women's Hockey	99	68	0	28	3
Jujitsu	25	17	0	4	4
Mountaineering	236	210	7	9	10
NUDES	46	37	2	1	6
Rugby League	36	22	2	1	11
Rugby Union	96	63	0	12	21
Men's Soccer	117	94	2	12	9
Women's Soccer	84	75	0	6	3
Squash	46	24	8	10	4
Tae Kwon Do	34	27	3	1	3
Ultimate Frisbee	82	81	1	0	0
Volleyball	27	23	3	0	1
Waterpolo	31	31	0	0	0
Totals	1417	1055	51	170	141

Baseball managed to reach the finals in both 1st and 2nd grades, after re-entering 1st grade after a year out in 2009. Three women and four men were selected in the Newcastle representative team.

The Boat Club had a very successful regatta season, winning a number of events at CDRA Championships in March, including the championship men's and women's eights, men's single and double skulls and women's coxed fours. At CDRA Sprint Championships in November, they won the women's and men's coxed fours as well as the coveted Throsby Gift relay for the second year in a row. The club also hosted two regattas this spring at Berry Park.

Men's Hockey increased from six to eight teams, the largest the club has been since the mid-1990's. Adrian Varela was recognised for his long-standing service to the club, being awarded a University Colour.

Women's Hockey recruited an additional 30 players, taking the club to seven teams. 3rd grade claimed a minor premiership and the club was recognised at the University of Newcastle Sports Awards as a Club of the Year finalist.

Rugby Union began 2010 with victory at the Laffan Cup, a recently developed inter-University 15-a-side rugby tournament, hosted by the University of



Western Sydney, Hawkesbury.

The club placed 4th in the NHRU Club Championship and a number of players received representative honours, including Tobie McGann and Margaret Watson (Wallaroots) and Matthew Dun and David Kennedy (NSW Country).

Men's Football also had a successful season, and after gaining promotion to Inter-District 1st division, will be moving on to represent the University in the new Zone Premier League.

Five teams were entered from the **Women's Soccer Club**, with the best results coming from B and D grades, each finishing in 3rd place.

Squash continued to develop and with eight teams playing in the Newcastle District Pennants competition, has become the third largest club in the Hunter. Emphasis was placed on player development, with the implementation of regular coaching sessions and two executive members pursuing level 1 coaching qualification.

Ultimate Frisbee saw a significant increase in membership and continued to perform well at the University Games, placing 3rd and 5th at the Eastern University Games, and 4th at the Australian University Games in Perth.

Club	President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary	Captain/ Official
Badminton	Simon Lane	Yvonne Wong	Charlene Gong	–	–
Baseball/Softball	Steven Bennett	Kristy Field	Tim Nesbitt	Lindsay Hill	Katherine Milla
Boat	Emma Mujic	Annelise Bissett	Bronwyn Flowers	Roanne Maxwell	Jack Lowe
Cricket	Ben Smee	Andrew Casey	Brett Norris	–	–
Fencing	Sam Barnes	Joe Caelli	Sam Barnes	–	–
Gymsports	Hannah Stevens	Karen Willis	Emma Dwyer	Tammi Low	–
Men's Hockey	Ian Benson	–	Tim Murdoch	Andrew Burbidge	–
Women's Hockey	Nicole Sattler	Nikki Hancock	Heidi Turon	Emma Goodwin	–
Jujitsu	Li Tjun	Qian Wang	Richard Ormerod	Will Hipps	–
Mountaineering	Andrew Godwin	Gerhard Deiter	Beverly Brown	Kerry Burke	–
NUDES	Cara Mulligan	Ashikin Hizam	Qamalyia Hisham	Grace Bourke	–
Rugby League	Geoff O'Dell	David Fitzgerald	Mathew Langford	Chris Gabrielides	–
Rugby Union	Barry Mullard	–	Nick Carter	Graham Campbell	Sam Berry
Men's Soccer	Luke Keating	Lincoln Carter	Corey Nicholas	Gerard Freeman	–
Women's Soccer	Amelia Leotta	Jacinta Abbs	Rebecca Greentree	Emily Baxter	–
Squash	Chantal Peters	Daniel O'Mullane	David Sherwood	Laurie Jones	–
Tae Kwon Do	Candice Rogers	David Hunter	Lara Field	Malia Grosskreutz	–
Ultimate Frisbee	Ryan Davey	Ellie Sparke	Kristy Loudon	Elizabeth Dodd	–
Volleyball	Michael Sharland	Jenna Hollis	Grant Gardner	Ashleigh Allgood	–
Waterpolo	Jake Sainsbury	Gabi Sainsbury	Ryan Duchatel	Sarah Lewis	–



university sport

NUsport supports the balance of sporting activity with academic pursuits.

Eastern University Games

Date: 4–7 July, 2010

Location: Coffs Harbour, NSW

Event Description: Universities from the Eastern Region compete in 10 sports.

Student Representation: 160 students forming 15 teams represented the University of Newcastle at the 2010 Eastern University Games in Coffs Harbour. Games highlights include:

- A final day showdown between the University of Newcastle and the University of Technology Sydney on the netball courts. Both ladies and mixed netball teams faced the Gold Medal playoff against eventual overall winners UTS.
- Two Silver and four Bronze Medals.
- Newcastle placing 5th overall, the same result as 2009.

Gold	Silver	Bronze
–	Mixed Netball	Women's Hockey
–	Women's Netball	Women's Football
–	–	Men's Touch
–	–	Ultimate Frisbee

Overall Results:		
Team	Result	Total Teams in draw
Women's Netball (1)	SILVER	17
Mixed Netball	SILVER	13
Women's Hockey	BRONZE	9
Women's Football	BRONZE	7
Ultimate (2)	BRONZE	9
Mens Touch	BRONZE	13
Men's Hockey	4th	6
Women's Tennis (1)	4th	19
Women's Netball (2)	5th	17
Ultimate (1)	5th	9
Lawn Bowls (2)	11th	20
Men's Football (1)	11th	11
Men's Basketball (2)	12th	19
Women's Tennis (2)	13th	19
Men's Basketball (1)	14th	19
Women's Tennis (3)	16th	19
Women's Tennis (4)	18th	19
Lawn Bowls (1)	20th	20
Women's Tennis (5)	–	19
Men's Tennis	–	33
OVERALL	5th	20



Australian University Games

Date: 26 September – 1 October, 2010

Location: Perth, WA

Event Description: The pinnacle event of Australian University Sport. 39 Australian Universities competed in 2010 over 29 sports.

Student Representation: 80 students across six sports represented the University of Newcastle at the 2010 Australian University Games in Perth. This team was only half the size of the 2009 team competing at the Gold Coast but due to the travel and expense requirements of competing in Perth we were relatively happy with these numbers.

Overall Team Results:

Team	Result
Ultimate Frisbee	4th
Men's Hockey	7th
Women's Hockey	7th
Men's Water Polo	10th
Women's Water Polo	12th
OVERALL	23rd

Newcastle's medal tally included:

Gold	Silver	Bronze
–	Monique Schipp – 400m Freestyle	Rhys Osborne – 50m Backstroke
–	Matt Harris – Decathlon	–

Other results included:

- Tia Brady – 4th Women's 800m (Track)
- Monique Schipp – 4th Women's 800m Freestyle (Pool)
- Rowing – 4th Women's Coxed Four
- Rowing – 4th Women's Lightweight Quad Scull
- Rowing – 5th Men's Lightweight Single
- Rowing – 6th Men's Open Single

Green & Gold Nominations:

- Chris Hill – Ultimate Frisbee
- Gabi Sainsbury – Women's Water Polo

Australian University Championships

Triathlon

Date: Sunday 28 March, 2010

Location: Mooloolaba, QLD

Event Description: Held in conjunction with the Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival in Queensland, the Australian University Championships had four categories of competition: Elite Open Men; Elite Open

Women; Age Group Men; and Age Group Women.

Student Representation: the University of Newcastle was represented by two students in 2010.

Student	Category	Result
Matt Brady	Elite Open Men	3rd
Pamela Chia	Age group women	15th
Overall		8th

The University of Newcastle finished in eighth place out of 16 competing universities. In comparison, in 2009 Newcastle finished 6th out of 19, with four competitors.

Matt Brady was selected to represent Australia at the World University Triathlon Championships in Valencia, Spain.



Orienteering

Date: Sunday 4 April, 2010

Location: Canberra, ACT

Event Description: Held as part of the three day Australian Orienteering Championships.

Student Representation:

- the University of Newcastle was represented by four students.
- with three male competitors and only one female, Newcastle was ineligible to receive a combined team score and thus an overall point score and placing. However, the University of Newcastle men's team placed first, with a time 20 minutes faster than nearest rival, the University of Queensland.

Snow Sports

Date: 29 August – 2 September, 2010

Location: Mt Buller, VIC

Event Description: Open to all Universities, students compete in 13 events ranging from cross country skiing and alpine slalom, to freestyle rails and boarder cross.

Student Representation: the University of Newcastle had a team of 32 students – our biggest ever. We also had our best ever

result with four Gold Medals. Newcastle finished 5th with a total of 352 points, just three points behind Macquarie University in 3rd place.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
David Graham – Moguls	–	–	–
James Phillips – Alpine Rail Jam	–	–	–
Tom Reilly – Snowboard Rail Jam	–	–	–
Louisa Sim – Snowboard Rail Jam	–	–	–

Distance Running

Date: 3 October, 2010

Location: Melbourne, VIC

Event Description: Open to all Universities, students compete in the Marathon, Half Marathon or 10km race. The University Championships are held in conjunction with the Melbourne Marathon.

Student Representation: Four students represented the University at the AUC Distance Running in Melbourne – Simon White, Tracey Grozdanis, Nicole Grady and Mehrnoosh McGrath. Newcastle placed 23rd overall with Simon White placing 7th in the AUC division of the Men's Marathon.

Student	Event	Result
Simon White	Marathon (Men)	7th (of 189)
Tracey Grozdanis	10km (Women)	19th (of 286)
Mehrnoosh McGrath	10km (Women)	246th (of 296)
Nicole Grady	Half Marathon (Women)	293rd (of 326)

World University Championships – Triathlon

Date: 30 May, 2010

Location: Valencia, Spain

Student Representation:

- Matt Brady was the University of Newcastle's only World University representative in 2010.

Student	Event	Result
Matt Brady	Triathlon	64th (of 86)

Sports Awards

NUsport and the University of Newcastle proudly celebrate each year the outstanding sporting achievements of students who compete at local, regional, state, national and international levels.

The awarding of Blues is a tradition steeped in history originating from the competition between Oxford (dark blue) and Cambridge (light blue) universities dating back to the 1800s. A successful cocktail event was held on 27 August 2010 in the Brennan Room at the University of Newcastle to recognise the outstanding sporting achievements of our students in sport and award the prestigious Blues & Colours as well as the Sports Person of the Year and the Sports Club of the Year.

Blues Recipients

- Shaun Fletcher – Athletics (Long Jump)
- Ian Rayson – Athletics (Race Walking)
- Andrew Moore – Rugby League

Blues are awarded to nominated students of the University who are proceeding toward a degree or diploma, who have an outstanding record of sporting achievement while enrolled and who have represented the University.

Colours Recipients

- Stephen Taylor – Cricket
- Adrian Varela – Hockey
- James Elliott – Rowing
- Kristy Field – Softball

Colours are awarded to students, members of NUsport or members of Campus Central who have made an outstanding contribution to the organisation and administration of University Sport over a period of not less than three full years. This is a highly prized award which recognises protracted contribution to University sport above and beyond the diligent completion of administrative responsibilities of elected or appointed office.

Sports Person of the Year

- Shelley Clark – Swimming (Open Water) was the University's Sports Person of the Year, an award that recognises outstanding sporting achievement by a University student.

Shelley's achievements in the sport of Open Water Swimming include:

- winning the 25km Open Water Swim at the 2009 Australian Open Water Championships at Penrith in March 2009 and selection in the Australian Swimming Team to represent at the World Swimming Championships.
- 13th in the 25km Open Water Swim in the FINA World Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy in July 2009.
- second in the Lac Megantic International 10km swim in Quebec Canada in August 2009.
- Shelley completed a Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science degree in 2009.

Sports Club of the Year

The University of Newcastle's Mountaineering Club was recognised for the attainment of high standards in sports administration by the Club during the 2009 academic year.

Honorary Life Member

This event also acknowledged and recognises Stephen Fityus as an Honorary Life Member. Stephen has demonstrated a significant contribution to sport at the University of Newcastle for more than two decades.

Stephen is best known for his commitment to the University's Mountaineering Club where he held the positions of treasurer and secretary and was instrumental in the successful submission that led to the Sports Union constructing the Climbing Wall at The Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre. His other contributions include his role on the Sports Union and NUsport Boards and the provision of his professional skills and advice during the planning of The Forum centre and repairs

to the Ray Watt Pavilion. Stephen has also been a valued member of numerous NUsport committees including the Sports Awards Selection Committee.

Sports Scholarships

Sports Scholarships are provided by the University of Newcastle and Friends of the University.

2010 recipients were:

- Margaret Watson – Rugby Union
- Liam Mowbray – Archery
- Trudy Thompson – Athletics (High Jump)
- Nikalus Sharpe – Hockey
- Matt Brady – Triathlon
- Ellie Sparke – Ultimate Frisbee

College Sport

2010 College Sport was a closely fought competition with improved performances from both Barahineban and International House. The swimming carnival attracted 450 swimmers and spectators, and the Campus Scamper had around 350 runners and walkers. Edwards Hall was the overall winner, making it two years in a row as the champion College.

Event	Winner
Swimming Carnival	Evatt House
Badminton	Barahineban
Cricket	International House
Touch Football (Men)	Edwards Hall
Touch Football (Women)	International House
Touch Football (Mixed)	Edwards Hall
Netball (Women)	Edwards Hall
Netball (Mixed)	Evatt House
Soccer (Men)	Edwards Hall
Soccer (Women)	Edwards Hall
Volleyball	Evatt House
Basketball (Men)	Edwards Hall
Basketball (Women)	International House
Tennis	Edwards Hall
Squash	Edwards Hall
Campus Scamper	Edwards Hall
OVERALL WINNER	Edwards Hall



elite

NUsport continues to maintain its relationship with NSWIS through the memorandum of understanding.

2010 saw the introduction of a strength and conditioning agreement between NUsport and NSWIS whereby NSWIS athletes are referred to strength and conditioning coaches at The Forum for specific sport training needs.

This is a great opportunity for NUsport staff to further develop their skills and relationships with those in the elite sport sector.

NUsport and the University of Newcastle continued to provide support to elite student-athletes in 2010, under the Elite Athlete Friendly Universities Program.

51 athletes were listed for support, from sports including:

- Archery
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Power Lifting
- Rowing
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Snow Sports
- Surf Lifesaving
- Swimming
- Touch Football
- Triathlon

Teams represented included the Newcastle Knights, Newcastle United Jets (Men and Women), Central Coast Mariners, ACT Brumbies and various Australian and State Representative Teams.

Facility use through high profile teams such as the Newcastle Knights and Newcastle Jets continued to grow in particular with oval, high performance training zone and pool hire. NSWIS high performance squads as well as other national teams chose to use NUsport facilities as part of their elite training programs. NUsport facilities are renowned as significant regional community resources with the combination of world class facilities and research based programs.

our partners

NUsport acknowledges and thanks its business partners.



Mens sana in corpore sano – a healthy mind in a healthy body.



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