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- Surfing - AUC: 1st
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- Triathlon – AUC: 7th
- Snowsports – AUC: 13th

## Australian University Games

The University of Wollongong placed 3rd in the per capita award and 5th overall

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## 2002 Eastern University Sport

The University of Wollongong placed 1st!

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Recreation

The center refurbishment, which was completed in March 2001, ushered in a new chapter in the Recreation department. More importantly, the update was received very enthusiastically by all of our members as demonstrated by the increased patronage across all of our programs.

In 2001 we were proud to offer students the highest quality and best value facilities and programs in the region. These facilities and programs are still offered at 50% or less of the rates available similar commercial facilities in the region.

Most pleasing was the increased number of students and staff on campus who commenced regular physical activity across our Group Exercise Program, Gymnasium and, Recreational and Competitive sports program. In keeping with our mission statement and the objectives of Active Australia, we have offered our members greater diversity, access and opportunity to participate in quality sport and recreation programs.

The greatest challenge we faced in 2001 was the strain placed on our ability to deliver quality customer service. Our focus in 2002 will be to adjust staffing levels above ‘adequate” levels, to levels where we are able to consistently able to deliver quality customer service. We have identified a need to invest more in our human resources and in marketing research to improve our service delivery.

Group Exercise Program

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<td>11381 total visits</td>
<td>15364 visits</td>
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<td>Overall classes 59.5% full</td>
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Informal surveys completed with program participants showed that in 2002 we should aim to:
- Offer more pump, combat, yoga stretch & BAT classes.
- Trial a Sunday morning class.
- Offer the more popular classes in the 4.35pm & 5.35pm timeslots

Whilst the average participation across all classes was 67% our challenges in 2001 were to meet the great demand for class spaces at lunch time and early evenings when demand exceeded supply. With the growing popularity of the Leisure courses and the Group Exercise Program we will be challenged again in 2002 with the Aerobics Room and Sports Lounge as the only 2 suitable facilities for these activities.

Gymnasium

Number of Memberships, Multi-Visit Passes and Casual Visits

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<td>717 Memberships</td>
<td>1472 Memberships</td>
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<td>1795 Multi-Visit Cards</td>
<td>1950 Multi-Visit Cards</td>
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<td>19489 Casual Visits</td>
<td>19884 Casual Visits</td>
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Outdoor Adventure Courses

In 2001 we conducted Horse Riding, White Water Rafting, Hang Gliding, Scuba Diving and Indoor Rock Climbing courses. All of the courses were conducted by external contractors and only attracted 10 or less participants each.

The high-risk nature, expense and requirement for experienced and accredited operators limited the number and type of courses conducted. Rising insurance costs will threaten these courses in the future.

Lunchtime Sports

The Lunchtime Sports program offered 2 new sports in 2001. The introduction of Oztag and Indoor Soccer was a popular decision for many students. An attempt to introduce Ultimate Frisbee was not as popular with the sport only receiving 1 team entry.

2002          2001
1013 Competitors 1235 Competitors
123 Teams        154 Teams

Australian University Sport

2001 has been the most successful year for the University of Wollongong on the university sports calendar since 1994. Improved communication via e-mail, early team preparation and the promotion of the program beyond just the University Sports Club network were the keys to attracting our best athletes and teams.

Special congratulations to all the members of the 2001 UOW Eastern University Games team who won the 2002 Eastern University Games in Coffs Harbour in a most convincing fashion.

Special congratulations also to the UOW surfing team who won the 2002 Australian University Championships for Surfing.

Grant Jacobs
Recreation Manager
2001 was a very busy year. March saw the completion of stage 7 building and the start of session. The Facilities team moved to more spacious offices in March, a welcome change after 8 months in small confines.

Also in March the squash courts came on line, the new front desk became operational as did the many other services and facilities as part of stage 7 developments.

As the main point of contact for all Centre users the Front Desk was hive of activity in 2001 and strategies were introduced to assist staff and customers alike.

Income details:

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<td>Aerobics floor</td>
<td>$5,036.00</td>
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<td>declining income, as we no longer charge internal dept for use.</td>
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<td>Artificial surface</td>
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<td>increase in usage as a “wet weather” facility + sort different users</td>
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<td>Sports lounge</td>
<td>$5,946.00</td>
<td>$5,587.00</td>
<td>$4,924.00</td>
<td>decrease in income but increase in usage by URAC for classes and courses.</td>
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<td>Squash courts</td>
<td>$29,837.00</td>
<td>$23,744.00</td>
<td>$32,320.00</td>
<td>courts only open for 9 months. Very good result</td>
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There was an overall increase of 14% in the total income for facilities in 2001.

- The increase in income for the squash courts was better than expected given that they were only open for 9 months.
- There was a 15% increase in income for the sports hall as demand for the facility increases. The sports hall is very much near its capacity with every night booked by clubs or netball and weekends booked with casual users. The only down time is between 7am and 12 noon on weekdays.
- There was a slight decrease in income as follows: Aerobics floor 3%, ovals 5%, sports lounge 12%.

It is extremely difficult to calculate the number of people who use facilities for example at a tae kwon do grading we may have 500 people using the sports hall in 3 hours and at other times it may only be 20. It is similar with oval hire when it may be a group playing social soccer or a first grade Rugby game with 500 people

Courses:

Leisure course continue to be a popular service offered by URAC. They provide a “recreation” option to the many people not interested in sport and gym activities.

In 2001 over 30 courses were offered and 362 places were filled. Approximately 80% of Course users were students. The majority of courses ran for 8 weeks and were exceptional value for money. Some of the most popular courses were Adult learn to swim; dance classes, Pilates, Women’s self defence and Tennis.

2001 Highlights:

- Completion of stage 7
- Large increase in the number of users.
- The success of the Leisure Courses
- The team work at URAC between and within areas.
- The Customer service training for ALL URAC staff.
- The positive customer feedback and seeing Users achieve their goals.
- Completion of Non user survey

Things to work on:

- An accurate system for collecting details on the numbers of people using URAC facilities.
- Identify other training needs for all URAC staff.
- How do we meet the increasing demands for services and facilities?
AQUATIC CENTRE REPORT

The Aquatic Centre has had one of its best income year to date. A great deal of that result is due to the efforts of the enthusiastic staff I currently have in place. I wish to thank them for their help and support over the past year. We will be continuing to provide a range of services and programs in the premier aquatic centre in the Illawarra.

FINANCE

A financial outline of the Aquatic Centres performance over the previous years is shown below. Operationally the pool still requires subsidising although this has been maintained at a low level compared to previous years. With the expected refurbishment and maintenance costs for next year it can be expected that this level of subsidy will rise for 2002. This year has been our best yet in terms of income. We will be endeavouring to continue that trend by offering innovative programs and maximising use of the Centre.

Of the approximately 50,000 entries this year, 16,200 were students, 2000 were staff and 12,600 were public swimmers. The remainder were a mix of school, squad, child and card holders.
PROGRAMS

Learn to Swim

The Uni Swim School has been a profitable program even though the range of classes offered has been reduced. Parking problems are our greatest issue with the continuance of this program. I foresee the closure of swim school at some stage when the other local facilities pick up their standard as in general they don't have our access problems. As this is a mainly external program as soon as it becomes non-profitable it will be closed.

Swim For Fitness (SFF)

Still running profitably and with great enthusiasm from the participants. Lunch-time classes have picked up this year with a good core group of staff users. This program isn't particularly affected by the parking issues as the classes morning and night run out of the patrolled times. Illawarra triathlon club has been very supportive. SFF has a very good profile within the local fitness swimming community.

Schools

Carnival bookings very full for both the start and end of year and looking good for 2002. More shade cover provided for students and spectators which has been a concern for the schools in the past.

BOOKINGS

Lane hire as in past years was nearly maximal over winter with 3 external coaches booking space. Casual bookings for scuba groups, schools and other casual users groups. The use of the booms to split 4 of the lanes has been a huge bonus allowing more space for casual swimmers during the peak winter periods.

2002

We have plenty to live up to after the performance of 2001. Challenges will be in filling the spaces vacated by the Dapto squads which will now be training year round at Dapto. Having another heated outdoor pool in the region gives us some more competition. Ron McKeon's squads will take advantage of some of the extra space available. We are still working on attracting a satellite squad from NSWIS to be permanently attached to the Uni Aquatic Centre. Ongoing consultation with the University, NSWIS and other parties will hopefully make this happen this year.

Maintenance issues - Refurbishment of the change-rooms, emptying of the pool to allow maintenance of the expansion joints and replacement of some cracked tiles plus replacement of the old fibreglass grating will add to our expenses this year. This is all necessary to maintain the centre as a safe, clean facility. I still believe we are the premier aquatic facility in the Illawarra and will be striving to maintain this position.

Yours faithfully

Bruce Power
Aquatic Centre Manager
2001 was a changeable year for the Club. The Club finished 2000 with supposedly 39 members many of them mythical. Through first session playing numbers increased gradually but the Club had an unreliable and irregular monitoring of activities, irregular committee meetings and was unable to attract committee members or live up to its expectations as outlined in its 2000 Strategic Plan. As the session progressed this lack of organization started to create disharmony within the Club. Many attendees at the Club play failed to pay and were not monitored by the committee and the Club lost considerable sums as a result. The Club’s record keeping was inadequate for reasonable administration although the finances carried over from previous good years meant the Club was still in a healthy financial position. The elected President, Paul Sharrad, departed overseas on sabbatical leave, the secretary resigned and the treasurer intended to follow. Richard Miller was requested to take on as Acting President in Paul’s absence and a largely new committee was formed in July. Although, the behind the scenes work of straightening the Clubs bookkeeping and records took many weeks of long hours and frustration the new committee quickly lifted the Club profile and bolstered the activities and social interaction and tightened the financial transactions. Within a few weeks the membership was growing at unprecedented rates and the biggest problem facing the Club became too many members and a limited number of courts. As a result some members dropped out but club activity has remained at an all time high for the club, now 113 (previous highest 79 in 1997).

To alleviate some of the problems the club was able to arrange additional court time on a Wednesday afternoon, encourage some members to take up the invitations from Illawarra and Macarthur Badminton Clubs to join their playing sessions and to arrange additional training times for our AUG squads thus taking some of the pressures off our regular Friday and Sunday Club sessions.

There are many reasons for the remarkable success which the committee has brought about during session 2. One is certainly a reliable, supportive and harmonious committee. Specific tasks were allocated to all committee members and sheets of position responsibilities and duties drawn up. Each officer had an understudy i.e.; secretary/assistant secretary, treasurer/assistant treasurer acknowledging the fact that with our busy lifestyles any one officer would not always be on hand. The committee also took the unprecedented step of ensuring that at least one in each area of responsibility would be on campus next year ensuring a flow on of knowledge and experience for next years committee.

The early efforts put into publicity – some bold new unmissable signs, a novel and eyecatching table at the July Clubs & Societies Day, some judiciously placed posters around campus all played a part and besides resurrecting the club web page and using our email contracts the club also took on board a printed monthly newsletter to which it has been able to include many reports and reflections of club activities from different club members.

The club also created a lively and welcoming atmosphere at club sessions and all newcomers potential players and spectators were spoken to and encouraged to try out with the club. The club initiated a formal coaching program for beginners with the help of life member John Steinke who made a welcome contribution of time and experience. The club also started a graded system of play to ensure that players of similar standard were on court ensuring better games for all and cutting out some of the unsociable behaviour which had crept in. The Presidents bell was used to round in the players mid way through the sessions to
regularly share news of planned activities, introduce the committee, make welcome any new members and advise of forthcoming competitions. Players quickly got used to the club policy of ‘pay before you play’ and welcomed the fact that the club sessions were friendly, enjoyable and well run.

Plastic shuttles have been trialled for ‘warm up’ and the use of feather shuttles has been overseen by the committee. It is unfortunate that the standard of shuttles has not been good and the club may well need to move to a better quality, which will mean considerably added cost to a throw away item of equipment. I would particularly like to acknowledge the conscientious and committed contribution of Espen Heien as our Facilities/Equipment Officer who has been a great club man.

While on the topic of equipment and facilities it would be appropriate to mention the Sports Hall. Several million dollars have just been spent on a refurbishment of the Sports Centre but the hall which already was very poorly designed has become an even work venue for badminton. The floor has been excellent but it is the lighting which is appalling. The artificial lighting is blindingly bright, there is uneven lighting from the skylights which are fitted to half the hall and on bright days too much glare. The background light from windows, highlights, exit signs and fluorescent lights, and two new windows ridiculously located create a very poorly lit facility. The variable background colours of paint work and curtains are so far removed from a good plain hall in which to be able to follow the flight of a shuttle. Access to the hall is poor with the entrance leading on to a court and there is inadequate spectator space. This is not a suitable venue for top quality competition or AUG. The next priority was to boost the number of ladies in the club as we had been unable to muster a ladies team to go to ECG in July. The above social activities went a long way to doing this, so too did the welcome that all ladies received at club nights and the efforts to ensure plenty of games of ladies doubles so that they quickly got to know each other. With the numbers increasing the club was able to run a Ladies Social Badminton Comp to check out the playing skills available for squad selection.

In Session 2 the club was able to field both a mens and ladies team to AUG. The men having earnt the right of passage from their performance at AUG. The club selected 10 men and 10 women for training squads and provided additional court times under the guidance of coach Iggy Gan. While the results from AUG were not as strong as we would have liked, particularly the ladies, the club has benifitted greatly from its participation. Congratulations to Simone Boulton on being awarded the ‘Green & Gold’ for her performances at the Games. A new closeness and enthusiasm has
developed amongst those who took part and with several players still available in 2002 and the club should be looking to select its train-on squads much earlier in the session. Now that the club has an abundance of players a major goal should be to try and lift the standard amongst its members.

Besides participating in ECG/AUG in 2002 it is hoped that club members will take even more advantage of the opportunities to play in the many competitions available in Sydney and Canberra through the year. Initially in 2001 a core group of players competed in these tournaments but later in the year the club was able to interest a number of new members to take the challenge. The success of the club championship run recently by Limei Di has enthused many members about competition play and we can expect to see increased interest and participation from all grades in competition play during 2002.

The club’s ‘End of Year Dinner’ when we monopolise a local restaurant, gives u change to meet up with those friends made during the year some of whom may be leaving Wollongong for good. The club also takes this gathering of members as an opportunity to hold its AGM. This early election of a committee for the year ahead ensures a joint meeting of this years and next years at our final club committee meeting for the year and a sharing of progress, problems and plans. It enables next years committee to plan activities and schedules well in advance and have a program and publicity material in hand well before the start of the new academic year and Clubs Day.

I would also like to acknowledge the help of Iggy Gan and his wife Jean. Iggy has coached and inspired our ECG/AUG squads and capped off his year by winning the Australian Masters Games Badminton Singles and Doubles for his age group. He and Jean have been very hospitable and supportive of the club both socially and giving up time to attend ECG/AUG. Eric Bradley has liaised between us and IBA/NSWBA and we have been lucky to have his support, contacts and experience.

John Steinke for coaching our beginners and Robert Wylie for being Club Coach. Finally to my wife Emily who has contributed a great deal to the social functions of the club.

I would also like to record the relationship which has been developed with Gary of U.W. Sports Store. Myself and Robert Wylie have spent considerable time offering suggestions and guidance to Gary in developing his stock and contacts in the Badminton World. We have also encouraged him to take on the restringing of badminton racquets and Robert Wylie has been in to the store to demonstrate and advise. We believe that having this facility on hand with a knowledgeable and interested operator will be a major benefit not only to our club members but to all those who take on badminton as a recreational interest. In response to this Gary has agreed to sponsor a Clubperson of the Year Award and we anticipate the further development of this relationship to continue for our mutual benefit.

Some final reflections on the year past. In 2001 the club has absorbed the GST costs in its membership fees. It has also covered the cost of non-members becoming ‘graduate/auxiliary’ members as a way of boosting number early in the year when that seemed like a major problem. The turnaround in Session 2 has made this cost much larger than anticipated and I believe should be stopped in 2002. The club also has a large problem with students from WUC which it has been allowing in at student rates (as does the Sports Centre in using its facilities). However, we are not allowed to claim these as ‘student members’ unless we again pay ‘auxiliary fees’, a yearly fee though the students can be at uni for varying periods, usually 6 weeks to 6 months. I believe that unless help is forthcoming from the Sports Association in reviewing this situation the Badminton Club should not allow these students to attend at student rates. It is a situation which probably affects the Badminton Club more than most due to the large number of asian students at WUC for many badminton is their major recreation.
I will be stepping down at the forthcoming AGM and would like to thank those who have given me support during this difficult session, while acknowledging the valuable contributions of Danielle, Espen and Tjo. I regret that most who fall into this category are non-student members of the club. Given that the club does have an abundance of players, one might have considered restricting the players to student membership but experience has shown that many of those who have proved willing, supportive and conscientious in keeping the club running are non-students! I hope that next year will be different.

Richard Miller
Acting President

Basketball

The University Basketball Club has remained a successful and strengthening club during 2001, due to strong interest in basketball. The membership numbers for club has increased by 50% and together with enthusiasm by the club committee and members alike, has this been made possible. With general involvement of basketball activities occurring within the University and strong involvement outside of University in the local competition, the club is slowly becoming more prominent and popular, with many new members and non-members taking a new interest in the sport, and participating within the local competition. The highly successful Super A Grade men’s team has won the championship for the winter competition held locally, and continues to maintain a high level standard of basketball.

Social functions including the recent registration of two teams in the new local unisex social competition including new uniforms, as well as holding a BBQ and regular pick-up games, which are held weekly at the University Recreation & Aquatic Centre, have which assisted greatly in the promotion of the sport. Publicity and promotion, as well as sponsorship are the club’s main priorities as continuing interest by students and an increase in membership stipulate financial requirements for the club. The acquisition of basketball uniforms will also assist in the publicity and promotion of the Basketball Club, within the University as well as outside in the local community.

Continuing strong interest and support by students, members and non-members as well as the staff at the University Recreation and Aquatic Centre, will assist in the strength and future stability of the University Basketball Club. Through the dedication and perseverance of the club committee and members can the success of the club continue with the future success of the club holding a positive outlook.

An excellent perspective of this outlook is clearly defined by the performance of our Mens Super A Grade team, who have been placed into the Championship Mens League due to their outstanding and high performances.

Michelle Hindle
President

Cricket

The University of Wollongong Cricket Club represents approximately 126 players, both Men’s and Women’s, and this year fielded six Men’s teams over four Grades and one Women’s team. From the Men’s Club point of view we had a very frustrating year, First Grade being severely affected by injuries, retirements and early unavailabilities, putting them on the bottom of the ladder before Christmas for the first time in my years with the club. Fortunately they must’ve ordered up all the right things from Santa, as they were able to stabilise in the New Year and turn their season around, so much so that they missed fourth spot only on averages. As can be expected, the problems experienced by Firsts were
felt in a domino effect down through the rest of the grades. On the other hand, the Women’s Team continued their climb of recent seasons, making the Semi-Finals this year, and winning several individual awards – South Coast Women’s Cricket Batting and Bowling Averages and Player of the Year. Congratulations, an outstanding achievement, I’m sure Leisa will tell us more in her report.

I personally found all of this very frustrating, having been sent overseas for work I was 10,000 miles away and only able to read about it over the web and through the weekly Pembo’s Organ. My thanks to the Committee who ably looked after things in my absence.

As mentioned above, the 2000/01 season once again saw the University of Wollongong Cricket Club (UWCC) continue its commitment to both University sport and Illawarra/South Coast cricket by achieving excellent ‘participation’ across the grades – fielding six Men’s teams and one Women’s team – we are undoubtedly one of the Illawarra/South Coast Crickets’ strongest senior clubs in this regard.

In addition to our Women’s Team making their semis, both Second Grade & the 4th-Golds also make semi-finals. Unfortunately however, both were defeated, Seconds in a tight encounter with Balgownie and the Gold’s going down to Dapto – both of whom went onto win their respective premierships.

As mentioned, the Women’s Team continued their improvement of recent seasons. The coaching combination of Andrew Gooley and Lakshan deSilva must be doing something for the girls, maybe we should get them involved for the guys. The Team was capably captained/organised by Leisa Ridges, in addition to her role on the UWCC Committee and with South Coast Women’s Cricket, and all are to be congratulated and thanked for the efforts over the course of the season.

We again offered Student Scholarships last season, Michael Knight, Sam Marshman and Cameron Radford. All had seasons of varying success, Michael being dogged by injury early, but going onto play both Illawarra Colts and Seniors and being involved through the Illawarra Cricket Academy. Sam Marshman also represented at the U21’s carnival in which he was the leading Illawarra wicket taker.

As is usual with any UWCC season it cannot go by without mentioning the contributions of John and Margaret Pemberton – they are the heart and soul of our Club and a significant part of the reason we are successful both on and off the field. Margaret, as always, does a magnificent job with the stats, she keeps our finances in order and keeps First Grade score. John keeps the clubs administration moving forward, always providing that gentle reminder that something needed to be taken care of. He once again represented UWCC as Vice-President of the Sports Association – his long experience in this organization always of benefit to us and he continued in his role as Illawarra Crickets ‘Administration Officer’. John deserves every congratulation for his efforts – he has continued a significant contribution to the ICA and raised UWCC’s profile accordingly. So many thanks to both of you from all of us.

Management Committee wise it is probably fair to say we had a ‘slow’ year, but my thanks must go to those who gave of their time and effort – Bill Reid for organising the Christmas show; Tim Knight for his contribution as ICA Delegate; Sommo for his efforts with the first grade organization and securing Danzo Constructions as a sponsor; PJ for the fundraising efforts with chocolate, for clothing the Club and sourcing much of its equipment; Rowdy for his Organ writing; and Doc Mockler for being the best Gear Steward in the world. Thanks must also go to Noel Vickery who gave of his time to assist in coaching last season – never an easy task and his efforts were appreciated.

Two others deserve some particular mention – firstly
Michael Knight, a young bloke elevated to the first grade Captaincy role for the first time with our Club. A frustrating year for Michael, injury early putting him on the sidelines, not being able to do anything about poor early season performances, but coming back to lead the side through a run that, but for rain saving Wollongong against the Westies, would’ve seen them charge into fourth spot. Michael was always pretty calm and level headed about the situation and always reading to contribute – perhaps this season we can get him to ‘relax and enjoy’ a bit more and always be that ‘serious young lawyer man’!!!

Secondly to Ricky Adams the club once again owes a big thank you. With me being sent OS for the first half of the season Ricky stepped into the breach as ‘Chairman of Selectors’ – a thoroughly thankless task let me assure you. Again the club had to deal with a very frustrating season ‘availability’ wise, but Ricky and his fellow selectors battled through, putting sides on the field every weekend. They all deserve our praise for the efforts they put in over the season, but particularly to Ricky, who was at their helm, many thanks. Additionally, in his spare time, Ricky also found that he had hours in the day to be on the UWCC Committee and be ICA Vice-President and Grade Committee Chairman – your contribution is greatly appreciated Ricky.

Finally, congratulations must go to the ‘FOC’ of University First Grade, Peter Sommerville – UWCC Clubperson 2000/2001 (you’ll have to ask Sommo for the ‘FOC’ translation, suffice to say a term of endearment from the boys at Keira). Since he saw the light and came across as a young (slim-trim) 15 year old from the wilds of the northern suburbs he has continually been a contributor to the club, both on and off the field. On field he has been an ornament to first grade, always giving 110%, bowling his heart out (winning the ICA District Aggregate trophy last year), and batting from No. 1 to No. 11 (or should that read No. 1 or No. 11??). Off field he has served on the Committee in more than one role over several years, organising practice/first grade, assisting with selections, gaining sponsorship, being ICA Delegate. Well done Sommo, thanks for your contribution.

Our faithful sponsors deserve thanks also – principally the Sports Association though whom we make most of equipment purchases/capital improvements; the North Wollongong Hotel, who continue to be our major external (University) sponsor; Jim Scardanas, who has quietly supported the Club for several years; and last, but by no means least Margaret and John through their company Diskray.

Well that’s enough from me for the moment. See in season 2001/02 ÖÖ..let’s hope we taste premiership success again.

Yours in ‘bats & balls’

Geoff Mettam
President

Dance

The Dance Club in 2001 had had an extremely positive response from the UOW community, both staff and students.

Our first official year saw an increase in publicity, membership and dance classes/styles. Last year’s membership was approximately 30 students. This year’s membership rose to 92, a marked increase of approximately 300%. New teachers were recruited in spring session to incorporate a number of styles, not previously offered by the club, and to increase the diversity of membership.

As a result the club had significant members to perform a number of dances at the Unibar (week 12, spring session). This performance was considered an immense success by participants and audience members alike. Fun was had by all involved. This performance involved coordinating
members to attend additional rehearsals in the university holidays, weeknights and weekends.

A social outing was organised by our activities officer to attend a Sydney Dance company open class.

Throughout the year, the Dance Club has been requested to perform at various functions including cheer leading for the UOW Rugby Club, which was received somewhat enthusiastically. Recently, we were asked to perform for the Golden Key International Honour Society induction ceremony and the Annual Engineering BBQ, but had to decline due to University commitments.

Early in the year, a constitution was developed in collaboration with some law student dance club members, which helped to develop an organizational structure for our new club.

Although issues such as fundraising have been overlooked in 2001, they will play a larger role in coming years when the club and its constituents have been firmly established.

A big thanks go out to all those involved in the Dance Club, especially the teachers and committee for their dedication and hard work, as well as members who willingly gave up their free time to make our first performance an astounding success.

Janine Sidhom
President

Hockey

This has been a season full of highlights for the University Hockey Club. Everyone came into 2001 with a very positive spirit, and it showed in our results. It proved to be our most successful year on the field ever.

Firstly I would like to congratulate our three winning sides this year, Women's 1st Grade, Women's 2nd Grade and Under 17 side. I would also like to congratulate our other three sides that made the finals, Men's 1st, 2nd and 4th Grades, and those who represented the club at a higher level.

A special mention must also go to Justin Reed our past President (he stepped down due to his final year of studies). Justine won the University's Clubperson of the Year for his efforts in the past years. Justin has been the backbone of the club for several years now and I would like to thank him for putting the club in the position it is in today and for making my job so much easier this year.

This year has seen a dramatic increase in our sponsorship. We have increased our sponsorship approximately by $3000. I would like to welcome and thank our new sponsors this year, them being the Glasshouse Tavern, Rusty's Nightclub, and South Coast Wholesale Meats. A thankyou must also go to our existing sponsors Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club and URAC.

With our new sponsorship, we have purchased new sets of playing shirts for the club. We have purchased shirts for the Women sides this year and will purchase the Men's strip's next year.

Competition Results

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The Executive Committee has worked exceptionally hard this year, Bridget Davis has yet again strived to run the club's books without fail, and certainly deserves recognition for her work. Our motivated executive committee for 2001 was:

- Michael Leah (President)
- Taylor (Vice President)
- Bridget Davis (Treasurer)
- Michael Jones (Secretary)
- Michael Kelly
- John Pemberton
- Justin Reed
- Nikki Shaw (Vice Secretary)
- Matthew Went
- Dianne Farrell
- Jane Barrett

Thank you for your hard work and contribution to the club.

Selection committees are often unnoticed throughout the course of a season; yet keep the players showing at the right place at the right time, with countless phone calls and emails. This year a lot of people were keen to assist, which always reduces the load. Thanks must also go out to our coaches and captains. Our selectors for 2001 were:

- John Pemberton
- Garry Bull
- Michael Kelly
- Duncan Fisher
- Michael Leah
- Judy Huk
- Bridget Davis
- Maggs Pemberton

The club scholarships have again proved to be a successful system. This year there were eight players earning club recognition. These players helped with the coaching and training of teams, social functions and showed a high level of skills and promise on and off the field.

Congratulations must also go out to our men’s and women’s unigames sides, on winning the Eastern Conference Games in Coffs Harbour. Although they are not directly related to the club, they are run, organised and filled with Uni Hockey Players.

I would like to close saying thank you to all involved with the club. I hope you enjoyed the season as I did and will see you again next year.

Michael Leah
President

Floorball

This year there was the election of a new committee, welcoming a new president and new people at the committee level. There were a few unavoidable interruptions and problems to our plans this year. The club was unable to field a team in the National Floorball Championships in March as a result of poor numbers. The club struggled for the early part of first session to get going due to the change in membership and overseas students returning home. It was only due to the hard work of Dr David Bomba which saved the club from going under completely. Second session was also somewhat chaotic since the President and Secretary left their positions in mid-session which left the club in the hands of an acting committee. Thanks must go to Paul Syversen and Dean Jarvis for keeping the club ticking over in second session. Some problems were experienced with turn around times for cheque reimbursements by URAC which left people out of pocket for long periods of time. Nevertheless, thanks to Teresa Harding for her patience and kind support throughout the year.

Membership numbers began in the beginning of the year at around 5 and gradually increased to about 20 paid up members. As indicated earlier the fact that the bulk of players and committee are international students meant that there were problems with continuity that have been experienced this year and in previous years. We find as a club this is not just yearly but about every 6 months. The year 2001 saw the club engage in regular Sunday training, practice and games. Good turnout to Sunday trainings was encouraging with
numbers varying from 12-25 with new people trying the sport. Other achievements this year include the Wollongong University Floorball Club now being equipped with an international standard set of equipment, some new sticks, goalkeeper pads and gloves were purchased. Another major highlight was the annual club social BBQ for members. This was much appreciated by all and suggested as a regular fixture for next year. This enabled members to socialise in other ways than just on the sporting arena. The club also benefited from having its own space on the clubs noticeboard section which enabled for a continued recruiting effort in first and second semesters.

Finally, the club would like to thank John Palmer for the ability to use the PE gym, for the time and space made possible and for helping and organising the booking and arrangements with security for our time. John’s help has been much appreciated by the club over the years.

David Bomba
Acting President

Kendo

2001 has been a year of rapid progress for the University of Wollongong Kendo Club. Our level of skill, as recognised by the rising level of gradings acquired, with club Treasurer David Bunder reaching third dan in Kendo, the first time a local student has reached that level, while another practitioner Robert Brown reached the rank of second dan, has continued to improve. In addition, for the first time we can offer dan grade instruction in Iaido and Jodo.

In the 2001 Australian Kendo Championships in Perth, for the eighth year in a row, Wollongong provided a member, with a member of the NSW Open Team, and a Kyu grade representative. On the competition front we also took part in the University games, Min-Ji Hwang finished 3rd in the Kyus, while our Open Team finished 3rd on the points ladder.

Wollongong won the team event in the 2001 Milton Summer Games, and won inter-mural competition against ANU and UNSW.

Aden Steinke
Secretary

Outdoors

The membership for the year was 107 with the majority of members in the first semester. This year we have lost a great deal of experienced members through graduation and work commitments which has affected the executive and also the number of people running activities. We have replaced worn out equipment this year and trying to attain a greater range of equipment for members to hire. For the spring semester we have been on bushwalks in the Heathcote and Royal National Parks, some abseiling practice at Mount Keira and a recent canyon with more on the way as warmer weather approaches. We are proud that there is an inter-university competition being run through the NSW state championship again which we have a team entered and are hoping for a good result.

Greg Langton
President

Rugby Union

University had a mixed year in terms of performance. First grade under coach Simon Illiffe improved throughout the season and were fighting to make a semi-final spot until the last few rounds where they fell away but they were very competitive and committed throughout and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Second grade struggled and lost many games by a narrow margin whilst Third grade finished in the middle of the table and were competitive and showed great spirit. Under 19’s for the first time in the last 5 years have not been in the grand final and did not make the
semis but they will be back next year.

We entered a team in the Eastern Conference Games and they did a fantastic job by coming first and Anthony Cook did an outstanding role in organising this as we defeated some of our more illustrious counterparts. Unfortunately we couldn’t reproduce it in the Australian Uni Games and finished 9th.

Our women’s team had a fantastic year and were undefeated until the grand final which they lost to Tech-Waratahs by 2 points. Congratulations to Anthony Cox and Wayne Cotton the coaches and the girls for all their efforts.

Our club had 3 junior teams who all performed admirably – Under 11, 13 and 14. Under 13 and 14 made the semis with the under 14’s playing in the grand final.

During the year we unfortunately had a serious injury to one of our players Edwin Edista. The support from members of our club and from all the Rugby clubs and the University has been magnificent and I would like to thank you.

I would also like to thank all Coaches, Managers, Committee members for their tireless efforts, John Pemberton, our Administrative Officer has done a fantastic job in a difficult year and our players have been very supportive. Thank you to all our sponsors and particularly our major sponsors, the University Sports Association and the North Wollongong Hotel.

Paul Webb
President

Scuba

The Scuba Club has continued to grow and improve since its successful resurrection in May of last year, and is now well established amongst University students and members of the general community. 2001 has seen a 142% increase in membership, with an increase in student, auxiliary, and graduate numbers. New equipment is currently being purchased for club use, we have a new draft constitution and environmental policy, and several members have expanded their skills by obtaining advanced open water, rescue diver, nitrox diver and divemaster qualifications.

New initiatives have been put into place to enable us to do more diving, and facilitate club growth in the future. Club members have this year been encouraged to obtain their boat drivers licence, and to come along to a boat driver-training day. So far 3 people have obtained their license, and will be trained to drive the boat and help out the Scuba Club very soon. More experienced divers have been encouraged to further their qualifications and help out those less experienced divers in the club. It has been found that the more experienced divers are present on a dive, the more new divers feel comfortable coming along, and thus more people have been drawn to come along diving with the club.

Two new people have gained Open Water qualifications so far this year. In addition, four people obtained first aid certificates, five gained PADI Rescue Diver Qualifications and six gained PADI Advanced Open Water Qualifications. This is a tremendous effort in less than six months! There are also two people currently undergoing PADI Open
Water training and four undergoing PADI Advanced Open Water training. Three people are currently undergoing divemaster training, and two others will begin their training early in 2002. Our divemaster is currently training to be an instructor, and will be fully certified by January 2002. The club is fortunate to have three diving instructors and one divemaster, as full financial members.

The new executive took over in April this year, and despite the cold conditions, have done a large amount of diving so far this year. Our first trip took us to South-West Rocks, where the cold July water were a shock to some but allowed us to do some fantastic cave diving and watch as a pod of humpback whales on their migratory path made their way up the coast. Our second trip was to Jervis Bay, where 10 brave divers camped out over the October long weekend to dive at beautiful Honeymoon bay and surrounding areas. A trip to Lady Elliot Island is currently being planned for early January, and will more than likely be well attended by club members.

Local dives have been held regularly every fortnight (weather permitting) at Bass Point, Kurnell, Kiama and Five Islands. These dives have been generally well attended considering it is the off-season for diving. It is anticipated that club dives will be held every weekend during summer, and will cover a wide variety of diving (night, deep and wreck) to ensure the maximum number of people can attend and have a challenging and enjoyable diving experience.

The club has in the last few months become involved in helping carry out Weedy Seadragon surveys and Port Jackson Shark monitoring with Abyss Dive shop at Ramsgate. Club members are also currently volunteering their services to the research section of the Universities biology department. Divers are given the opportunity to increase their diving experience by helping out PhD students conduct underwater research. These activities have greatly increased the awareness of the club amongst University students and staff, and have promoted the club to members of the general community.

The boat *Unidive* has served us well so far this year on both local dives and trips. Our dive equipment however was in very poor condition and was proving to be a hindrance to the club. The gear was aging and constantly requiring maintenance, so with the help of URAC, the scuba club has purchased five new sets of equipment just in time for the anticipated increase in diving activity over summer. This ensures the club will have safe, high quality dive equipment to hire to its members over summer.

The costs associated with diving with the club have essentially remained frozen since 1998, allowing members accessible, affordable diving. The club has been successful in obtaining discounted air fills and equipment hire from United Divers (Wollongong) and Leisure Coast Divers (Shellharbour). This valuable sponsorship has also ensure that the cost of diving is kept to a minimum.

The Club currently consists of a high percentage of international students. We have consequently has a high rate of turnover in the last year, but new members have continued to join and the club has continued to grow, which is a good sign that with our continued efforts in promoting the club, numbers will remain high.

The high percentage of International students in the club initially presented some challenges with transportation and communication, but these people are a real asset to the club. Nowhere else could you find such a diverse group of people who have done such varied diving. Consult a member of the Scuba Club before your next overseas holiday, because they have probably already been there! Auxiliary members are welcome in our club, which we encourage because they offer a great deal of experience.

The club has maintained an excellent safety record so far this year with no major incidents.
The executive role of the “Education Officer” was maintained specifically to address aspects of diver safety and diver education (such as technical information and environmental awareness). A “policing” role has been discouraged, with emphasis instead placed on the education of members.

A number of social activities have been run successfully this year including several evenings at Scarborough Pub and a members barbeque, as well as the traditional post-general meeting wind-down at a local watering hole. These social activities have proven to be a great way for members to meet others in the Club and get to know each other away from the hectic diving scene.

Major development of our website has occurred in the last few months, and will continue into next year. The website now allows members to obtain up-to-date information on dives, technical diving tips as well as environmental awareness, and of course lots of great pictures from our trips.

I would like to thank everyone on the Executive for their hard work and dedication to maintaining and improving the club. Without their efforts we would not be able to enjoy some of the best and cheapest diving around, in the best social atmosphere imaginable. I’m sure that everyone in the club who has participated in club dives this year has had an enjoyable time, and I look forward to an exciting year in 2002.

Trudy Franks
President
Scuba Club

Ski

The end is coming to another successful year for the University of Wollongong Ski Club Inc. In the past 12 months we have achieved quite a lot, and had a lot of fun doing it. We have seen some new faces come through the executive committee this year, which had been fantastic. It has however been a strong group effort from the whole club in helping out with organisation of people and events. Thanks must go to all involved in the activities of the past twelve months. Special thanks also goes to the Clubs Officers at the Sports Association for their assistance with booking and registration organisation. 2001 saw us sign up 107 members, 39 of whom have qualified as active members of the club, which is an improvement on previous years. We also had 15 others who came along for at least one event, but unfortunately did not make it back. This year has seen Ski club events attended by many members, which is great for the club.

February 2001 was highlighted by the purchase of our new boat, the Skicraft Senator. It has been the spectacle of the Shoalhaven River for the past 9 months. February also saw another Aust Uni Championships for Water Skiing and for the first time officially, Wakeboarding. Craig Gorman, Luke Salter and Sally Gorman combined to take out the Teams second position in the Wakeboarding, which was an outstanding effort. It also highlights the emphasis our club places on Wakeboarding and the rewards that can be gained from it.

Shenanigans, our club’s contribution to the Uni Wakeboarding calendar was again an astounding success. 56 people from as far away as Melbourne and Perth came along to the Nowra Animal Park where we staged our unique event, which focuses primarily on participation and enthusiasm. A highly embarrassing dislocated shoulder seemed to be the worst injury of the weekend, but with all the drugs they gave me, I had the time of my life (apparently!). With a strong participation shown by Newcastle and Wollongong (the best ever), the ‘Gong finally claimed back it’s crown as the Shenanigans Champions. For more info on this event, contact one of us at the Ski Club.
The wet weekend at Carnage Cup, Newcastle in May saw the Wakeboarding events cancelled, so our team took the opportunity to sample a few brews and mingle with the locals. A fantastic weekend was had by all and not one board hit the water!

Luke McIndoe led a contingent of skiers and boarders down to Thredbo for the Snow AUC. Rain marred some events, but some success was still achieved by the Wollongong crew. Andrew Blair, Rob Yeates, Paul Handley and Luke all finished in the top 17 for the boardercross.

A great year has been had by all, and you only need to talk to anyone who came along to realise how exciting it is to be part of the club. Keep your eyes peeled for up coming events and come along. We are always signing people up and hope to see you there.

Yours in Boarding and Skiing,

John Gorman (Club President)

Soccer

Once again the University of Wollongong Soccer Club enjoyed a very good year within the competition. Due to the increasing demand of students wanting to play soccer, the club entered another team into the Illawarra Amateur League. This brought the total of teams taking to the field each week to eight.

First Grade Achievements
This year our first grade team reached the semi-final stage of the conference league competition. After leading the table at the half way mark, the team dropped down during the “run home” stage of the season. The unavailability of key players at this stage did not help.

One of our first grade players, Tim O’Brien, has been nominated for this year’s conference league player of the year making it down to a short list of three players.

Reserve Grade Achievements
Reserve Grade also reached the semi-final stage which is another good result in a demanding competition.

Youth Grade Achievements
An absolutely spectacular season by our youth grade team. In normal competition they played seventeen games with fourteen wins and three draws scoring forty seven goals and only conceding five.

Reaching the grand final topped off this amazing season, though the team must be disappointed by losing 1-0.

I lead the club in saluting an outstanding season from our young stars.

Illawarra Women’s Soccer Association 2001
It is the year of what might have been for our women’s team. Due to a registration bungle, which remained uncovered for six weeks, the women’s association deducted eleven points from the uni team as well as fining the club $250. A lesson for all that there must be a written clearance and to trust a players word is not good enough.

If not for this blemish, our women’s team seemed assured of gaining the minor premiership along with a possible grand final berth.

Congratulations must also go to the following players who made the Illawarra representative team in it’s inaugural year; Anna Grounds, Kelley Kopp, Alice Townsend, Jade McManus, Rachel McCann and Maree Mitchell.

Illawarra Amateur League
The demand for an extra team in this competition brought the total of uni teams to four. This new team reached the semi-final stage of the
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competition, with the others battling hard all season.

A final congratulations must go the following players for making the Green and Gold team at the recently competed Australian University Games in Sydney. From the women’s team – Anna Grounds, Sarah Everett, Taryn Ruiz and Catherine Lear. From the men’s team – Matthew Coleman.

The women’s team also managed to take home the gold medal, winning their final game 3-0, a magnificent effort. The men’s team finished a creditable fifth in this their first Australian University Games for quite some time.

Finally I would like to thank the committee, the coaches and all the players who contributed this year on a fine season.

Yours in Sport

Peter Bannister
President

Surfriding

This will be my last report as President after 21 years as a team member and 10 as President.

It’s always nice to go out on a winning note and this years AUC has certainly given me that. For once it was really difficult to pick a team from the outstanding talent that we have in our club. Mark Roebuck and Paul O’Connor put together a great team that was always going to be the team to beat. Having previously been runner up 8 times WUSA finally won the prestige Men’s Team event from a very strong Deakin Geelong. Strong performances in the women’s, bodyboard and longboard sections allowed us to clinch the Overall Championship by a whisker from the Sunshine Coast. WUSA thrashed Deakin in the semi’s of the Tag Team event but couldn’t quite maintain the momentum in the finals eventually finishing second.

Individually Matt Hoar looked like the guy to beat right from the start, turning it on in the final to win by a large margin in a very talented field. Matt received good support from David Hyslop and Ryan Hanrahan who both made it to the quarters. In the longboards Mark Roebuck improved on his 3rd place in ‘99 to finish 2nd this year and established himself as WUSA’s premier longboarder. Nathian Davis backed up to win his second consecutive AUC title in the Body Board division and Kendall Barnes surfed her way into the women’s final to take 4th.

Thanks to the treasurer Roey, team moral is as high as I have ever seen; Membership has more than doubled to 50 with pointscores regularly attracting 15-20. Financially the club has now more than doubled its reserves thanks to some excellent fundraisers organised by Peter Hopkins that eventually resulted in a donation from the Glasshouse Tavern to the tune of $1000.

Although it seems minor to what was achieved at the AUC, there were also some good performances from WUSA members at ECG held at Maroubra, particularly Paul O’Connor who took second place in the Men’s.

The committee looks strong for next year and is in a great position to bid for 2002 AUC. Personally I’d like to thank everyone for getting the best out of the club and for having a really fun year. Roey thanks for cracking the whip and all the info you have sent out and Paul thanks for your e-mail contributions as well. Ryan did the team proud with the new shirts and designs and the BullFighter gave us all inspiration.

All the best for next year.

Smack the Pit !!

Jeff Parnell
President
Ultimate Frisbee

This year has been one of the biggest for the UOW Frisbee Club with many first time events occurring throughout the year.

Firstly, Wollongong was host to the inaugural Eastern University Conference. This event saw teams from University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, Newcastle University, Australian National University and Wollongong University converge on Wollongong to compete in the first time event. The event was successfully run with the help of Grant Jacobs from URAC and this meant that EUC will remain a permanent fixture on the Frisbee Calendar.

Secondly, the Club put together a team that competed in the Sydney Northern Suburbs Winter League, travelling to Sydney each Monday night. This proved a worthwhile undertaking despite the long weekly drive, as it definitely improved the skills and confidence of those involved and resulted in the Club becoming more recognised and respected amongst the wider Frisbee community. The team ended up playing Division 1 and 3, and took out the Division 3 Premiership.

Thirdly, a record number of club members participated in the Australian Nationals in teams from Sydney and Perth. Tim Booth, David Craig, Andrew Craig and Thomas Flanagan competed with Sydney based “X-men”, Hannah Michaelis played with the Sydney based “Freya” and Cerin McMillan and Sophie Lyon played with the Perth based “Ripe”. In conjunction with Nationals the Inaugural Australian Beginners Cup was played. Wollongong entered a team of both intermediate and beginners and took out the ABC title.

The club also took part in almost every major tournament on the Australian Frisbee Calendar, travelling to Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane and later this year, Melbourne. Tim Booth also travelled to Hawaii with one of the Australian Mens team “The Jolly Shagmen”.

Several team members have already started to train with Sydney teams in preparation for Nationals and World Clubs next year. It is hoped that next year will be the first year that Wollongong will send a Men’s team to the Australian Nationals, which are to be held in Melbourne. Although this year saw the greatest number of female members, the club is still lacking the numbers and experience to send a Women’s team to the Nationals as well. However, several members have taken spots in Sydney teams for the coming year and hopefully in the future a Women’s team will become a reality.

Not to be overshadowed by the experience and achievements of these members, the Club has seen an increase in new members and beginners. The experience of the “older” members has improved the efficiency in recruiting and encouraging new members and the process has succeeded in establishing a new and developing breed of members. These players are encouraged to participate actively in the club and tournaments and their achievements can be recognised by the success of the team Wollongong team that won the Australian Beginners Cup. The establishment of a Men’s team for nationals next year will provide an opportunity for these players to put to use their skills and promote team spirit.

The Club welcomes new players with open arms and provides not only opportunities for them to participate on the Frisbee field, but also in Club social events. These are important as they promote team spirit and unity within the club.

Cerin McMillan
President

Underwater Hockey

It’s been a good year! We celebrated our 3rd
successive State Championships grand final berth in three years with a Christmas Party. One of our players missed the celebration as his boat was stuck in pack ice on the way back from Antarctica, but fortunately someone else offered to bring the ice.

Our annual Wollongong 4’s competition – a lung-busting 4 a-side per team – was the biggest and best yet! We attracted players from Sydney, Canberra, Newcastle, even Armidale. We are indebted to United Divers who kindly provided prizes for the competition.

One of the highlights of the year has been the arrival of new players and their development on our Tuesday Club night. One of these beginners was on the team that won the Wollongong 4’s competition – congratulations Tristan! While Jane Holder – another of our promising beginners – took out the most improved player of the competition.

Three beginners ventured north for our assault on the State Championships in Armidale. All improved dramatically over the course of the Championships and at least two of these players look like making the under-21 development squad to represent NSW at the National Championships on the Gold Coast.

Sue Fyfe’s commitment to National and International competition (she basically coached the Spanish women’s team at a recent European Championship in France) was recognised with the awarding of a University Colour. While long standing (or is that swimming?) Club Executive member, Andy Davis, received a Club Recognition Award.

Yours in Hockey
Sue Fyfe
President.

Volleyball

2001 has been the most successful year for the Volleyball Club for as long as I can remember. Not only did our membership numbers increase greatly, but out performances at the university games level was exceptional. At the start of the year we were bombarded with new memberships from both local and international student. The increase in membership was so great that we has to extend our normal training hours of 6-8 an extra hour just to cope with the amount of people.

This year for the first time we endeavoured to split our training time into beginners and more advanced. I believe this to be a great success with many of the new members being at beginner level. In previous years a lot of new players would leave as they thought they weren’t up to the standard of everyone else, this year was different. The beginners training ran well all year and will be pushed for again next year.

Throughout the year we have entered teams into the local competitions with good results all year. Although we were unable to win this competition we did manage to end up in the high places consistently.

This was possibly our most successful university games campaign ever. Both men’s and women’s teams went on to victory in Coffs Harbour. The men’s team ended up 6th at the Australian Uni Games whilst the very depleted women’s team battled on to come 15th.

Overall the club has had a very successful year and I hope that this can continue into future years and the club grows stronger every year.

Kaine Newman
President

Waterpolo

Summary
This year again proved to be a successful one for the club. We have performed well in the pool, as
Well as in a social sense. Both men and women's teams competed in the Illawarra competition as well as at ECG and the girls continued on at the AUG's. The club aims to foster a friendly yet competitive environment to attract new players, regardless of ability. The girls say they will continue to train hard as they have been, even in the off season (I hear there has been talk of this), and maybe next year the boys will join them in their 3 sessions a week.

**Competition**
The club fielded a mixed team in the summer Illawarra competition which won the comp. A men's and women's team in the winter Illawarra water polo competition, with the men's team finishing 3rd and the women's team 7th. Both teams performed well, despite weather conditions, which is a credit to all the players. Both teams has new players that demonstrated considerable potential. Once again, the annual Illawarra Tournament provided an excellent opportunity before the Uni games for the teams to hone their skills against harder opposition.

**ECG**
Both men's and women's teams competed at the Eastern Conference Games, finishing 8th and 6th respectively. The placing enable the girls team to go through to AUG's, but unfortunately the boys missed out. This tournament was an opportunity for new players to be indoctrinated with the ways of the Gong polo with the benefit of “team bonding social functions”. These functions included a harbour cruise, which almost left without the boys team, as they were busy dressing up for the evening.

**AUG**
The girl's team finished 9th overall out of 15 teams. This fantastic effort was due to all the hard training that took place before the competition. Peter Rolfe and Nathan Hart trained the team every week leading up to the AUG's on a Tuesday evening and Thursday morning. Nathan Hart coached during the AUG's week, while Peter Rolfe was off honeymooning. The girls only lost 2 games out of the 7 they played, and both by an unfortunate 1 goal. Outstanding performances were carried out by the goalkeeper, Amber Lumb, who stopped over 6 goals or more in every game, she was a real attribute to the team.

Everyone enjoyed the social part of the week, getting into the real uni-games spirit. Thankfully, the team will be the same next year, bar two new players this season, Eleasa Mullavey and Alisa Williams. They will be missed next year.

**Training**
Despite the inclement weather conditions that are an inevitable part of winter, a hard core of committed players steadfastly refused to miss training sessions regardless of freezing wind or driving rain. The girls were committed to Tuesday morning swim sessions, then back Tuesday night for a drill/ball session, and then up again on Thursday morning for more hard gruelling swimming. These sessions were planned and taken by the super coaches (and players) Peter Rolfe and Nathan Hart. Without them the girls team would have spent the whole sessions standing and chatting at the side of the pool.

So many thanks go out to Peter and Nathan, for all their hard work and dedication as coaches. And who can forget the fantastic players, they have been wonderful and helpful in every way this year. Thanks guys.

Annalie Houston
President