

UniSport Annual Report 2018

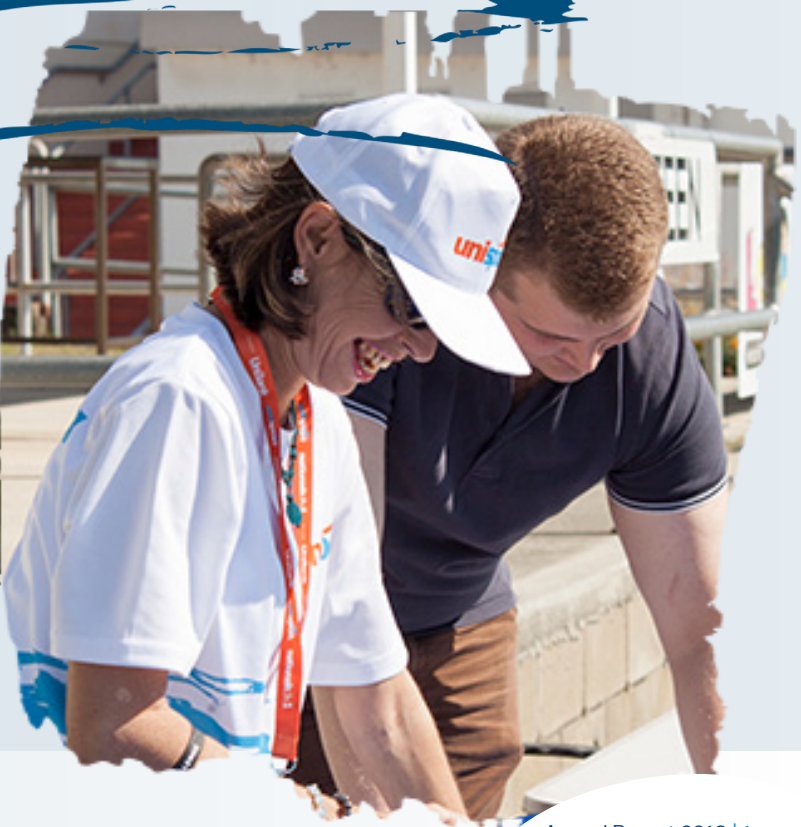


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**Promoting and celebrating healthy,
engaged, active and well rounded
university students**



Message from Sport Australia

It has been a watershed year for the Australian Sports Commission. We've launched a new public-facing brand - Sport Australia - with a renewed vision for Australia to be the world's most active sporting nation, known for its integrity, sporting success and world-leading sports industry.

This aligns with the Australian Government's long-term vision for sport in this country, outlined in Sport 2030, released in August 2018 by Minister for Sport Bridget McKenzie. Sport Australia will be central to delivering the priorities outlined in this national sport plan. At the fundamental level, Sport Australia's focus will be on getting Australians moving through sport and, more broadly, physical activity. We want to inspire active people across every age, race, gender, cultural background and physical ability. We will continue to build partnerships in the health and education sectors to ensure physical activity is a national priority.

We need to ensure sporting organisations are equipped to make the most of a renewed interest in physical activity, and so we will continue working with sports to improve the workforce capability, governance and partnerships. We want to help sports innovate, connect with existing and new participants in the digital era and provide products that meet current expectations. The AIS is redefining its role too, leading a united and collaborative high performance system for Australian sport.

Success will be measured by Australians consistently winning medals at major international events, but also in the national pride and inspiration generated by our athletes. Working in partnerships, the AIS will be focused on doing the big system level things on the frontiers of ethical sporting performance that no other body is naturally positioned to do. The AIS has launched a new Athlete

Wellbeing and Engagement team, focused on supporting athletes to transition through their sporting careers and connect with their communities. We want sporting champions to be positive influences.

Australia enjoyed genuine sporting success in 2017-18. In challenging times, the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games helped restore Australia's faith in our sports and athletes. Positions on the podium are wonderful to celebrate, but the narrative is incomplete without humility, generosity of spirit, confidence in what our athletes stand for and how they carry themselves. At the Gold Coast Games, we saw the very best in our athletes, and this display of spirit and integrity is sure to give them the best start to their preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We also had some outstanding performances at the PyeongChang Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. Australia equalled its most successful Winter Olympics haul of three medals in PyeongChang, two silvers and one bronze medal matching the result in Sochi 2014. It was also our best result at a Paralympic Winter Games in 16 years. Sport integrity has justifiably gained additional focus in the past year and is a very important priority for Sport Australia and for Australian sport more generally.

We, and everyone involved in sport, owe it to the athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, fans and the public at large to ensure that Australian sport is fair and clean, and is seen to be fair and clean. We thank all of our partners, athletes, coaches, board members and administrators - for your effort and contribution to Australian sport, and your enthusiasm for building a more active Australia. We look forward to continued success and progress together.



John Wylie AM
Chair
Sport Australia



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John Wylie, Chair - Sport Australia



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Dave Schmude, Chair - UniSport

Chair's Report

I am very honoured to now be Chair of UniSport Australia (UniSport) and have learnt a great deal about our sector and member based organisations since joining the Board in 2015. UniSport has made significant advances in the past year and I am conscious we need to further strengthen the organisation and improve our member service delivery.

My first year as Chair has allowed me to visit campuses and meet with many members across Australia. Thanks to all of you for your warm welcome and open sharing of your organisation and diverse experience. I value your insights on how UniSport can support student-athletes and how member universities can support UniSport. This collaborative approach, despite higher education's complexity and challenges, sets our sector apart.

Looking back on 2018, the UniSport Nationals' success springs to mind. This was a series inspired and developed by member feedback. I truly appreciate how quickly our members and student-athletes alike have embraced the new UniSport Nationals. We have seen some pleasing results in terms of creating a quality university multisport competition, and the UniSport Nationals has allowed us to better align with state and national sporting calendars, a great benefit to student-athletes.

We recognise there is a transition period for any major new series and we invested accordingly. Incurring a \$600,000 onetime loss in 2018, we managed this by drawing on our UniSport reserves established for

such foundation building activities. This however is not a viable long term strategy and it highlights the need for UniSport to respond thoughtfully and imaginatively to the sport related challenges in the higher education sector.

Another 2018 highlight is our organisation repositioning, bringing all our activities under our contemporary UniSport identity and creating a platform to build the profile and value of university sport. We thank University of Technology Sydney for hosting our multi-stakeholder repositioning event. This was an opportunity to showcase some wonderful student-athletes, officially launch the UniSport Nationals, release research correlating university student-athlete program investment and Olympics success and gain valuable media coverage.

Last year I enjoyed many fruitful exchanges and championed the case for university sport with Sport Australia, the Australian Olympic Committee, Australian state and territory government ministers and officials, industry groups and business partners.

During 2018 I had the pleasure of representing UniSport internationally at the Asia University Sports Federation General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur with the President of FISU Oceania, Martin Doulton (Monash). The Assembly was impressive and it was evident that UniSport is highly regarded internationally, with many opportunities existing to further international sports diplomacy to benefit the Australian university



sport sector, our individual members and our elite athletes. I would like to congratulate our members on a successful year of fostering and enhancing the student experience on your campuses. Strong individual members help strengthen your peak body, UniSport, and in turn build the sector's resilience, relevance and influence.

At UniSport we remain committed to telling the story and helping our members tell the story of the value of university sport. Every higher education institution has its unique context and challenges; we have many things in common too. We all share the passion for sport, for seeing our students succeed and for wanting to enhance the university student experience.

I am so proud of everyone at UniSport for their professionalism, dedication and service orientation, and for their efforts to deliver our goals and objectives within our Strategy 2020 - five priorities of sport participation, high performance sport, advocacy and member services, business development and governance.

Our UniSport team live and breathe our values of servant leadership, student experience, continuous improvement, collaboration, advocacy and integrity. I am grateful

to Don Knapp for his huge contribution over a decade and his passing the baton to our new CEO Mark Sinderberry who is excited about the challenge ahead. I also appreciate the service of our Board, especially Dr Deidre Anderson for her sector commitment and guiding the complex change agenda, and Sarah Richardson for her most valuable work in leading the market repositioning project. Lastly, a huge thank you to all the volunteers, friends and broader community who support UniSport.

With a successful year now behind us, we look to the future to achieve what we all believe in - creating healthy, active, engaged university students, providing a welcoming platform for all, and helping student-athletes achieve their absolute potential.

David Schmude
Chair



“UniSport must evolve to be an effective influencer beyond sport.”

Don Knapp, CEO - UniSport

CEO's Report

A Year to Build On

I begin by expressing appreciation to my successor, Mark Sinderberry and the UniSport Board for inviting me to have one last word in this 2018 Annual Report. 2018 featured many highlights, firsts, and of course challenges. These are discussed below from a personal perspective.

UniSport is Launched

On 20 March, UniSport was launched with fanfare at the University of Technology Sydney, appropriately, in the Ross Milbourne Sports Hall (Professor Milbourne being a former VC of UTS, a great supporter of university sport, and a former AUS Director). This event was more than simply the launch of a new logo; in fact, this was a major brand-repositioning project underpinned by significant organisational change in key areas.

Business Development

In April just prior to the launch of UniSport, we appointed Leith Brooke to the role of General Manager Commercial, Leith Brooke in large part to drive enhanced brand value and commercial opportunities. This move paid instant dividends in gaining the support of a Principal Partner supporting the newly created 'UniSport National Div 1 and Div 2, presented by UniBank'. Furthermore, we continue to attract strong corporate support prepared to back UniSport.

Additional enthusiasm for the new Nationals format came from live streaming and FOX Sport broadcasts of championship contests played out on the Gold Coast. Both the live streaming and broadcasts received solid viewer support. These acquisitions were firsts for UniSport, and underscore the success of our brand repositioning project.

Nationals Div 1 and Div 2

Marked cultural and behavioural changes occurred in the transition from the old UniGames to the new Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 format for event delivery. Change is not easily achieved in the sport industry, but what UniSport and our 43

university members achieved in 2018 was transformational - a truly great all of sector achievement.

The UniSport Nationals, and the hardworking university team managers delivered improved sport focussed outcomes and a much more enjoyable experience for students.

The transformation came at a high financial cost. Perhaps to be expected, participation numbers were down as members selected smaller, more sport focused team delegations. The Board, to its credit, backed the financial cost, as the investment we had to make to achieve change. This is a long term investment in a positive new sport formats and mitigates the unacceptable risks associated with past events.

Our UniSport Nationals events team did a great job on the delivery of the new format, yet we all realise the Nationals have much room for improvement. The Nationals are not yet up to the standards we are striving for, but 2018 was a great start and something to build upon. The Nationals must also become financially sustainable, and that will require the ongoing and indeed increased support from members and student-athletes. As with the commercial area, we must continue to work hard to enhance the value proposition and to build the UniSport product.

International Sport Program

It will become evident when reviewing this 2018 Annual Report that we had a great year competing internationally at World University Championships events. In fact, it was our best year ever. This is to the credit of our UniSport High Performance team, the strength of our partnerships with NSOs, the support of the AIS, the support universities provide to UniRoos reps each year and of course the magnificent performance put in by the athletes. Future challenges loom however.

AIS funding is declining and support models are changing. Organisationally, we require an international sport diplomacy strategy that links our sport program with strategic objectives. UniSport aims to create more opportunities for members to promote

their brands through sport participation and exchange programs internationally – we are only scratching the surface in this area.

Members Services

Change is not successfully achieved without the participation, engagement and support of the membership – put simply, we could not have achieved this without you. With such a major organisational focus on driving change (beginning back in 2015 with the creation of Strategy 2020) it is a likely reality that the level of member servicing has slipped, particularly over the past 18 months. On the positive side, peak body and member interaction has been extensive during this period.

It is time to refocus on building benefits and services to members. Collectively, we have become good at articulating and to a degree, selling the value of sport and higher education nationally and on campus. Our messaging needs to get better, stronger and be supported by a more compelling evidence base. The benefits of membership to UniSport are many, but they can improve. It is comforting to know that our board and my successor see this area as needing renewed attention.

Ongoing Evolution of UniSport

The Aon Women's 7's Uni-League enters its 3rd year in 2019. Talks are continuing with the NBL about launching a University Basketball League in 2020. A robust future for university sport does not simply rest with a revised Nationals format. The university sport sector will have increasing importance and relevance to a national sport program that is frankly experiencing a bit of a recession. There is opportunity for university sport to make a difference, and grow internationally, nationally, regionally and on campuses, providing that we pick our marks strategically.

All the while, UniSport must evolve to be an effective influencer beyond sport. Focusing on areas such as health and wellbeing, driving more effective advocacy for the sector both nationally and on campus, while increasing profile and relevance – this is no small challenge.

With Thanks

I owe thanks to so many, although I single no one out for fear of missing someone; there are simply too many to thank, so I will briefly generalise. I thank:

- Our wonderfully supportive Chairpersons, and Board Directors past and present.
- Our membership, and the many hardworking campus based individuals I have grown close to over the years. I have always been able to lean on you for wise counsel and opinion when needed.
- Our wonderful government and corporate partners who have remained so supportive of us during our change journey, in particular Sport Australia, Tourism and Events Queensland The City of Gold Coast and UniBank.
- AUS/UniSport staff have been a rock – so very willing to take on challenges and execute against goals. Without such a mature management staff, we would not have been able to drive transformational change.
- Our loyal and enthusiastic army of interns and volunteers, who enable us to deliver at the scale that we do.

There is a long list of stakeholders and partners that I am still in the process of thanking.

Very best wishes for the future of university sport,

Don Knapp

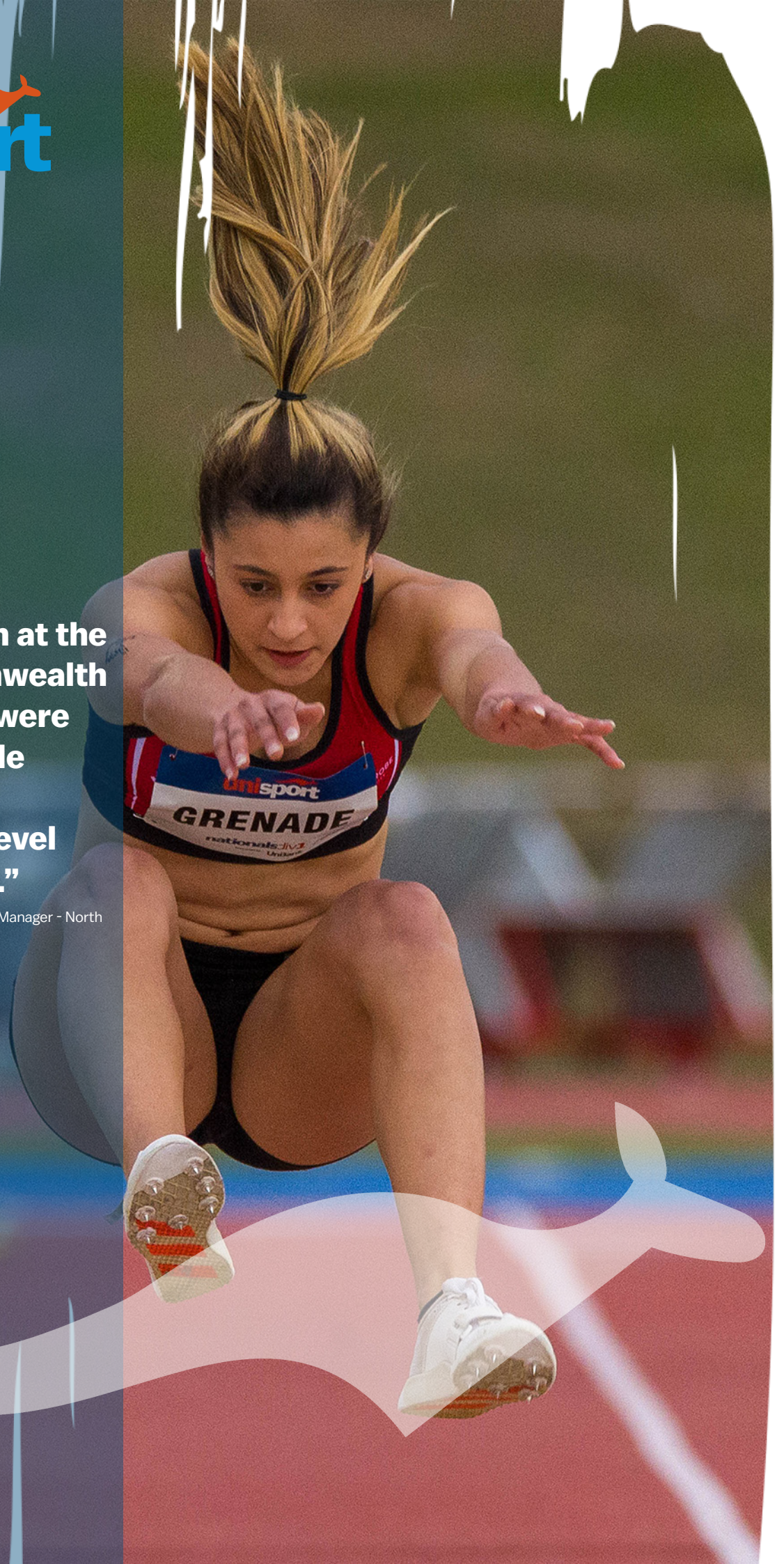
Chief Executive Officer
(2007-2018)





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Nick Such, Regional Development Manager - North



Regional Report

West

Through a combination of operational and sporting achievements, 2018 was a productive and exciting year for the West. There were some outstanding personal achievements as well as inter campus development programs and scholarships up for grabs. Highlights from 2018 include:

The University of Western Australia (UWA) launched two Sport Excellence Scholarships totalling \$60,000, in conjunction with 12 accommodation sponsorships totalling \$105,000. UWA acquired the Australian license for the Man v Fat program launch, a UK based initiative targeted at overweight and obese men who participate in a competitive soccer tournament, gaining competition points through winning games and losing weight. UWA were also crowned the Western University Champions.

The University of Notre Dame Australia (NDA) At Nationals in 2018, NDA fielded their highest number of elite athletes (six in total) where they consequently won a record 10 medals – five gold, two silver and three bronze. Team captain Tommaso D'Orsogna (Doctor of Medicine) broke the UniSport record in the 100m men's freestyle swimming event.

Edith Cowan University (ECU) launched a significant governance review for sport in 2018. Following a four year hiatus, the management of university sport on campus was transferred from Student Services back to the ECU Sports Department. ECU are now looking forward to building the program again in 2019.

Curtin University (CU) really shone in 2018 both with the development of programs on campus and significant achievements of clubs and student athletes. Curtin Rams Rugby Union club affiliated to Curtin University Rugby club in 2018, is the first all inclusive LGBTQI rugby club in WA and one of only four in Australia. Furthermore, Curtin Wesley Tigers AFL club fielded a women's team for the first time in the WA Amateur Female competition – going the entire regular season undefeated. Capping of a great 2018, 12 Curtin University students medalled for Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.



Regional Report

North

The North region has seen significant development in facilities, programs and stakeholder engagement, drastically changing the structure and positively contributing to the growth of sport in general. With major representation at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, there were some incredible domestic and international level performances.

North member universities engaged with on campus sessions dedicated to Be The Influence and the Australian Sports Anti Doping Agency along with some great efforts in the development of club programs, social sport and intervarsity events. The Australian Rogaining Championships received the first Endorsed Event status in the North under UniSport's new sanctioning structure.

Highlights for members in 2018 include:

Australian Catholic University (ACU) in partnership with University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) and University of Southern Queensland (USQ) successfully developed the City v County v Coast Intersivity Clash. Congratulations to Paige Parker (Bachelor of Education) who was drafted by the Brisbane Lions AFLW side.

Bond University (BOND) regained the Per Capita trophy for the North region and also nationally at the inaugural UniSport Nationals, securing the award for the seventh time in ten years. Students Alex Graham (Bachelor of Sports Management), Elijah Winnington (Bachelor of Business) and Maddie Groves (Bachelor of Law) all secured gold, silver and bronze medals at the Commonwealth Games with Laura Taylor (Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science) adding a silver to the haul.

Central Queensland University (CQU) was crowned Men's Touch Football champions for the second consecutive year. Development of the Mackay Regional Sports Precinct is progressing with stages 1A and 1B complete and open for business. Known as the Mackay Aquatic and Recreation Complex, this \$23.9 million facility is located at CQU Mackay's Ooralea campus. The Mackay ARC was made possible by funding from Mackay Regional Council and the Federal Government through the Building our Future Fund, and provision of land by CQU.

Griffith University (GU) had 24 students and 12 alumni compete at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, winning 24 gold, seven silver and 10 bronze medals. Representatives included gold medal winners, Emma McKeon (Bachelor of Public Health), Cam McEvoy (Bachelor of Science, Advanced Honours), Domonic Bedggood (Bachelor of Exercise Science), Madison de Rozario (Bachelor of Business) and Matt Hauser (Bachelor of Business). GU Intersivity Bowl was established in 2018 with North members challenging in sports such as netball, basketball, volleyball and touch. USC and GU were named joint winners on round count back.

James Cook University (JCU) continues to improve the sport and recreation opportunities for student members with the inclusion of inter faculty, inter college and social sport on campus. In 2018, JCU partnered with UniSport to develop a Sport and Recreation Development plan to further improve these opportunities, resources and networks. James Cook University Student Association (JCUSA) were proud



to introduce JCU's newest, and first inclusive sport, Goalball. JCUSA formed a partnership with The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association Townsville regional office to deliver a 10 Week Goalball competition on campus, from the JCUSA Fitness centre in Townsville.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) opened the QUT eSports arena and announced Australia's first university scholarships for eSports athletes. QUT Sport with collaboration from the Exercise & Nutrition Science faculty engaged 373 students, alumni and staff to contest the annual QUT Games in 2018 across eight different sports. QUT also featured 17 elite athletes who represented Australian universities at the various World University Championships in 2018.

Southern Cross University (SCU) again reinforced its dominance as the Number 1 surfing university in Australia, taking out their sixth overall national championship in this sport over the past eight years.

The University of New England (UNE) Sports Academy was established in mid-2018 as a high performance pathway for competitive athletes choosing to complete their studies at UNE. Former Sydney Swans coach Matt Pine has been recruited as the strength and conditioning coach to provide one-on-one support. In year one, 14 student-athletes from eight different sports received a membership into the Academy.

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) was the host venue for the Australian Quidditch Championship, attracting over 20 teams and 400 competitors largely from university based clubs. 2018 also continued the universities connection to professional sport with the Sunshine Coast Lightning taking back to back Suncorp Super Netball titles and USC establishing a relationship with the Brisbane Bullets as the official university partner.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) successfully hosted the Clay Court Tennis invitational attended by three other members. This event will continue in 2019 under a new look format with the support of Tennis Queensland.

The University of Queensland (UQ) was crowned the 2018 UniSport National overall champions following impressive displays across all UniSport events, clinching a total of nine pennants. A total of 535 UQ student-athletes competed at 2018 UniSport Nationals events. This achievement continues UQ's rapid improvement and demonstrates their commitment to the growth and support of student sport. UQ students and alumni combined to win 12 medals at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Australian Commonwealth Games middle-distance runners and UQ graduates Jordan Williamsz and Zoe Buckman headlined the UQ Sport 1500m Classic. This is an annual event held at the UQ Sport Athletic Centre.



Regional Report

East

It was both a productive and successful year for the East region and our members who have many achievements to reflect on from 2018. There were some tremendous domestic and international performances, along with some great efforts in the development of club programs, social sport and intervarsity events.

Highlights for 2018 include:

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) sent a sizable team to UniSport Nationals Div 1 including men's and women's AFL, men's and women's rowing, women's rugby, sailing, squash, as well as athletes who participated in athletics, taekwondo and judo.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) had some great results at UniSport Nationals events including a fourth in the Div 1 men's rugby 7's, silvers in the Div 1 women's softball and water polo, and silvers in the Div 2 women's netball and touch. ACU also took out their annual 'Holy Grail' intervarsity clash with The University of Notre Dame (NDA), whilst having several student athletes represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games and other world events throughout the year.

Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE) successfully created and implemented a variety of social sport opportunities that led to an increase in overall student participation levels on campus, with significant growth in female participation. There was also a higher level of engagement with sporting industry and professional partners providing unique career and networking opportunities for ACPE students. ACPE also took out silver at the cheer and dance UniSport Nationals Div 1.

The Australian National University (ANU) had a memorable 2018 winning two National Championships in Div 1 and one in Div 2, taking out the Snow Nationals Spirit of the Mountain. International success was celebrated with

Jilly Roberts (Bachelor of Commerce and Science) and Cara Grzeskowiak (Bachelor of Science and Economics) winning silver medals in rowing at the World University Championships (WUC) in China. Student athlete Angus Anderson (Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Science) won the Defence Force Recruiting Leadership winner for the East region.

Avondale College (AVON) enjoyed their first experience at the UniSport Nationals Div 2 event bringing a men's basketball, men's and women's futsal, a men's and women's touch, and women's volleyball team. The women's volleyball team finished fourth out of 15 teams; a result AVON are very proud of.

Charles Sturt University (CSU) were delighted to take out the inaugural UniSport Nationals Div 2 Tom O'Sullivan Spirit Trophy in 2018. On the international scene Liam Magennis (Bachelor of Applied Science, Environmental Science) took home gold and bronze medals at the cycling WUC, and Karlee McCulloch (Bachelor of Education) claimed two gold medals both at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and the World Track Cycling Championships.

International College of Management Sydney (ICMS) had great representation at UniSport Nationals Div 2, sending a women's basketball, men's futsal, and mixed touch team to the event, with the men's futsal team finishing just outside the medals in fourth position.

Macquarie University (MQU) celebrated success stories with both their women's softball and men's 3x3 basketball teams winning back to back with the Nationals Championships, with the 3x3 basketball team progressing to China and the World University League as they did in 2017. Congratulations to Kiana Elliott (Bachelor of Advanced Science, Biology) who was successful at the WUC weightlifting event in Poland, coming away with a silver and two bronze medals.



The University of Newcastle (UON) celebrated a third overall placing at the Indigenous Nationals. Congratulations to Jordan Black (Bachelor of Business Administration) from UON on being crowned the Men's Snowboard Slopestyle Champion. On the international scene Layne Morgan (Bachelor of Food Science and Human Nutrition) and Joseph Crawford (Bachelor of Construction Management) took home silver medals at the Rugby 7s WUC.

UNSW Sydney (UNSW) took out the overall champions title at Uniport Nationals Snow for the third year in a row. UNSW also claimed six pennants across the year including the League of Legends and finished in the top five of the Nationals pennant tally. Their women's water polo team took out the 2018 National League title, and four UNSW students were part of the gold medal winning open sailing team at the WUC.

The University of Sydney (USYD) sent a record 19 student-athletes to the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast and claimed a total of seven medals (three gold, three silver and one bronze). The Sydney Uni Boat Club dominated both the Australian and university 2018 rowing event calendar winning the National Championships (overall pointscore champions), UniSport Nationals (men's, women's and overall) and the Australian Boat Race. Their women's soccer team qualified for the 2019 FISU World Cup in China after placing first at the UniSport Nationals Div 1 competition – taking home an impressive eight pennants across the UniSport Nationals event calendar to finish 2nd overall.

University of Canberra (UC) had a 200 strong team participate in 15 sports in their annual Intersports event against ANU. They also hosted the second round of the Aon women's uni 7s, with the team finishing sixth overall amongst a fiercely competitive 10 team competition. On the international scene, student-athlete Diandra Martin (Bachelor of Health) took out gold in the 63kg Muay Thai event at the WUC, with Thomas Ashmore (Bachelor of Business Administration and Management) winning silver at the Shooting WUC.

The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) claimed a historic number of top three placings across the UniSport Nationals calendar with five pennants, 14 silvers and seven bronze for the year. UTS were proud to come away with two 'underdog' pennants with their T20 cricket team overcoming the weather and their Sydney rivals to take out gold, and their sailing team beating the competition favorites on the final day to come home with the pennant.

The University of Notre Dame (NDA) took part in their annual 'Holy Grail' clash against ACU and despite a formidable fight and enjoyable experience for all, were not able to come away with the win. They did reach a notable third place in the UniSport Nationals Div 1 women's volleyball.

University of Wollongong (UOW) were winners of the men's football at the UniSport Nationals Div 1 which qualified them for the 2019 FISU World Cup in China. UOW took part in their annual Clash of Sports against Western Sydney University with close to 150 student-athletes participating in nine sports. They were delighted to claim the winners title for the second year running.

Western Sydney University (WS) had some great performances at the 2018 UniSport Nationals including a gold medal in the men's Div 2 touch, silver medals in the Div 2 women's water polo, women's tennis and men's futsal, and a very respectable bronze medal in the Div 1 men's touch. On the international scene Olivia Brooks (Bachelor of Communications) took home a silver medal as part of the team at the Rugby 7s WUC.

Regional Report

South



The South region overall reached new levels of student engagement through intervarsity and social sport competitions, through collaboration between institutions, working with UniSport and external stakeholders.

The South Region endorsed several intervarsity competitions throughout the year. These included: Intersport table tennis and badminton, dodgeball, mixed ultimate and basketball competitions. UniSport also endorsed the SA Challenge, Varsity Challenge and UniLax Lacrosse League.

There were several significant achievements across the region:

Deakin University (DEAK) won the UniSport Australia Community Leadership Award – Alcohol Culture Change Project. This project is a collaboration between the Deakin University Dragons, the Deakin University Alcohol Culture Change Project and VicHealth to actively engage in strategies to change the drinking culture of representative sporting teams. Facility upgrades continued at the Burwood campus to benefit all students.

Federation University Australia (FED) were crowned UniSport Australia Team of the Year as well as having their men's AFL team winning back to back titles. The team are also a constant leader and provider of support on campus by encouraging students to participate in football and other sports.

University of Melbourne (MELB) Sport's acclaimed program, Raising the Bar, was a finalist in the VicSport La Trobe University Peter Norman Inclusion Award. Congratulations to Asha Steer (Bachelor of Environments) who won Unisport Australia's Indigenous Athlete of the Year. Congratulations also to Jemima Montag (Bachelor of Science), VicSport's Young Athlete of the Year finalist and Female Athlete of the Year finalist. Finally, congratulations to Lucy Stephan (Bachelor of Arts - Sociology and Media), VicSport's Female Athlete of the Year finalist. MELB was also crowned the John Campbell overall south champions (eight pennants) closely followed by Monash University (seven pennants). UniSport congratulates MELB on becoming the first tertiary institution to become signatory to ACON's Pride in Sport inclusion program. The program encourages participation and facilitates greater inclusion of the LGBTIQ+ cohort through an enhanced student experience.

Victoria University (VU) student Sergei Evglevski (Bachelor of Business) took home a gold medal at the WUC Shooting Championships. Sergei then capped this off by winning a silver medal in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Late in the year, VU released their 2019 – 2023 Sports Strategy, 'from grassroots to elite' which aims to leverage their current excellence in sport, to continue to grow VU's profile and reputation as a leading global university in the field of sport, from grassroots to elite.

Monash University (MON) completed their City in Motion 2018 program along with the Monash City Council to advocate and provide sport and recreation opportunities to students and the community within the council precinct, including raising money for the MS Society. Internationally, MON dance teams won three silver medals at the WUC cheerleading competition, culminating them being named as the highest ranked institution in Asia based on FISU results. Significant capital works commenced on their Clayton campus to develop the sports precinct, including new synthetic pitches.

La Trobe University (LTU) completed Stage 1 of their Sports Park which included construction of a new pavilion, AFL oval and a FIFA synthetic soccer pitch. LTU were also crowned the South Per Capita champions. In 2018, LTU's elite athlete program continued to grow with more than 100 athletes participating. LTU renewed their partnership with Carlton Football Club with increased student experiences including: internships, research and game day opportunities, as well as access to the Club's specialist facilities. The Club will also bring its presence to the new La Trobe Sports Park, with their VFLW and AFLW teams scheduled to train there in 2019.

Torrens University Australia (TUA) became the 43rd member of UniSport Australia late in 2018. They are a multiple campus institution with their main campus located in Adelaide, South Australia. TUA embraced the UniSport Nationals concept participating in the AFL men's competition. UniSport Australia is looking forward to working with TUA in 2019 to increase the student experience with sport across all campuses.

RMIT University (RMIT) successfully hosted the UniSport Nationals 3x3 championships in the iconic A'Beckett Square in the centre of Melbourne.



It was a fantastic blend of competitive basketballers vying for a national championship and a berth in the FISU 3x3 World University League competition and student experience activities created a wonderful atmosphere.

A'Beckett Square also was the focal point of a very successful social sport and varsity program for students throughout the year, giving RMIT sport a strong brand presence on campus RMIT capped off a successful 2018 with winning the Nationals Div 1 Spirit Award.

Flinders University (FU) finalised a comprehensive 12 month review which resulted in a rebrand from FlindersOne to Flinders University Sport and Fitness to further align with the university. FU introduced several new initiatives to their team captains and participants of UniSport Nationals. UniSport conducted the Be The Influence program at FU in 2018 for all participants in preparation for Nationals. A 2nd place finish at the Div 2 women's volleyball highlighted several significant performances by FU in 2018, particularly by the following FU scholarship athletes:

- Fern Davies (Bachelor of Exercise Science) 33rd at World University Triathlon Championships.
- Holly Takos (Bachelor of Criminology) National Champion at the Elite Women's Team Sprint National Track Cycling Championships.
- Riley Cocks, (Master of Physiotherapy) 2nd at the National Cross Country Championships.
- Amelia Griffin (Bachelor of Speech Pathology) and Wayne Tuong (Bachelor of Exercise Science) both achieved silver at the Australian National Taekwondo Championships.

Swinburne University of Technology (SUT) highlight of the year was a silver medal for the men's basketball team at Nationals Div 2 and promotion to Div 1 in 2019. With UniSport support, SUT students took a lead role in the management of the Victorian Intersarsity Table Tennis Championships which over 100 student-athletes competed in. Planning has also commenced SUT to create a eSports lab on campus to be functional in 2019.

The University of South Australia (UniSA) 2018 was a year of significant growth and achievement for sport at UniSA. They produced three athletes who won Commonwealth Games gold with a further three student athletes competing at WUCs.

27 student athletes received financial support, eight of whom represented Australia in their chosen sport and a number of whom contributed to eight medals won at UniSport Nationals.

UniSA welcomed five new clubs during 2018 which now brings UniSA to 28 endorsed and affiliated clubs. UniSA also opened its flagship sports facility.

The University of Adelaide (UA) regained the SA Challenge in competition between UniSA and FU, winning five of the nine pennants available (tennis, lacrosse, squash, ultimate and netball). Student Thomas Clarke (Bachelor of Media and Marketing) piloted Bradley Henderson to Australia's first Paraspport medal of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games with a bronze in the men's tandem 1000m time trial. James McKechnie (Bachelor of Engineering) finished 5th in the final of the 50m breaststroke. Sophie Edwards (Bachelor of Health and Medical Science (Advanced)) also won Bronze UCI Junior Track Jnr World Championships.

University of Tasmania (UTAS) strategic partnerships with state sporting organisations was a priority in 2018. Work was done with six organisations (AFL, basketball, cricket, futsal, netball and rugby) to enhance the student experience and participation on campus. UTAS staff also focused on raising awareness of the university's elite athlete program in schools as a legitimate pathway for aspiring student-athletes. A five million dollar investment into facility improvements for the cricket and football clubs in Hobart was made. UTAS competed in the Aon 7's competition with distinction, also hosting the first round of competition.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) 'The Track' the home of sport, health and wellbeing on the Melbourne campus recorded over 10,000 visits during 2018. The Track is a vibrant hub where students and the ACU community can get involved in club activations, sport or skill challenges, have a hit of table tennis, indulge in a healthy breakfast, or catch the latest game on the big screen. The space fosters a warm welcoming environment where students can connect, form friendships, network and access information on sport clubs, social sport, fitness classes and community events.



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Don Knapp, CEO - UniSport



Commercial Report

Marketing and Special Events

March 2018: Launch of UniSport

Australian University Sport officially became UniSport Australia on 20 March 2018 with a multi-media event hosted at UTS by VC Professor Attila Brungs and attended by student-athletes, member universities, Olympians, national and state sport organisations, Australian Institute of Sport both live and via livestream.

This was the opportunity for UniSport to present not only our new brand, but our new approach to events and the Nationals sport program. CEO Don Knapp presented research showing the positive contribution that sport makes during student's education as well as the links between investment in student-athletes and performance at elite level events such as the Olympics and World University Games.

The new brand identity was unveiled via a dramatic video relay that started in Perth, made its way to Brisbane, then onto Ballarat and finished with a live flourish at UTS' Ross Milbourne Sports Hall.

Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 Ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies were held for Nationals Div 1 and Div 2. These events included a Welcome to Country and the reading of the Athlete, Volunteer and Officials Oaths.

NSO and SSO representatives, Government and commercial partners, athletes, university team managers and team captains were invited to represent their universities at these functions. Closing presentations were held at the conclusion of Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 acknowledging Spirit Trophy Winners.

Broadcasting Program

For the first time in UniSport history we embarked on livestreaming and TV coverage with the creation of 5 x 90-minute programs that were broadcast on Fox Sports.

This was a reflection on the growing professionalisation of the events we run, the role these events play in developing student-athlete pathways, and the increased profile our flagship events are attracting.

Both Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 were live streamed via the UniSport website and Facebook for two full days (Thursday 5 July and Thursday 27 September).

These programs remain available to download via the UniSport website, which means that audience numbers will continue to grow.

Live Streaming	Div 2	Div 1	Total
Facebook Views	12,006	12,700	24,706
Facebook Reach	44,962	37,353	82,315
Website	8,519	3,491	12,010
Total livestream views excluding Facebook reach	20,525	16,191	36,716

Social Media

Driving engagement and interaction with UniSport via our social channels was an ongoing focus for UniSport marketing in 2018. Facebook alone saw a 62% increase in reach and a 38% increase in impressions compared to 2017.

Unique video views on Facebook hit 122,398, exceeding 100,000 for the second year running. Twitter also recorded a 122% increase on engagements year on year, suggesting the activity we post is relevant and timely to our audience. Instagram saw an uplift of over 5% in new followers, serving over one million impressions in 2018. On average, our Instagram posts reached 817 people daily with our most successful post reaching 2,332 people and attracting 127 total engagements.

Platform	Measurement	2018	2017
Facebook	Followers	34,960	32,793
	New Followers	2,167	2,320
	Impressions	3,582,948	2,600,000
	Reach	1,620,114	1,000,000
	Total Engagements	81,280	82,707
	Unique Video Views	122,398	106,733
	Website Click Throughs	1,617	NA
Twitter	Followers	2,793	2,702
	Impressions	331,989	173,758
	Engagements	4,345	1,952
Instagram	Clicks	843	1,200
	Followers	5,503	5,198
	New Followers	305	NA
	Impressions	1,171,240	NA
	Average Daily Reach	817	NA
YouTube	Subscribers	482	454
Website	Visits	390,666	203,481
	Visits Per Page	2.2	2.0
	Return Rate	50%	38%
	Unique Views	321,464	NA

Website

Web traffic was steady throughout 2018 with our social strategy driving our audience to the UniSport landing page. We saw an additional 1,617 clicks through to the website from our Facebook organic social postings – a solid result. Throughout the year, a total of 90,965 users visited the UniSport website, creating 182,682 sessions contributing to 393,211 page views. Of these sessions created, 50% of these were returning visitors, another strong indicator that our audience is actively engaging with our content. As expected, website traffic organically spiked from June to September with the UniSport Nationals Div 2 and Div 1 competitions respectively.





Commercial Partnerships

UniSport was thrilled to announce that UniBank increased their support to become presenting partner of the Nationals Div 1 and Div 2.

We really appreciate UniBank's support for the new Nationals format and their belief in UniSport's change agenda. UniBank's enthusiastic involvement included the introduction of a Leadership Forum, held for University Team Captains, as well as the fun challenge of Frispig (a super sized money bank that participants tried to shoot frisbees into).

From the post Div 1 survey an impressive 68% of participants reported awareness of UniBank as a sponsor.

In November 2018 we were delighted to welcome BP Australia as our newest presenting partner. BP will be working with UniSport to present the Indigenous Nationals which in 2019 will be hosted by UWA in Perth. Also through this partnership, BP Australia will present two \$5,000 scholarships to the most promising Indigenous student-athletes.

BP Scholarship recipients will also be offered mentoring and professional development opportunities.

In addition, UniSport worked with four major partners: Defence Force Recruiting, My Health Record, Bulk Nutrients and CPA Australia.

For each partner we collaborated to create a unique range of partnership benefits, including opportunities to engage with our members and students at events and via the UniSport range of digital assets.

Our supporting partners were: Stay Oz, Virgin Australia, Mt Buller, JanSport, Beyond Blue and Kukri who provided a generous range of in-kind support and opportunities for UniSport.

We sincerely thank all our partners and look forward to building on our commercial offering in 2019, increasing the opportunities to build mutually rewarding partnerships with the corporate sector.





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Donna Spethman, General Manager - Member Services



Career Pathway Program

UniSport continues to advance our career pathway program. The program offers professional development to our members, opportunities for staff, interns and volunteers as well as leadership workshops for students competing at UniSport events.

Member Development

UniSport provided a number of funding grants to Sport Delivery Agents in 2018. These included:

- \$2,000 to ACU for travel assistance to their staff member who was visiting the United Kingdom to tour universities and sport entities to further learn about programs relating to elite athlete wellbeing.
- \$500 to assist with travel costs for a staff member working in Elite Athlete Development from UQ to attend the Australian Institute of Sport Wellbeing Summit in Canberra.
- \$500 to assist with travel costs for a manager from UWA to attend the National Sports Convention in Melbourne.

There were also international competition opportunities for members during 2018. These included:

- Member representatives from MELB, FED and UTS, attended the Pac 12 Summit in California. They also visited a number of universities within the Pac 12 conference region (East Coast USA).
- GU and QUT men's and women's basketball teams competed against the National Taiwan Sports University (men) and Chinese Culture University (women) during their tour to the Brisbane region (from Chinese Taipei). BOND also hosted both teams for a training session between games.
- DEAK, LTU, MON, RMIT and MELB hosted visits from a delegation of university sports directors from eight different universities within Chinese Taipei. This tour enabled shared learning and connections for future collaboration between universities in Australia and Chinese Taipei.
- Representatives from BOND and UTS participated in a tour of the Portugal Sports Foundation High Performance Centre in Lisbon, Portugal.

Student leadership opportunities

UniSport continues to offer leadership opportunities for student-athletes both domestically and internationally.

- CSU student Meaghan Kempson (Bachelor of Education – Health and Physical Education) was selected to represent UniSport at the FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy in Kazan, Russia. The week long activities, workshops and presentations united student leaders from over 92 countries. The forum enables student leaders to interact, learn and share ideas in the areas of sport volunteering, sport delivery and how to further the university sport movement on their campuses.

- UWA student Desiree Tan (Bachelor of Commerce/Marketing & Political Science) was appointed as UniSport's student representative to the FISU Forum, held in Krasnoyarsk Siberia (Russia). Desiree participated in Forum activities and workshops along with UniSport's Winter Universiade Chef de Mission and UniSport's Elite Student-Athlete Pathway Manager (who was presenting at the Forum).

- Student Leadership Forums were held as a part of Nationals Div 1 and Div 2. These leadership forums were hosted by UniBank and provided student university team captains the opportunity to learn within a networking environment whilst celebrating the start of their team's competition at Nationals Div 1 or Div 2. Topics covered during these forums included employability and leadership.

UniSport's commitment to leadership and career development has also seen our website expand to include positions available, career advice and resources to assist students in advancing their careers.

Staff Development

UniSport continues to invest in our staff, hosting two professional development/staff training days (February and November). These sessions enable all staff the chance to collaborate, strategise and reflect on UniSport success and work for continual improvement. Staff also undertake annual online training in anti-doping, customer service and workplace health and safety.

UniSport National Conference

The annual UniSport National Conference was held from 21-23 May on the Gold Coast, attracting over 150 delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Oceania and Asia. The conference provided a platform to share ideas and hold discussions around issues that impact the university sport sector.

Regional Conferences

A number of conferences and workshops were held in the South region. These provided students and staff with opportunities to build their capacity on campus. This included:

- Adelaide Clubs Conference – student focused, highlighted by a presentation by Andrew Fagan, CEO Adelaide Crows.
- South Clubs Conference – presented for university students that are managing clubs on campus
- South Club Officer Workshop – networking and collaboration of ideas by university club officers
- Managing Teams on Tour workshop presented by Leading Teams to University Team Managers

Be the Influence Team Leader Program

UniSports Be The Influence Team Leader Program (BTI) was overhauled in 2018 to reflect the impact social media has on future employability and personal brand. The program was delivered at QUT, UTAS, FU, UniSA, AU and UWA.

In addition, the program was delivered in Melbourne, Canberra and Perth where student representatives from multiple universities attended a larger group workshop. In total over 1,000 students have completed the BTI program since its inception in 2013.

Internships

UniSport is committed to building not only sport pathways, but career pathways in sports management through our intern and volunteering program. Over 30 interns worked with UniSport in the areas of sponsorship, marketing, high performance and events. All internship roles are advertised via the UniSport website, and intern roles are appointed following an interview process. Interns usually require a commitment of one day per week for the period of the internship, and roles are filled with students and non students wanting to increase their practical working experience.

UniSport recognises that our interns donate their time to complete their role so to add value to their experience we have now implemented a program that provides interns with advice and in the areas of CV writing, LinkedIn profiling, applying for jobs and interview techniques.

Volunteer Program

Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 engaged over 180 volunteers to assist in the delivery of these newly formatted events. Having two events on the Gold Coast in the same year saw a 29% retention of volunteers from Div 2 to Div 1 events.

This retention meant we were working with experienced volunteers who, in turn were able to increase their skills -taking on team leader roles for Div 1. The internship and volunteer programs are managed by UniSport's Volunteer Coordinator who uses a nine point volunteer management plan.

Volunteers and interns are integral to the delivery of UniSport events and we value their involvement highly. With thorough review and evaluation processes we will ensure that the program continues to grow and meet expectations for those involved.



NSO and SSO Partnership Report

In 2018 UniSport began a process with national and state sporting organisations (NSO's and SSO's) to align NSO programs with the newly launched Nationals product. A memorandum of understanding was developed that referenced sanctioning of the program as national championship and technical support.

Coupled with this, the agreement also referenced NSO and SSO support for the UniSport international program and the Australian Masters Games. Great success was achieved in the first year, and agreements were signed with:

Athletics Australia and Athletics NSW, Swimming Australia and Swimming NSW, Cycling Australia, Ultimate Australia, Cheerleading, Golf Australia and Rugby Australia.

Significant discussions and planning will continue with more sporting organisations in 2019. There are some exciting initiatives in the areas of leagues and differing competition structures that UniSport looks forward to developing with our members.

UniSport Challenge

In 2018, UniSport partnered with Spartan Australia to create the UniSport Challenge; a three kilometre obstacle course race hosted on campus at Macquarie University, New South Wales.

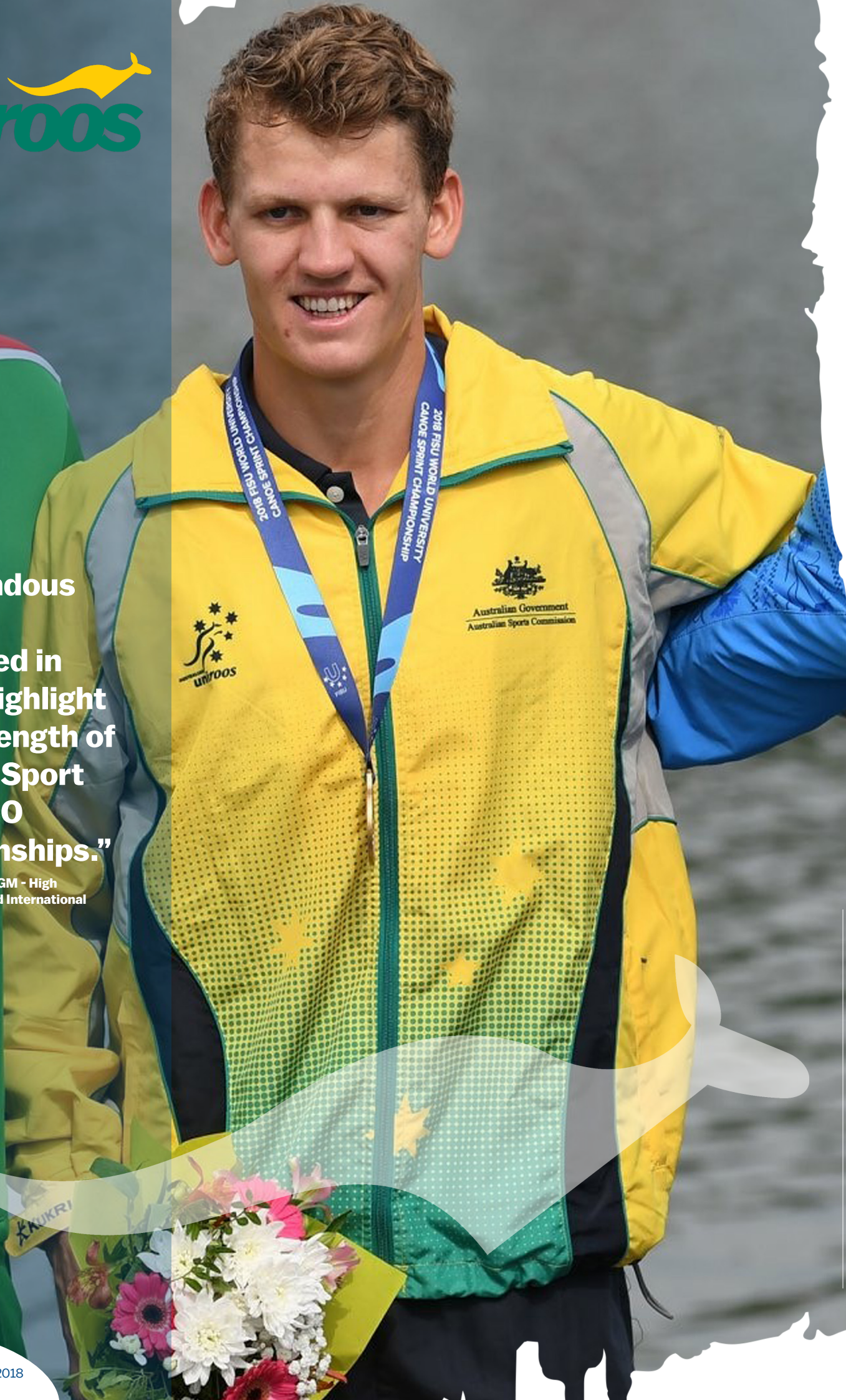
Unlike other UniSport events, the UniSport Challenge was open to students, staff, alumni and the general community to participate. Approximately 200 participants stepped up to the challenge and experienced the sport of obstacle course racing.





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Siobhan James, GM - High Performance and International Programs



High Performance and International Program Report

In 2018, Australia was represented by 233 student-athletes and staff participating in a range of both high performance and international events.

UniSport Australia has continued its close collaboration with national sporting organisations (NSO) to align participation in World University Championships (WUCs) with the NSO international calendar. To focus on athletes with the potential to claim a top ten finish, UniSport identify events that complement the NSO international program and provide an opportunity for AIS categorised athletes to compete in an international standard university sport event.

Australia participated in a number of WUC events for the first time in 2018 including Modern Pentathlon, Cheerleading, Muay Thai, Wushu and Baseball.

The tremendous results achieved in 2018 highlight the strength of the UniSport and NSO relationships as well as the emphasis on sending teams that have the ability to excel at an international level, whilst also providing a development opportunity for those athletes in high performance pathways. Pleasingly the growth in this WUC year has seen the number of athletes representing Australia double and medals won also increase significantly from 12 to 21 since the last WUC cycle.

At the end of 2018, the largest number of Australian student-athletes and officials (233) represented by 27 members, competed in 21 World University Championships, 1 World University League and 1 national championship across 17 countries bringing home our largest haul of medals, 21, in a WUC year. For a full list of medallists visit www.unisport.com.au/wuc-results.

Other Representative Events

In addition to the WUCs, and as a result of their 1st place result at the 2018 3x3 Big Hustle – MON and MQU won the right to represent Oceania and Australia at the World University 3x3 Basketball League, held in Xiamen, China from 15-18 November. Each team consisted of four student-athletes with MON finishing 16th in the womens division and MQU finishing 14th in the mens division. UniSport was also invited to field a team in the National Senior Rugby 7s Championship. The National Universities team consisted of 12 student-athletes from six members and placed 11th in the event held at Ballymore, Brisbane from 6-9 December 2018.

WUC Medal Winners

Gold	Canoe Sprint – Men’s K1 1000m & Men’s K1 500m
	Cycling – Men’s Time Trial
	Muay Thai – Women’s -63kg
	Sailing - Open
	Shooting - Men’s 25m Rapid Fire
Silver	Cheerleading – Team POM, Team Hip Hop & Team Jazz
	Karate – Men’s 84kg
	Rowing - Women’s Lightweight Doubles & Women’s Single Scull
	Rugby 7’s – Men & Women
	Shooting - Men’s 25m Rapid Fire Team
Bronze	Weightlifting - Women’s 63kg Snatch
	Canoe Sprint - Men’s K1 200m
	Cross Country – Mixed Relay
	Cycling – Men’s Road Race
	Orienteering - Men’s Sprint
Weightlifting - Women’s 63kg Clean & Jerk & Women’s 63kg Overall	

Members Represented at 2018 WUCs

Member	Badminton	Baseball	Beach Volleyball	Canoe Sprint	Cheer	Cross Country	Cycling	Golf	Karate	Modern Pentathlon	Muaythai	Orienteering	Rowing	Rugby 7's (Men)	Rugby 7's (Women)	Sailing	Shooting	Sport Climbing	Squash	Triathlon	Weight Lifting	Wushu	Total	
ACU		2					1		1			1	1		2				1					9
ANU												1	2											3
AU			1									2	1											4
BOND				1																2				3
CSU							1																	1
CU									1							1						1		3
DEAK	1					1						1	2											5
FED							1																	1
FU			2			1											1			1				5
GU	1	4										1	2	5	4									17
LTU	1					1																		2
MELB	1					1	3		3			2		1										11
MON					41				2	1		1	2											47
MQU														1								1		2
Other						1						1									1			3
QUT		9				1			1					1					1		3			16
RMIT	1						2	1	1															5
UC									1		1						1							3
UniSA			1			1									2									4
UNSW Sydney	2							1	1			2				4								10
UON														1	1				1					3
UQ						1												1	2					4
USYD	1			1		3			1					2										8
UTAS													1				1							2
UTS						1								1	2									4
UWA																3				1		3		7
VU																	1							1
WS															1						1			2
Total	8	15	4	2	41	12	8	2	12	1	1	12	11	12	12	8	4	1	5	5	5	4		185

For full team lists for each WUC visit www.unisport.com.au/uniroos-international-events.

All medallists have been added to the UniSport Honour Roll. Congratulations to The University of Sydney's Simon McTavish (Canoe Sprint), Charles Sturt University's Liam Magennis (Cycling) and Victoria University's Sergei Evglevski (Shooting) who were inducted to the UniSport Australia Honour Roll as Champions after their multi-medal winning efforts.

Elite Student-Athlete Research

In 2018 UniSport, in conjunction with GU and USC, led research to examine the elite student-athlete program experience in Australia. The aim of the research was to develop a greater understanding of the impact and satisfaction levels of elite student-athletes with their university programs. Such an investigation has not previously occurred and this work is important in shaping future directions of elite student-athlete programs in Australia.

The research consisted of an online survey distributed by universities to their students who receive elite student-athlete support. The survey examined general demographics (eg sport, course type), satisfaction ratings, importance ratings, impact ratings as well as factors influencing university choice.

In total, 867 elite student-athletes from 27 universities completed the survey. The key findings were:

- Over 80% of respondents were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with their university support.
- Health (38%), Business & Management (18%) & Education (10%) were the most popular areas of study.
- Full-time (83%) and on-campus study (88%) options were the preferred study options.
- 84% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed' that studying negatively impacted their sporting performance.
- 71% 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' that being part of a university's elite student-athlete program has positively impacted their general health and wellbeing.
- Financial support was the most influential factor in considering a university although quality and range of supporting services is also highly rated.

A full industry report was released in March 2019 and manuscripts will be submitted to scholarly journals for publication throughout 2019.

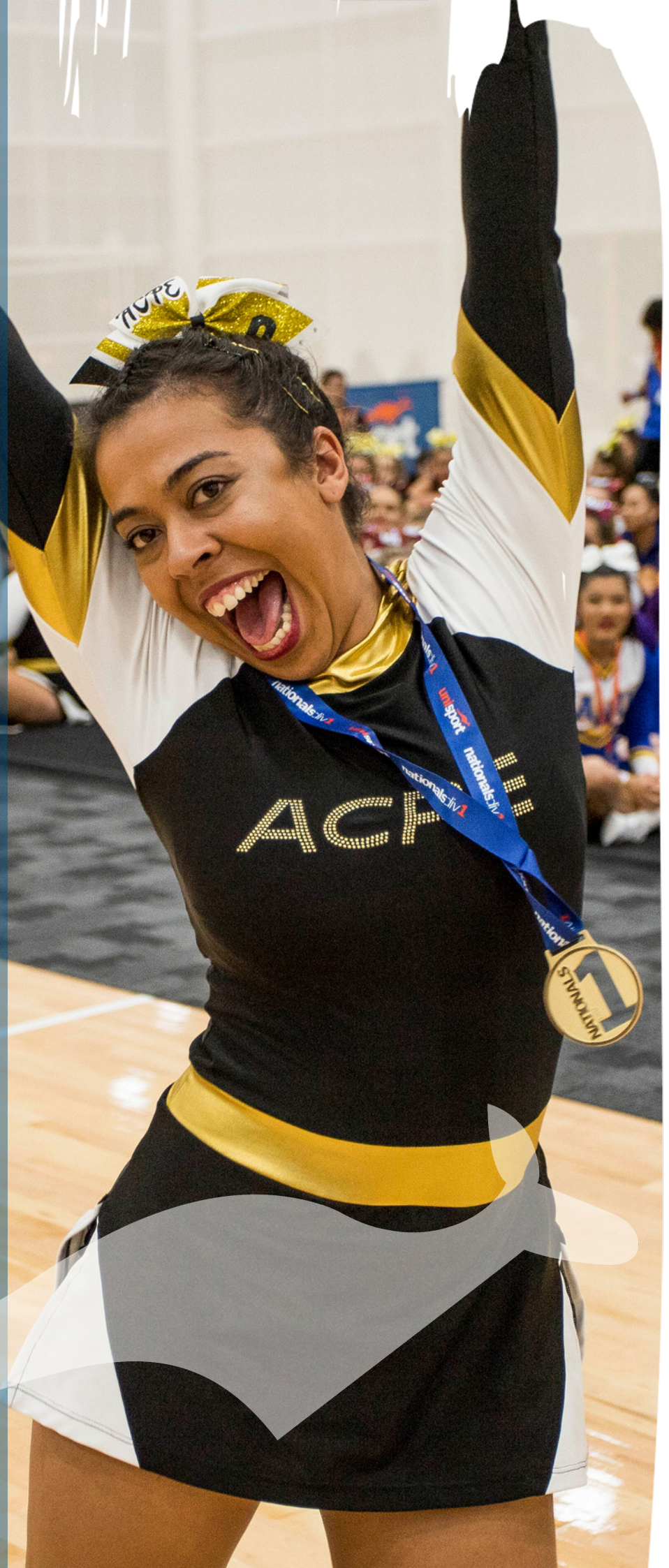
In addition to providing a national perspective, the research has also impacted at an individual institutional level with 23 universities receiving feedback from their elite student-athletes that will be beneficial for future direction. The AIS are also utilising the research findings as part of their restructuring of the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) program. Dependent on interest, this research may be conducted annually or biennially to continue to provide feedback to the system and understand trends.





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our levels of
engagement.”**

Natalie Broom, Project Manager – 2018
UniSport Nationals



Indigenous Nationals

The National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games (NITESG) were renamed in 2018 to Indigenous Nationals to align with UniSport's new branding. The 23rd annual event was hosted by Walanga Muru at Macquarie University, New South Wales, attracting more than 360 indigenous student-athletes to the week-long multisport competition.

The event opened with a display of Indigenous culture and speakers before the 28 teams took to the sporting arena to compete against each other in touch football, netball, basketball and volleyball. MELB were crowned the 2018 overall champions after posting strong performances across all sports.

Award	Winner
Touch Football Champions	QUT
Netball Champions	MQU
Basketball Champions	MELB
Volleyball Champions	MELB
Overall Champions	MELB



UniSport Nationals

Div 1 and Div 2 - Gold Coast

Following a strong heritage of nearly 100 years of inter university sport with our origins dating back to 1921, 2018 welcomed the beginning of the new generation of university sporting competition, the UniSport Nationals.

Created to increase the competitive standard of inter-university competition, the UniSport Nationals and the flagship Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 events allow university students from across Australia to compete against each other on a national platform.

In their inaugural year, UniSport Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 were hosted on the familiar grounds of the Gold Coast as part of a two-year support agreement between Tourism and Events Queensland, The City of Gold Coast and UniSport.

The recent improvements to the sporting infrastructure on the Gold Coast, a legacy from the 2018 Commonwealth Games, alongside the attraction of theme parks, beaches, wide range of accommodation and activities, continue to provide the perfect location to host these multisport events.

In 2018 UniBank were appointed as Presenting Partner for the Nationals Div 1 and Div 2, our first corporate partnership at this level, a strong indication that we have created a successful new sporting format.

With a focus on providing quality sporting competition experience for all our participants, UniSport has significantly increased our levels of engagement with state and national sporting organisations. Across Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 our competition management team comprised a total of 62 competition managers, assistant competition managers and technical officers, along with over 400 match officials.

65% of our competitions were delivered by national and/or state sporting organisation appointed staff. This national, state and corporate engagement coupled with the outstanding facilities available to us on the Gold Coast contributed significantly to the positive transition to the Nationals model. This culture shift has resulted in 2018 delivering some of the highest quality sport that we have seen on the field.

Nationals Div 2, 1-4 July 2018

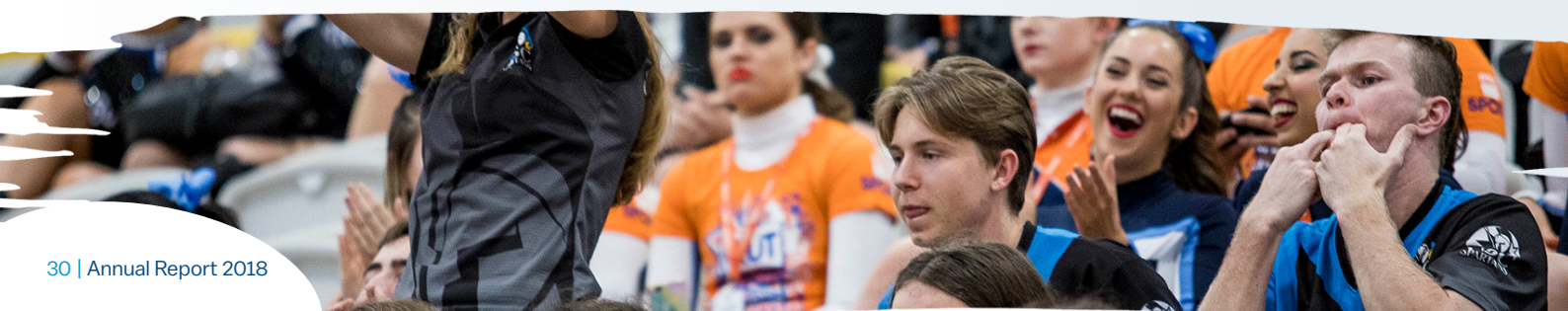
To allow for the new Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 competition structure to provide appropriate competition sizes, Nationals Div 2 comprised 11 sports with traditionally high participation numbers, ensuring a good level of competition across both events.

With the top 10 teams from the results of the 2017 Australian University Games forming the basis of the Nationals Div 1 competition, an 'open' nomination process was utilised to allow any universities that had not qualified for Nationals Div 1 to enter teams into the Nationals Div 2 competition.

37 of our 42 member universities were represented across 20 competitions in 11 sports. Over 2200 student-athletes and officials participated.

Nationals Div 1, 22-27 September 2018

At Nationals Div 1 we presented 63 competitions across 33 different sports. This included the 11 team sports that were held during Nationals Div 2, along with team sports that did not fall into the traditional high participation category, as well as select individual sports such as athletics and swimming.





A total of 41 of our 43 member universities were represented (with Torrens University becoming a member after Nationals Div 2), attracting close to 5400 student-athletes and officials.

The Nationals format not only provides an opportunity for students to compete, but also to gain valuable work experience, with many local students opting to engage as interns or volunteers. These individuals experience the camaraderie of the event team and take away valuable workplace skills that will assist them in their careers.

There were a total of 34 interns (students and non-students) and 165 volunteers who assisted throughout the year, and without them the events would simply not run. Our volunteers are the backbone of the Nationals and we thank them for their tireless dedication to the event.

Congratulations to all teams who won pennants in their respective sports at both competitions, and to the two universities who epitomised the true meaning of sportsmanship and became the first UniSport Nationals Spirit winners.

Overall Champion University: The University of Queensland

Doug Ellis Per Capita Champion University: Bond University

Nationals Div 1 - John White Spirit Award: RMIT University

Nationals Div 2 - Tom O'Sullivan Spirit Award: Charles Sturt University.

To allow for continual improvement of our events, following the completion of the Nationals Div 1 and 2, extensive surveys were conducted with all participants and non-participants from previous years.

Response rates were strong and have provided us with a clear picture of what worked well and what needs to improve. What is clear is that UniSport has made considerable progress in developing the future of competitive university sport in Australia.



VENUES



ATHLETES



SPORTS



VOLUNTEERS



STAFF

UniSport Nationals Div1 2018

Commonwealth Games 2018

26

17

4,938

4,426

33

23

142

15,000

79

1,500

Nationals Championships

Orienteering

Hosted in conjunction with the Melbourne Sprint Weekend at Monash University, Victoria, a total of 15 male and 13 female students competed from 14 universities. The men's overall university champion was awarded to ANU. Insufficient universities fulfilled the requirements to award a women's overall university champion in 2018.

Triathlon

This year's UniSport Nationals Triathlon was hosted in conjunction with the Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. The event saw 64 male and 60 female students compete in the individual Olympic distance, whilst only one team competed in the relay category in each gender. The men's individual event was won by Ben Cook (Bachelor of Regional and Town Planning) from UQ and Courtney Gilfillan (Bachelor of Journalism) from BOND took out the women's event. Due to reviewed competition guidelines, insufficient universities fulfilled the requirements to award overall champion universities in 2018.

League of Legends

In 2018 League of Legends progressed to a pennant event after numerous years of partnership with title developer RIOT Games. 24 teams challenged for the title of Oceanic League of Legends Champion, with the winner earning the right to represent Oceania at a world

invitational in China. UNSW defeated MON in a hard fought final, after UNSW accounted for title favourites QUT in the semi finals.

3x3 Basketball

In 2018, UniSport partnered with the National Basketball League to create the 3x3 Big Hustle Uni event, which was held on 31 July and 1 August at RMIT University in Melbourne. This event became part of the 3x3 Hustle national structure, providing all participants with the ability to earn ranking points and qualify for future Hustle events. MQU (men's) and MON (women's) both went back to back and took out the respective pennants, qualifying for a future Pro Hustle event, and also to represent Australia in the 2018 FISU 3x3 World University League in Xiamen, China.

Snow

The 2018 Nationals Snow was hosted at Mt Buller, Victoria in one of the best winters the mountain has seen in over 10 years. 260 participants from 18 universities took to the slopes across the four disciplines of alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, snowboard and cross country skiing. This year's overall champion university was awarded to UNSW for the third year in a row, who were also awarded both the men's and women's overall champion pennants.



The highly sought-after Spirit of the Mountain trophy was awarded to ANU after demonstrating exceptional team spirit, behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the event.

Distance Running

The championships included five major running events; the Gold Coast Marathon, Real Insurance Sydney Harbour 10k, Blackmores' Sydney Running Festival, Medibank Melbourne Marathon Festival and the Goodlife Rottnest Running Festival. This year's championship series had nearly 3000 competitors and saw a great level of competition across the country. Both the men's and women's overall champion university pennants were awarded to MELB.

T20 Cricket

Nationals T20 cricket was moved back to a standalone format in 2018, and was held in November in and around Campbelltown, New South Wales. 12 men's teams competed for the title, with UTS taking home the pennant after defeating MQU in the gold medal match.





**Congratulations
to the University
of Queensland
on being
crowned the
2018 overall
champions.**



TEAM

2018 Overall Champions

Rank	Univeristy	Acronym	Pennants Won	Competition
1	The University of Queensland	UQ	Div 1: 9 Div 2: 1	Div 1: Athletics (M) Athletics (W), Beach Volleyball (W) Beach Volleyball (X), Handball (X), Hockey (M), Judo (M), Squash (X), Touch Football (O) Div 2: Volleyball (W)
2	The University of Sydney	USYD	Div 1: 8 Div 2: 1	Div 1: Baseball (O), Cycling (W), Football (W), Kendo (M), Kendo (W), Rowing (M), Rowing (W), Ultimate (W), Div 2: Hockey (M)
3	The University of Melbourne	MELB	Div 1: 8 Div 2: 0	Div 1: Badminton (W), Distance Running (M), Distance Running (W), Fencing (M), Fencing (W), Tennis (M), Tennis (W), Volleyball (W)
4	Monash University	MON	Div 1: 7 Div 2: 1	Div 1: 3x3 Basketball (W), Badminton (M), Netball (X), Swimming (M), Table Tennis (M), Table Tennis (W), Taekwondo (W), Div 2: Beach Volleyball (M)
5	The University of New South Wales	UNSW	Div 1: 6 Div 2: 1	Div 1: Judo (W), League of Legends, Snow Sports (M), Snow Sports (W), Taekwondo (M), Water Polo (M) Div 2: Futsal (W)
6	University of Technology Sydney	UTS	Div 1: 5 Div 2: 1	Div 1: Futsal (M), Futsal (W), Golf (W), Sailing (O), T20 Cricket (M) Div 2: Ultimate (M)
7	Queensland University of Technology	QUT	Div 1: 5 Div 2: 2	Div 1: Cheer and Dance, Hockey (W), Touch Football (W), Volleyball (M), Water Polo (W) Div 2: Basketball (W), Beach Volleyball (W)
8	Griffith University	GU	Div 1: 3 Div 2: 3	Div 1: Netball (W), Rugby 7's (M), Rugby 7's (W) Div 2: Badminton (M), Netball (X), Touch Football (M)
9	RMIT University	RMIT	Div 1: 2 Div 2: 0	Div 1: Cycling (M), Tenpin (O),
10	The Australian National University	ANU	Div 1: 2 Div 2: 1	Div 1: Orienteering (M), Ultimate (M) Div 2: Football (M)
11	Macquarie University	MQU	Div 1: 2 Div 2: 2	Div 1: 3x3 Basketball (M), Softball (W) Div2: Netball (W), Volleyball (M)
12	Bond University	BOND	Div 1: 2 Div 2: 2	Div 1: Golf (M), Swimming (W) Div 2: Beach Volleyball (X), Tennis (M)
13	Southern Cross University	SCU	Div 1: 2 Div 2: 0	Div 1: Surfing (M), Surfing (W)

14	Federation University Australia	FED	Div 1: 2 Div 2: 0	Div 1: Australian Rules (M), Australian Rules (W)
15	Victoria University	VU	Div 1: 1 Div 2: 0	Div 1: Basketball (M)
16	Deakin University	DEAK	Div 1: 1 Div 2: 1	Div 1: Basketball (W) Div 2: Basketball (M)
17	University of Wollongong	UOW	Div 1: 1 Div 2: 0	Div 1: Football (M)
18	The University of Western Australia	UOW	Div 1: 1 Div 2: 0	Div 1: Beach Volleyball (M)
19	University of Southern Queensland	USQ	Div 1: 1 Div 2: 1	Div 1: Lawn Bowls (M) Div 2: Hockey (W)
20	Central Queensland University	CQU	Div 1: 1 Div 2: 0	Div 1: Touch Football (M)
21	Australian Catholic University	ACU	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
22	Charles Sturt University	CSU	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 1	Div 2: Football (W)
23	The University of Adelaide	AU	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
24	La Trobe University	LTU	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 1	Div 2: Tennis (W)
25	Australian College of Physical Education	ACPE	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
26	University of New England	UNE	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
27	Western Sydney University	WS	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 2	Div 2: Rugby 7's (M), Touch Football (X)
28	University of The Sunshine Coast	USC	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
29	University of Tasmania	UTAS	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 1	Div 2: Futsal (M)
30	The University of Notre Dame Australia	NDA	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
31	James Cook University	JCU	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
32	Torrens University Australia	TUA	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
33	The University of Newcastle	UON	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
34	Australian Defence Force Academy	ADFA	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
35	University of Canberra	UC	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 2	Div 2: Touch Football (W), Water Polo (W)
36	International College of Management Sydney	ICMS	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
37	University of South Australia	UniSA	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
38	Edith Cowan University	ECU	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
39	Curtin University	CU	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
40	Flinders University	FU	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
41	Swinburne University of Technology	SUT	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
42	Murdoch University	MDU	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	
43	Avondale College	AVON	Div 1: 0 Div 2: 0	

2018 Overall Champions

2018 Per Capita Champions

Rank	Univeristy	Accronym
1	Bond University	BOND
2	Southern Cross University	SCU
3	La Trobe University	LTU
4	University of Southern Queensland	USQ
5	Griffith University	GU
6	University of the Sunshine Coast	USC
7	University of Technology Sydney	UTS
8	Australian Defence Force Academy	ADFA
9	The University of Sydney	USYD
10	Charles Sturt University	CSU
11	Queensland University of Technology	QUT
12	The University of Queensland	UQ
13	University of New England	UNE
14	Deakin University	DEAK
15	University of Tasmania	UTAS
16	The Australian National Univeristy	ANU
17	The University of Newcastle	UON
18	University of Canberra	UC
19	The University of New South Wales	UNSW
20	Western Sydney University	WS
21	Australian Catholic University	ACU
22	Victoria University	VU
23	Macquarie University	MQU
24	Australian College of Physical Education	ACPE
25	RMIT University	RMIT
26	Central Queensland University	CQU
27	The University of Notre Dame Australia	NDA
28	Avondale College	AVON
29	The University of Melbourne	MELB
30	James Cook University	JCU
31	Monash University	MON
32	The University of Western Australia	UWA
33	Federation University Australia	FED
34	International College of Management Sydney	ICMS
35	The University of Adelaide	AU
36	University of Wollongong	UOW
37	Flinders University	FU
38	University of South Australia	UniSA
39	Swinburne University of Technology	SUT
40	Edith Cowan University	ECU
41	Torrens University Australia	TUA
42	Murdoch University	MDU
43	Curtin University	CU



Award Winners

In 2018 UniSport continued to recognise the many outstanding performances and contributions through the annual UniSport Awards. In total there were over 60 successful student-athletes, coaches and projects nominated from 24 universities across the eight award categories - highlighting the tremendous depth in university sport in Australia.

Following a thorough selection process, nine winners were confirmed with dual 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist and Griffith University student, Madison de Rozario, headlining the winners. The 2018 UniSport Award winners are:

Most Outstanding Sporting Achievement

Madison de Rozario - Para-Athletics (Bachelor of Business) Griffith University

Madison was a dual gold medallist at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and was also Australia's first London Marathon women's wheelchair event winner. Madison also achieved a world record in the T54 1500m in 2018.

Most Outstanding Sporting Performance by an Athlete with a Disability

Lakeisha Patterson Para-Swimming (Bachelor of Architectural Design) The University of Queensland

Lakeisha won two gold medals and achieved a world record at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. She also won a gold medal at the 2018 Pan Pacific Para-Swimming Championships.

Most Outstanding Sporting Performance by an Indigenous Athlete

Asha Steer - Orienteering (Bachelor of Environments) The University of Melbourne

Asha represented Australia at the 2018 FISU World University Orienteering Championships and won a silver medal at the 2018 UniSport Nationals Div 1.

Male Athlete of the Year

Simon McTavish - Canoe Sprint (Bachelor of Project Management) The University of Sydney

Simon won three medals including two gold at the 2018 FISU World University Canoe Sprint Championships.

Female Athlete of the Year

Laura Waldie - Rugby 7s (Bachelor of Oral Health Dental Science) Griffith University

Laura was co-captain of the Australian team that won a silver medal at the 2018 FISU World University Rugby 7s Championship. She was also a member of the undefeated UniSport Nationals Div 1 championship team and the Aon Uni Women's 7s Series winning team.

Male Team of the Year

Federation University Men's AFL Team

2018 UniSport Nationals Div 1 champions and have remained undefeated at national competitions for the past two years.

Female Team of the Year

The University of Sydney Women's Football Team

2018 UniSport Nationals Div 1 champions as well as the 2018 runner up and overall club champions in the National Premier League.

Coach of the Year

Nathan Doyle - Para-Swimming, University of the Sunshine Coast.

Nathan works tirelessly as the High Performance Paralympic Swim Coach at the University of the Sunshine Coast. In 2018 Nathan's athletes won two silver and three bronze medals at the Commonwealth Games plus another 22 medals at the 2018 Pan Pacific Para-Swimming Championships.

Community Leadership

Deakin Dragons & Deakin University Alcohol Culture Change Project

A collaboration between the Deakin University Dragons, the Deakin University Alcohol Culture Change Project and VicHealth to actively engage in strategies to change the drinking culture of representative sporting teams.

Honour Roll

Since 2010, UniSport has recognised its champions and medal winners at Universiade and World University Championships events through the UniSport Honour Roll. The Honour Roll includes two categories – champions and medallists. Champions are masters in their chosen sport and are student-athletes who have competed and won multiple medals (including one gold) at a single event, or multiple medals at more than one Universiade or Championship event. Medallists are an elite group of student-athletes who have won a medal at a Universiade or Championship event.

In 2018, the following athletes were inducted into the UniSport Honour Roll:

Champion	Sport	Study Area	University
Simon McTavish	Canoe Sprint	Bachelor of Project Management	USYD
Liam Magennis	Cycling	Bachelor of Environment	CSU
Sergei Evglevski	Shooting	Bachelor of Business	VU
Medallist			
Diandra Martin	Muay Thai	Bachelor of Health	UC
Thomas Grimes	Sailing	Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering	UNSW
Jessica Grimes	Sailing	Bachelor of Law/Arts	UNSW
Nick Rozanauers	Sailing	Bachelor of Engineering/Commerce	UNSW
Mitchell Evans	Sailing	Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering	UNSW
Mitchell Durham	Karate	Bachelor of Science	CU
Jillian Roberts	Rowing	Bachelor of Commerce	ANU
Rose Beasly	Rowing	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	ACU
Cara Grzeskowiak	Rowing	Bachelor of Science/Economics	ANU
Thomas Ashmore	Shooting	Bachelor of Business Administration	UC
Bailey Groves	Shooting	Bachelor of Engineering - Ocean (Honours)	UTAS
Kiana Elliott	Weightlifting	Bachelor of Advanced Science	MQU
Rosie Donegan	Cross Country	Master of Arts	New Hampshire (USA)
Caitlin Adams	Cross Country	Bachelor of Health	UniSA
Edward Goddard	Cross Country	Bachelor of Architecture & Planning	UTS
Louis McAfee	Cross Country	Bachelor of Education	UQ
Henry McNulty	Orienteering	Bachelor of Science	NUST (Norway)
Monash University Cheerleading POM Team			
Monash University Cheerleading Hip-Hop Team			
Monash University Cheerleading Jazz Team			
2018 World University Rugby 7s Championship Male Team			
2018 World University Rugby 7s Championship Female Team			

For a full lists of results visit www.unisport.com.au/wuc-results

UniSport Life Members

John Campbell	2003
Tony Collings OAM (1937 – 2010)	2003
Robert Lawton	2003
Alf Lazer AM	2003
Paul Manning	2003
Hugh McKechnie	2003
Helen Ann Mitchell OAM	2003
James Voght	2003
Stephen Griffith	2004
Bruce Meakins	2004
Chris Solly	2006
Antony Gerard (Tony) Booth OAM	2008
Greg Harris	2008
Kevin Stapleton	2008
Jeff Fitzgerald	2010
Tom O’Sullivan (1957 – 2011)	2012
Shane Alvisio	2016
Timothy Lee	2016





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to our members,
board, staff,
volunteers,
interns, officials,
partners, friends
and family for
making the
events of 2018
possible.**

event crew



UniSport Board of Directors



David Schmude

Chair (appointed May 2018 – current)
Deputy Chair (appointed May 2017 – May 2018)

David has extensive experience in sport management and marketing at a national and regional level. As UNE Life CEO at the University of New England (UNE) in Armidale, David has a proven track record in extending sport's influence in the community and corporate sector to improve student services and enhance university sport's profile, including forging partnerships with multiple state and regional sport organisations. David shares UniSport Australia's commitment to foster university sport as a part of university life and represents university students' sporting needs in government decision making. At UNE, David has spearheaded policy initiatives that enhance the place and potential of university sport, especially for regional universities who typically combine an on-campus residential population with externally enrolled students living in various cities and regions.

Qualifications:

Master of International Sport Management (Southern Cross University)



Dr Deidre Anderson

Chair (appointed Chair May 2013 – May 2018)

Deidre is a consultant and academic administrator with extensive experience mentoring many of the worlds top athletes. Starting with nine years in the Royal Australian Airforce, over three decades, Deidre has held senior Australian public and private sector roles as well as national and international elite sport executive positions. A Paul Harris Fellow and Princeton International Business Leaders recipient, Deidre has been Chair of UniSport, past Director of Sports Alliance Australia (disability services) and currently Director for the National Rugby League Players Association, and a Justice of the Peace. Deidre is a Founding Chair of Hope Africa; past Chair Australian Women's Sport & Recreation Association; and former Macquarie University Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students & Registrar). Deidre is co-author of many books and has published extensively about athlete transition. Deidre has been acknowledged worldwide for her contribution to elite athletes and has a lifelong commitment to supporting young people's development. Deidre is a recipient of the Eunice Gill Coach Education award and an honorary member of the Golden Key International Honour Society.

Qualifications:

PhD The Games that Adults Play: Sport, Alcohol usage and University Students (Macquarie University)
Master of Arts (Lifeskill Intervention & Sports Performance)
Graduate Diploma (Social Science) Melbourne institute of Technology
Graduate Diploma (Athlete Counselling) (Australian Institute of Sport)
Bachelor of Arts (Sports Management) (Victoria University)
Graduate (Australian Institute of Company Directors)



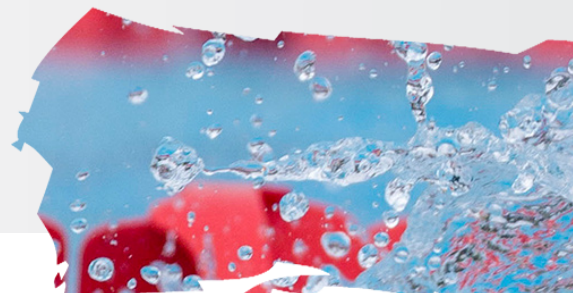
Peter McGrath

Deputy Chair (appointed Deputy Chair May 2018)

Peter is a highly experienced corporate/sport lawyer and administrator. He's undertaken and collaborated on multiple national sport organisation governance projects for the Australian Sports Commission. Peter's a government appointed director of Canberra Institute of Technology. Formerly he was the Chair and Director of Rugby Australia, member of the International Rugby Board (iRB) and was a member of the iRB Executive Committee. Peter was a Director and Chair of Brumbies Rugby and was a member and Chair of SANZA which was a joint venture between the Australian, New Zealand and South African Rugby Unions. Peter is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is also a Fellow of the Australian Property Institute.

Qualifications:

Grad Dip in Legal Practice (Australian National University)
LLB (Australian National University)
Associate Diploma in Valuation (Sydney Technical College)
FAICD FAPI LLB





Prof Tim Brailsford

Director – Appointed / Universities Australia recommended, 2014–current

Tim is Vice Chancellor and President of Bond University. Located on the Gold Coast, Bond University is Australia’s first independent, private non-profit university. Tim’s experience includes academic and administrative positions at Monash University, The University of Queensland, The Australian National University and The University of Melbourne. He holds PhD, Masters and Honours degrees and is a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia, Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and Fellow of CPA Australia. Tim is a qualified referee and coach, and has been involved with sport for several decades, particularly cricket and rugby.

Qualifications:

BEC (Hons) MEd PhD (Monash)
SF Fin, FCPA, FAIM



Mike Daws

Director – Member elected, term concluded May 2018

Mike has been a full-time sports administrator for more than 30 years, holding senior positions at state and national levels in sports development, marketing, facility development, and event and team management in tennis, basketball, Australian rules football, university sport, and at the Olympics in Atlanta, Sydney, and Athens.

Qualifications:

Director of Sport - The University of Adelaide
BSc (Hons), DipEd (The University of Adelaide)



Martin Doulton

Director - Member elected, term concluded May 2018

Martin has a wide range of experiences gleaned from more than 30 years of involvement in the sports and leisure industry. He played sport at a professional level and has the experience of international university sporting representation in two sports. His work experiences have ranged from organising inner city sport in the UK to delivering sports programs and events across Australia, Oceania, Africa, and Asia. Martin has been a senior manager at Monash University since 2002 and is currently Director of TeamMONASH. He has served as the Unisport Australia representative to FISU Oceania (the continental university sports federation) since 2010 and in 2014 was elected as President of FISU Oceania with his term of office to conclude in November 2019. Martin has also been the FISU Oceania representative on the Executive Committee of FISU since 2011, the world governing body for university sport, and was reappointed into this position for the 2015-19 mandate period (term of office).

Qualifications:

Director of TeamMONASH - Monash University
Higher National Diploma in Management / Diploma in Recreation Business Studies (College of St Paul and St Mary, now the University of Gloucestershire) 1983
MMgt (Monash University) 2005.





Prof Russell Hoyer

Director – Member elected, 2017–current

Russell is Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Development) at La Trobe University and Director of La Trobe Sport. Russell brings detailed knowledge of community and elite sport from his two-decade long research and consulting background, along with current experience managing La Trobe University relationships with a variety of state and national sport organisations. As Director of La Trobe Sport Russell has overseen the development and implementation of a university wide strategy for sport and a significant restructure process. Russell’s role has oversight of all campus sport experiences, participation opportunities, university clubs, commercial partnerships, elite athlete support, and sport infrastructure, curriculum and research. Russell is a widely published author and sought-after conference speaker in Australia and internationally.

Qualifications:

Doctor of Philosophy (Griffith University)
Master of Public Policy & Management (Monash University)
Master of Environmental Studies (The University of Melbourne)
Bachelor of Arts (Recreation) (Victoria University of Technology)
PhD MPP MES BA



Chris Massey

Director – Member elected, 2017–current

Chris is an experienced leader with a 28 year career spanning not for profit, government, and commercial organisations. Chris has held both board and executive roles with commercial accountability for significant budgets across the education (secondary and higher education), health, sport and recreation sector. Chris is a Director on a number of Boards, including the West Coast Fever Suncorp Super Netball Club and the Collegiate Way International Advisory Committee. Chris’s current role at The University of Western Australia involves the responsibility for all student services and support and is part of the senior executive team of the Education portfolio. Chris’s role involves the leadership of over 400 staff and several hundred casual employees. Chris is passionate about the value sport offers in the education sector including participation, volunteering and leadership opportunities and believes that sport is a sound investment from graduate, employer and universities’ perspectives. Chris is a Leadership WA Fellow, UWA Football Club Life Member and recipient of a UWA Excellence in Teaching Award.

Qualifications:

Doctorate of Education (in progress) (The University of Western Australia)
Diploma Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors (Australian Institute of Company Directors)
Master of Education (The University of Western Australia)
Master of Business Administration (Edith Cowan University)
Graduate Diploma of Management (Edith Cowan University)
Diploma of Education (The University of Western Australia)
Bachelor of Physical Education (The University of Western Australia)
GAICD MEd MBA BPE



Vivien Massie

Director – Member elected, 2018–current

Vivien is passionate about the value sport and wellness can provide to students in their formative years of adulthood. Establishing good habits and great connections at this critical time can help catapult young people into high performing personal and professional endeavours. Vivien has seen university sport from every angle. In her 10+ years within the university sector Vivien has participated as a student-athlete, team captain, run the Edith Cowan University (ECU) team as University Team Manager, and lead the delivery team of her university’s delegation. Vivien has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from The University of Western Australia and has used her insights to guide sport at ECU through the evolution of management structures whilst ensuring sport’s sustainability at ECU.

Qualifications:

Women Leaders in Sport Grant (Australian Sports Commission)
MBA The University of Western Australia
BSc (Exercise and Sports Science) Hons – Edith Cowan University



Katrina O'Mahony

Director – Member elected, 2018–current

Katrina has 15 years' experience working in sport, within tertiary, not for profit, and commercial sectors. With over a decade in sports marketing she brings strong commercial, brand and marketing expertise to the board. Katrina has worked with global brands to drive business objectives through sport, leading the delivery of international sponsorships at the Australian Open Tennis, Hong Kong 7's Rugby Union, London 2012 Olympics, and Paralympic World Cup. Katrina's experience spans multiple markets, having cultivated her career in London, Hong Kong and Sydney, bringing with her different cultural perspectives on the value of sport. In her current role as CEO of ANU Sport, located in Canberra, Katrina is responsible for all campus sport and physical activity. Katrina is passionate about sport and believes in its power to deliver social change and build community – particularly within the tertiary education sector. Katrina was a representative netballer and the founder of the Women in Sport group.

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) English and Philosophy – University of Leeds



Sarah Richardson

Director – Appointed, 2016–current

Sarah brings strategic, financial and corporate governance skills from three decades of board and executive experience in not-for-profits, SMEs and multinationals in Australia, France and the US. She has served on 14 education, sport, health, infrastructure and agrifood boards in the last decade (four current) and is Director of her own SME consultancy. Sarah has received multiple awards and is a member of Governance Institute of Australia (Fellow), Australian Institute of Company Directors, Australian Marketing Institute (Fellow, CPM, Awards Head Judge), Australian Fulbright Alumni Association, Victoria University of Wellington Alumni Association (Regional Ambassador) and University of Chicago Alumni Association (Mentor, Perth Alumni Club Founder). Sarah is enjoying combining her passion for the education sector with her communication skills to build awareness and advocacy for university sport within Australia.

Qualifications:

FGIA GAICD FAMI MBA (Hons) BCA BA

Performance Measurement for Effective Not-for-Profit Management (Harvard Kennedy School of Government)

Social Enterprise Scholarship (Harvard); Women Leaders Grant (Sport Australia); Corporate Governance Scholarship (AICD)

Corporate Governance Diploma (Australian Institute of Company Directors)

MBA (Hons) (Marketing/Finance) (University of Chicago Graduate School of Business)

BCA (Business/Accounting) & BA (English Literature) (Victoria University of Wellington)



Board Appointed Committees

Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee (FARM)

Prof. Russell Hoye+	Chair & UniSport Appointed Director
Vivien Massie+	UniSport Director
Sandie Angus	Independent
Frank Laezza	Independent
Peter McGrath*	Chair & UniSport Appointed Director
David Schmude*	UniSport Director
Don Knapp	UniSport Chief Executive Officer
Tony Jermyn	UniSport Chief Operating Officer
Glenys Woolcock	UniSport Co. Secretary & General Manager (Secretariat)

* concluded May 2018
+ appointed May 2018

Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC)

Peter McGrath+	Chair & UniSport Appointed Director
Katrina O'Mahony+	UniSport Director
Paul Bruce	Independent
Prof. Tim Brailsford*	Chair & Universities Australia Appointed Director
Mike Daws*	UniSport Director
Don Knapp	UniSport Chief Executive Officer
Glenys Woolcock	UniSport Co. Secretary & General Manager (Secretariat)

* concluded May 2018
+ appointed May 2018

Marketing & Sponsorship Committee (MSC)*

Sarah Richardson	Chair & UniSport Appointed Director
David Schmude	UniSport Director
Don Knapp	UniSport Chief Executive Officer
Tony Jermyn	UniSport Chief Operating Officer (Secretariat)

* committee dissolved May 2018

Sport Strategy Committee (SSC)

Christopher Massey+	Chair & UniSport Director
Deidre Anderson+	UniSport Director
Nat Black	Griffith University
Tamarah Knox	Australian Catholic University
James Nightingale	Victoria University
David Schmude *	Chair & UniSport Director
Martin Doulton*	UniSport Director & OUSA/FISU representative
Don Knapp	UniSport Chief Executive Officer
Tony Jermyn	UniSport Chief Operating Officer (Secretariat)

* concluded May 2018
+ appointed May 2018

International Sport Strategy Committee (ISSC)*

Deidre Anderson	Chair & UniSport Director
Elizabeth Morgan-Brett Martin	ActivateUTS
Martin Doulton	UniSport Director/Monash University
Don Knapp	UniSport Chief Executive Officer
Tony Jermyn	UniSport Chief Operating Officer
Siobhan James	UniSport GM - High Performance (Secretariat)

* committee dissolved with final meeting held in October 2018

Research & Advocacy Committee (RAC)*

Prof. Russell Hoyer	Chair & UniSport Director
Prof. Tim Smith	RMIT University
Don Knapp	UniSport Chief Executive Officer (Secretariat)

* committee dissolved May 2018

Disputes & Disciplinary Committees (Nationals Div 2)

Andrew Yapp	The University of Newcastle (Chair)
Lee Emberton	Deakin University
Adin Hewat	The University of Queensland
Sue McLatchey	Hockey Queensland
Donna Spethman	UniSport GM – Education, Training & Risk (Secretariat)

Disputes & Disciplinary Committees (Nationals Div 1)

Ian Fitzpatrick	The University of Western Australia (Chair)
Sophie Curtis	Macquarie University
Aimee Purcell	University of Technology Sydney
Sue McLatchey	Hockey Queensland
Donna Spethman	UniSport GM – Education, Training & Risk (Secretariat)



Meeting of Directors

During the period, eight meetings of directors were held. Attendance by each director was as follows:

Directors	Board Meetings		Initial Appointment/ Election Date	Term Commenced	Term Concludes	Current Terms
	No. eligible to attend	No. attended				
David Schmude	8	8	May 2016	May 2018	May 2021	2nd
Peter McGrath	8	6	May 2015	May 2018	May 2021	2nd
Dr Deidre Anderson	8	3	May 2013	May 2017	May 2019	3rd
Prof. Tim Brailsford	8	7	September 2014	May 2018	May 2020	3rd
Mike Daws*	3	3	May 2012	May 2016	May 2018	3rd
Martin Doulton*	3	2	2009 - ceased May 2011 Reappointed May 2012	May 2016	May 2018	3rd
Prof. Russell Hoye	8	6	May 2017	May 2017	May 2020	1st
Christopher Massey	8	8	May 2017	May 2017	May 2020	1st
Vivien Massie+	5	5	May 2018	May 2018	May 2021	1st
Katrina O'Mahony+	5	4	May 2018	May 2018	May 2021	1st
Sarah Richardson	8	8	June 2016	June 2016	May 2019	1st

* term concluded May 2018

+ elected May 2018

Membership Classes

The categories of membership of UniSport, (collectively called "Members") as outlined in the constitution shall be:

- HE (Higher Education) Members as described in Rule 8.
- Life Members as described in Rule 9; and
- Any other category or categories of membership as determined by the Board

In respect to Clause 8.1 an HE Member must be:

- an 'Australian University' as listed by TEQSA on its national register; or
- an 'Australian University of Specialisation' as listed by TEQSA on its national register; or
- an Australian higher education institution that has self-accrediting authority and is listed by TEQSA on its national register.

UniSport Staff

Executive

Don Knapp	Chief Executive Officer (dep December 2018)
Mark Sinderberry	Chief Executive Officer (comm December 2018)
Tony Jermyn	Chief Operating Officer
Glenys Woolcock	Co. Secretary & General Manager – Finance & Administration

General Mangers

Leith Brooke	General Manager – Commercial (comm April 2018)
Siobhan James	General Manager – High Performance & International Programs
Donna Spethman	General Manager – Education, Training & Risk

Regional Development Managers (RDM)

Kylie Bloodworth	Regional Development Manager - South
Paul Clarke	Regional Development Manager - East (Departed October 2018)
Tamara King	Regional Development Manager – East (returned from maternity leave October 2018)
Nicholas Such	Regional Development Manager – North

Staff

Camilla Andren-Long	Accountant
MunYeong Ha	Inclusion & Diversity Officer (dep March 2018)
Toni Lourens	High Performance & International Programs Coordinator
Sean McMahon	Communications & Marketing Manager (dep December 2018)
Jordan Mullan	Commercial & Sponsorship Executive (dep April 2018)
Rian Murphy	Registrations & Systems Manager (seconded to AMG June 2018)
Tiarny Prichard	Acting Registrations & Systems Manager (June 2018)
Danica Rae	Partnership Executive (comm June 2018)
Connie Roberson	Finance Coordinator
Bec Robertson	Executive Assistant (comm January 2018)
Joshua Sear	Elite Student Athlete Pathway Manager
Elle Witheriff	National Programs Coordinator (dep March 2018)

Event Staff

Kelly Armstrong	Operations Coordinator – Nationals (comm February 2018)
Eloise Ayre	Sport Coordinator - Nationals
Natalie Broom	Project Manager - Nationals
Mathew Cheeseman	Sport and Operations Manager – Nationals (comm March 2018)
Savannah Roberts	Volunteer Coordinator – Nationals (comm March 2018)

AMG Staff

Gary O'Donnell	General Manager – Australian Masters Games (comm Jan 2018)
Andrew Georgiou	Administration & Registrations Coordinator (comm Nov 2018)
Rian Murphy	Sport & Operations Manager (comm June 2018)

UniSport Partners

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EVENTS 2019

FISU WINTER UNIVERSIADE
KRASNOYASK, RUSSIA 2 - 12 MARCH

NATIONALS TRIATHLON
MOOLOOLABA, QLD 17 MARCH

NATIONALS ATHLETICS
SYDNEY, NSW 11-14 APRIL

NATIONALS SWIMMING
SYDNEY, NSW 10-12 MAY

LEAGUE OF LEGENDS FINAL
SYDNEY, NSW 25 MAY

INDIGENOUS NATIONALS
PERTH, WA 23 - 27 JUNE

NATIONALS DIV 2
GOLD COAST, QLD 8 - 11 JULY

NATIONALS 3x3 BASKETBALL
SYDNEY, NSW LATE JULY

FISU SUMMER UNIVERSIADE
NAPOLI, ITALY 3 - 14 JULY

NATIONALS SNOW
THREDBO, NSW 25 - 29 AUG

NATIONALS TAEKWONDO
GOLD COAST, QLD 6 - 8 SEPT

AON WOMEN'S UNI 7s
MULTIPLE LOCATIONS 4 - 27 SEPT

NATIONALS SURFING
SYDNEY, NSW 24-26 SEPT

NATIONALS ORIENTEERING
WAGGA WAGGA, NSW 28 SEPT

NATIONALS DIV 1
GOLD COAST, QLD 28 SEPT - 3 OCT

NATIONALS MARATHON
MELBOURNE, VIC 13 OCT

NATIONALS T20 CRICKET
ADELAIDE, SA LATE NOV



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