University of Newcastle athletes recently competed against 49 other Australian university campuses and 3 New Zealand universities in the 1998 Australian University Games held in Melbourne from 27th September to 2nd October 1998.

The Games are the largest multi-sport event held in Australia on a regular basis with some 5,400 students competing in this year's event. The Games were officially opened by the Premier of Victoria the Honourable Jeff Kennett. The event was strongly supported by the state government through the provision of $90,000 in sponsorship and the frequent presence of the Victorian Minister for Sport, Tom Reynolds, who attended numerous games functions. The Australian University Games are estimated to have injected over $4M into the Victorian economy. The 1998 Australian University Games were jointly hosted by Monash University and the University of Melbourne, together with the newly established management arm of Australian University Sport.

The University of Newcastle team comprising 8 officials and 128 student competitors contesting 13 different sports performed with distinction by winning 5 Gold, 8 Silver and 1 Bronze medals. Details of these medals and Newcastle athletes selected in Australian Universities Green & Gold Merit Teams are inside Backpage.

Gas or no gas, the Games must go on.

This extract from The Age newspaper, Friday 2 October, highlights the mix of "hot competition and cold showers" that made the 1998 Australian University Games a special event.

By the way, Newcastle Men's Soccer won 3-2.
Above - Richard Nicholls

Above - Renae Gallagher.

Above - Magnun Svendsen receiving a Silver Medal

Above - Knut Isaksen on left

Above - Trudy Diamond & Gavin Ward

**1998 ECG and AUG Photographs**

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Above - The Kendo team

Above - Men's Soccer successfully stops another attack.
| Individual Sports | Athletics | Javelin | Under 90 Kg | Kristie Newton  
| Individual Sports | Judo | Over 100 Kg | Knut Isaksen  
| Individual Sports | Judo | Champion of Champions | Martin Kelly  
| Individual Sports | Kendo | Kyu Grade | Martin Kelly  
| Individual Sports | Swimming | 200m Butterfly | Bill Watt  

**GOLD**

| Individual | Kendo | Kyu Grade | Matt Bentley  
| Individual | Swimming | 200m Butterfly | Andrew Cairns  

**SILVER**

| Teams | Kendo |  
| Teams | Soccer (Men's) |  
| Teams | Squash (Men's) |  
| Teams | Tennis (Men's) |  
| Teams | Touch (Men's) |  
| Teams | Water Polo (Women's) |  

**BRONZE**

| Individual | Athletics | Shot put | Michael Childs  

(Selected in Australian Universities Teams)

| Judo | Martin Kelly  
|       | Knut Isaksen  
| Soccer - Men's | Gavin Ward  
| Soccer - Women's | Trudy Diamond  
| Tennis - Men's | Richard Nicholls (Capt)  
| Tennis - Women's | Jane Taylor  
| Touch - Men's | Aaron Bolte  
|       | Don Hunter  
|       | Peter Sanders  
| Water Polo | Nikki Searles  

**GREEN & GOLD**

| University of Newcastle | 10th out of 49 Australian University campuses  
| Basketball (Women's) | 13th  
| Hockey (Men's) | 12th  
| Judo | 4th  
| Kendo | Silver  
| Netball | 12th  
| Soccer (Men's) | Silver  
| Soccer (Women's) | 8th  
| Squash (Men's) | Silver  
| Swimming | 20th  
| Tennis (Men's) | Silver  
| Tennis (Women's) | 5th  
| Touch (Men's) | Silver  
| Touch (Women's) | 6th  
| Water Polo (Women's) | Silver  

**FINAL TEAM PLACING**

Above - The Silver Medal winning Men's Squash team
Athletics

Kristie Newton
Ayesha Bromley
Karen White
Nicole Williams
Gavin Lawson
Michael Childs

Men’s Hockey

Richard Reeves
Tim Parker
Silas Moss
Jai Kumar
John Fernance
David Main
Matthew Kelly
Mark Redman
Jeremy Wright
James McDonald
Trent Goodall
Nikola Bowden
Scott Collins
Nathan Sharrock
Todd McFarlane

Men’s Soccer

Glenn Moore
Matthew Ross
Yoshihisa Takahashi
Gavin Wizd
Peter James
Roy Capiraso
Craig Wilson
Tony Parezanovic
Nick Johns
Brenden Kelana
Scott Harrison
Nathan Byrn
Magnus Svendsen
Andrew Polwell
Mark Skelly
Stuart McAteer
Jarred Freeman
Robert Kantorovski

Women’s Basketball

Jennifer Newton
Chandelle Monkle
Shannon Tweedie
Ineka Stevens
Gina Crompton
April-Mae Kerr
Gillian Benkeich
Veronica Monkley
Amy Robertson

Judo

Jadd Sanson-Fisher
Martin Kelly
Knut Isaksen
Joseph Kelly

Netball

Renee Walton
Britt Simpson
Loren Morgan
Rachel Smith
Kerrie Arthurs
Toni Lewis
Alison Sharp
Ellen Sorber
Kristy Walsh
Jamie Worley
Kellie Humble
Rachel Kalver

Women’s Soccer

Sharon Blinman
Rebecca Chester
Kristy Dugamanov
Lorelle Butler
Ayesha Bromley
Emma Chester
Allison Currey

Renee Valentine
Frances Obre
Emma Moore
Trudy Diamond
Elizabeth Ball
Snez Parezanovic
Alison Matthew
Nichole Nipperess
Men's Squash
Simon Heslop
Shannon Marshall
Mitchell Lawlor
Shannon Hill
Ndabezinhle Mazibuko

Swimming
Andrew Cairns
Joe Mitchell
Terrance Danne

Tae Kwon Do
Benjamin Graham

Men's Tennis
James McLeod
Richard Nicholls
Antony Capewell
Peter Fischer
Scott Mallinson

Above - The Men's Tennis Team with Paul McNamee

Women's Tennis
Kim Whitty
Jane Taylor
Natalie Darcy
Claire Pilkington
Peta Chapman
Alison Skehan

Men's Touch Football
Glenn Hogeveen
Toby Brown
Mark McDonald
Craig Nipperess
Brett Carr
Donald Hunter
Aaron Boke
Gavin Thompson
Peter Sanders
Nathan Jones
Simon Madden

Women's Touch Football
Trudie Paton
Kelly Katen
Justine Whipper
Renee West
Sally Garis
Renee Gallagher
Brooke Playford
Paula Birch
Kaelin Morton

Women's Waterpolo
Nicole Wilson
Annalyse Crane
Cassandra Adams
Megan Davis
Frances Searle
Nikki Searle
Rechelle Pryor
Kyleigh Laughlan
Naomi McLaughlin
Elizabeth Magann
AUG - A VIEW FROM THE INSIDE
by Renee Valentine

There's no place like Melbourne! As I sit in front of my keyboard clicking my cherry Docs together, hoping to be miraculously transported back to glorious Melbourne and the Australian University Games, I recollect and pine to again be in the place that equates to my view of heaven... If only the Crown Casino fountains spouted vodka and squash.

I was there as part of Newcastle Uni's Women's Soccer team, (or so my coach kept telling me). But the night life beckoned me away each night with sweet dreams of drinking, gambling and dancing.

Not even the fact that I had to have two cold showers a day could dampen my spirits, (pardon the pun), and I credit not one hangover for the week to them. I am sure if it was not for our water boy extraordinaire, Jarrod, we would not have survived our games of soccer without severe dehydration. That's right, we did actually play some soccer. Some of it was even quite good, and some of it was...well, we just won't mention.

Although I did not bring home one of the prized medals that everybody else seemed to be wearing around the Cosmos, (Cosmopolitan Motel, St Kilda) the week was an experience I will never forget.

If you get the chance to go to an AUG, it doesn't matter how much in debt you are when you get back, (I, personally will be eating toast and Vegemite three times a day until next year's AUG), it is definitely worth it.

I thought that the ECG (Eastern Conference Games) was an experience, but AUG was indescribably better. Being my first AUG, I soon realised that ECG was really just a warm up to the hard core partying, sport and partying the AUG, and Melbourne offered. Nightclubs such as Metro - Heat - Chevron - Redheads! The feel of thumping music resounding through my body, the refreshing nectar of the gods cheaper than you can only dream of - bottom shelf spirits, $2.50 a pop. Night after night of delirium, day after day of sport - yes, it was a heavenly experience.

And the only word that I could possibly use to describe it 'sin'!

Above - "water boy extraordinaire, Jarrod."


Six Sports Scholarships will be offered to students of the University of Newcastle. Each scholarship is valued at $1000.

The purpose of the scholarships is to improve the quality of the University's sporting teams and to establish a standard of excellence.

Application forms and information from:

Scholarships and Prizes Unit,
The Chancellery.

Renovations to the Squash and Tennis Pavilion.

During the Summer months the Pavilion will undergo considerable capital works.

The Sports Union wishes to apologize for any inconvenience and thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Bookings - (02) 4921 8850

Awards of Merit. The Sports Union has announced the winners of the 1998 Awards of Merit for outstanding performance which embodies the spirit of the Games from the Eastern Conference Games (ECG) and the Australian University Games (AUG).

There were many worthy nominees for the awards, but after careful consideration the Awards of Merit go to:

ECG - Trudy Diamond
AUG - Martin Kelly

Hunter Region Sports Awards. The Awards will be held on Tuesday 10 November from 6.00pm at Wests Leagues Club. The Sports Union is a finalist in the Sporting Organisation of the Year category.

The local branch of the Australian Society of Sports Administrators will host the evening.

If you'd like to go, call 131302 and reserve your seat.
After a long year of friendly rivalry and poor weather, the results of the 1998 Intercollegiate Sporting programme were announced at a gala affair in the Southern Cross Lounge and happily supported by the University Union.

After the completion of a range of sports including cricket and the Campus Scamper, International House came in a fine third, Edwards Hall in second, and a jubilant Evatt House took out the awards. Spokesperson from Evatt House Mr. Michael ‘Darky’ Dark was heard to mention at the award ceremony, “I’m fully stoked that Evatt took it out, it was a hard year and we had to put up with a lot, but it’s great to see our students getting together and putting in the hard yards.”

The 1999 Intercollegiate calendar will be filled with a broad range of events, both ‘one off’ and series, all designed to not only recognise sporting prowess, but participation and the spirit of the halls.

For more information please contact Bill Jones (1999 Intercollegiate Co ordinator) on ext 1441.

Over 100 competitors have expressed an interest in coming to Newcastle for the event and all categories will be contested.

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The new Australian University Sports Federation WWW page is up and running. Go and have a peak at - http://www.ausf.edu.au/index.htm

H ot on the backwash of the Surfriding AUC comes the 31 Year Reunion of the Newcastle University Surfriderz Club. The Club has a truly awesome history and this will be celebrated at the Bar on the Hill on Friday 4th December at 7.00pm. Tickets will be $80 ($60 for current students) and will include a fine three course meal, a CD Rom full of memorabilia, a long sleeve T-shirt and refreshments during dinner. Tickets will be available from the Contact Office (phone: 0249216013) and if you’d like more information, please give Chris Tola a call on 49216963.

The organiser would like to see any old photographs, movie footage, written articles and paraphernalia you may have so we can put it on the CD Rom and for the displays during the night. Please put your name and address on the back and we’ll return them to you ASAP.

Thanks, Chris Tola.
In 1996, second year Aboriginal Studies students at Newcastle University had the idea of creating a universities-based indigenous games. Since then, the games have caught on. On the 24th and 25th of October, an enthusiastic team of Newcastle University students travelled to Sydney University’s Lidcombe campus.

The Games involved a wide range of sports, including touch football, basketball, volleyball, netball, and softball. The aim of the games, according to Yvonne Fribence, the Aboriginal students’ representative, is to create good sportsmanship amongst the universities, and to make friends from other universities while competing in sport.

The Sports Union, which aims to get as many people as possible involved in sport and the resulting healthy lifestyle, supported these students by presenting them with a cheque to cover the registration fees for the Indigenous Games. The Wollotuka students have also been supported by NUSA, which sponsored their bus, and the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, which supplied their T-shirts.

Myron Olsen, a second year Aboriginal Studies student who competed in touch football and other sports, and Yvonne Fribence, were hopeful that this year, the Newcastle students could bring back home the overall trophy for the champion university.

Sadly, it wasn’t to be.

Corporation Relays

The 1998, University of Newcastle, Leisure and Tourism students invite you to participate in THE FORUM Corporate Relays. This inaugural event aims to raise funds for CanTeen as well as provide you and your employees with a day of fun, fitness, improved teamwork, out of work socialising and an increased public image.

CanTeen (The Australian Teenage Cancer Patients Society) is an organisation that helps 12-24 year old cancer patients by providing peer support, sibling support, camps, seminars and weekend retreats.

The event involves a series of three relays comprising:

* Road Relay - five participants each running 3 kilometres,
* Swim Relay - six participants each swimming, 50 metres,
* Track Relay - six participants each running 400 metres.

The event will be held at THE FORUM, the University of Newcastle Sports & Aquatic Centre on Sunday 8th November, 1998.

The cost of entering the event is $50.00 per team of 6-10 participants.

Entry forms and fees must be submitted to THE FORUM by 5.00pm Thursday 5th November, 1998.

The Sports Union congratulates the Uni Tunes - University's female corporate team on their Race for Research performance. See UniNews for results and photos.