

2016 PROGRAM



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President's Welcome

Welcome to the Blues Awards at the ANU recognising sporting achievement and contribution by ANU students, alumni and affiliates during 2015.

As noted in our award nominations form, a Blues Award is the highest sporting accolade that can be awarded to a student athlete at the Australian National University and is awarded to sports people in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements and for enhancing the reputation of University Sport.

The Blues Awards have historical and contemporary relevance to sport, and to the reputation of the University. These awards recognise the critical value of the role of sport in the holistic development of students during their academic experience, and the ongoing contribution of alumni and affiliates.

The Sport & Recreation Council of 2016 is very keen to have ANU Sport in its many guises achieving outstanding success locally, nationally and internationally. Further, it is hoped that, for those with the opportunity to represent the University in sport, it is a strongly held desire to do so to the best of their ability. We also hope that representing the ANU can be achieved through a vibrant and positive culture of discipline, camaraderie, and, most of all, fun.

One of sport's fundamental principles at the ANU should be the building of a respectful and inclusive culture within the student body. Such a culture teaches life lessons regarding positive mental and moral attitude, consistency of effort and performance, perseverance and courage. All of these qualities complement the academic pursuits of university life.

These awards encapsulate the diversity of offering of ANU Sport in complementing the University's development of future world citizens.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients, well done on your achievements.

David Luchetti

President

Breakthrough Performance of the Year

The Breakthrough Performance of the Year recognises an individual or team who have achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance at an international, national or state level competition.

ANU Men's Badminton Team - 2015 Australian University Games

The ANU Men's Badminton Team was ranked last going into the Division One Men's Badminton competition at the 2015 Australian University Games. The team headed into the knock out stages of the competition after dominating the pool stages, going through undefeated and advancing through the quarter finals and semi-finals to face the four time defending champions, the University of Melbourne, in the final. After the three singles matches, ANU was down 2-1 but fought back in doubles to eventually come away with the victory.

The team displayed persistence and spirit throughout the competition and were supportive of each other.



The ANU Men's Badminton Team L to R: Victoria Wang(manager), Tomohiro Kinoshita, Edward Wang, Daniel Lee, Mengbin Ye, Terrance Wong Anthony Joe,, and Johann Kwon (coach)

Best Individual Performance of the Year

The Best Individual Performance of the Year award recognises an ANU student, member or club affiliate who has achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance at any sporting event, competition or throughout the course of the season.

Adam Rudgley – Duathlon

Adam competed successfully in 2015, entering and achieving great results representing Australia in international competition.

Adam's main sporting achievements in 2015 was competing at the ITU World Duathlon Championships in Adelaide in October where he finished in a time of 1:50:51 and was awarded

- 3rd at the Under 23's
- 13th in the Elite Men



Best Team Performance of the Year

The Best Team Performance of the Year award recognises an ANU team which has achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance at any sporting event, competition or throughout the course of a sporting season.

ANU Under 21 Double Sculls

The all ANU student combination of Caleb Antill and Tom Collins won the Australian Men's Under 21 title at the 2015 National Rowing Championships in Penrith NSW. The crew won by more than a boat length in the final, ahead of fast finishing crews from South Australia and Victoria. Their time was 6:47.44 minutes.

On the back of this performance, the ANU crew was awarded the ACTSPORT Team of the Month for April 2015.



L to R: Caleb and Tom after their win

Club Athlete of the Year

The Club Athlete of the Year award recognises an ANU Club member who has shown outstanding sporting performance and achievement for their club throughout the course of the season.

Charlene Harris – Taekwon-Do

Charlene competed successfully in 2015, entering in and achieving great results in international competitions.

Charlene's main sporting achievements in 2015 include

- Gold in Women's Power Breaking at the 2015 International Championships in Boston USA
- Silver in Women's Patterns at the 2015 International Championships in Boston USA
- Awarded the rank of 4th Degree International Instructor



Club Team of the Year

The Club Team of the Year award recognises an ANU Club team which has excelled in sporting performance throughout the course of a season.

ANU Football Club Capital League and Reserves squad

The ANU Football Club Capital League and Reserves squad had an outstanding 2015 season. Both teams won their respective grand finals in Division 1 and Division 2 of the ACT State League Competition. The Capital League team won after a penalty shoot-out 4-3, with the scores locked 1-all at full-time. The Reserves Team won their grand final 2-0.

The ANU Capital League team also made it to the Final 8 in the 2015 Capital Football Federation Cup.



Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year award recognises the generous contributions that volunteers make across the ANU sporting community.

Brendan Hannan – Rugby Union

Brendan has been involved with university rugby for over three decades as a player, administrator and volunteer. Since the 1980s, Brendan has been the Treasurer of the club and is pivotal on game days, helping run canteen and barbecue facilities, collecting money and setting up and packing down game day equipment. He has also played over 300 grade games for the club in local competition.

Although he has recently finished his tenure as the club's treasurer, Brendan remains associated with the Uni-North Owls Rugby Club and ANU Sport.



Coach of the Year

The Coach of the Year Award recognises the ANU coach who has realised outstanding coaching performance with an ANU athlete or a team. Consideration regarding this award is based on several criteria, including highest level of coaching achievement and the level of relevant competition.

Charlene Harris – Taekwon-Do



Charlene is a highly experienced and skilled Taekwon-Do instructor and coach, gaining the highly respected rank of 4th Degree international Instructor in May 2015, with one of her examiners describing her as “a beacon of light for Taekwon-Do in Australia”. Her coaching and leadership has seen the ANU Club realise success, including a haul of 16 medals at the National Championships in Brisbane.



Indigenous Sports Award

The Indigenous Sports Award recognises students of Aboriginal or Torres Straight Island descent whose achievements have been outstanding in their chosen sport.

Rory Larkin – Men's Football University Games

Rory competed at both Eastern University Games and Australian University Games for ANU in men's football. Rory was a dominant goalkeeper at both competitions and was a leader within the team. Despite being a goalkeeper, Rory was the overall leading goal scorer at the Eastern University Games.

Rory is enrolled at ANU, studying for a Bachelor of Arts.



Outstanding Athlete with a Disability

The Outstanding Athlete with a Disability award recognises the achievements of an athlete with a disability in their chosen sport.

Kathryn Ross – Rowing

Kathryn had an outstanding year going undefeated throughout 2015.

Her main sporting achievements in 2015 included

- Winner in Women's Trunk and Arms Single Sculls at the 2015 Australian Championships
- Winner in Mixed Trunk and Arms Double Sculls at the 2015 Australian Championships
- Gold in Mixed Trunk and Arms Double Sculls at the 2015 World Cup
- Gold in Mixed Trunk and Arms Double Sculls at the 2015 World Championships



Small Club of the Year

The Small Club of the Year award recognises a club that has excelled in administration, sporting excellence, outstanding service to members and the promotion and development of their sport.

ANU Taekwon-Do Club

As well as achieving outstanding success locally, nationally and internationally, the ANU Taekwon-Do Club has bred a vibrant and positive culture of camaraderie, discipline, inclusivity and fun. One of its foundational aspects is the building of moral culture within the student body, which teaches life lessons regarding positive spirit, performance, perseverance and courage; these qualities complement the academic pursuits of university life.

The Club's success in competition included

- 16 medals at the National Championships in Brisbane – five Gold and 11 Bronze
- 6 medals at the Australian Martial Arts Games in Sydney – 6 Gold and two Bronze
- Three medals at the USTF International Tournament In Boston – one each Gold, Silver and Bronze



Club of the Year

The Club of the Year award recognises clubs that excel in administration, sporting excellence, outstanding service to members and the promotion and development of their sport.

ANU Boat Club



The success of the Club in 2015 was colossal and included

- Kathryn Ross winning Gold at the World Championships in Aiguebelette France
- Winning six medals at the Australian Championships in Penrith NSW
- Winning five medals and placing 4th from 15 participating universities at the Australian University Championships at West Lakes South Australia
- Triumphs in ACT competitions such as the Disher Cup, with six first placings
- 79% of the Club's 159 members being students



Peter McCullagh Achievement Award

The Peter McCullagh Achievement Award recognises achievement by an ANU sporting club member, who is not an ANU student, across administrative achievement, outstanding contribution to clubs, or sporting excellence.

Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

William Barker – Rowing

William learnt to row in 2014 in the ANU Boat Club's introduction to rowing course and has dramatically progressed since. William competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in local, regional and national competitions.

William's main sporting achievements in 2015 included

- Bronze in Under 21 Lightweight Single Sculls at the 2015 NSW Championships
- Bronze in Under 21 Lightweight Double Sculls at the 2015 NSW Championships
- Fourth in Under 21 Lightweight Single Sculls at the 2015 National Championships
- Offered a training agreement with the ACT Academy of Sport
- Invited by Rowing Australia to trial for the 2015 Under 21 national team



Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

David Barr – Taekwon-Do

David is one of the Taekwon-Do Club's senior instructors and coach. He holds the Club executive position of Secretary and has been a key member of the management team since the club's inception. He assists with organising and managing tournaments and other events. He is responsible for the clubs merchandise, sparring gear and uniform logistics and has been for the past three years.



Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

Shelley Bradshaw – Rugby Union

Shelley has been a key component of the Uni-North Owls women's rugby for several years. She is a leader within the team and the broader Owls' rugby club with her commitment in training and during games of the highest calibre. She is also a major contributor to the positive culture at the Owls as she supports other teams.

Shelley's commitment to training and skill development has been recognised with selection in ACT women's representative teams for both the 15 and 7-a-side formats of the game. She was also named best and fairest player for the Owls women's team in the 2015 season.



Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

Glen Coker – Rugby Union

During his tenure with the Uni-Norths Owls Rugby Club, Glen has coached second, third and fourth grade, and in the 2015 season was the head coach for both third and fourth grade teams. Under his guidance, third grade advanced to the finals for the first time since 2010.

Glen is also a strong supporter of women's rugby and assists with the set up and pack down on game day at ANU North Oval. His approach, which ensures that all players across a variety of skill levels remain included in all elements of sport, on and off the field, has endeared him to members of the club, young and old.

In addition to coaching the Owls, Glen is the coach of the Australian Deaf rugby team.



Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

Amanda Ford – Fencing

Amanda has been a regular attendee at club, state and national level competitions as a competitor or official representing the ANU Fencing Club and the ACT. Amanda competed successfully in 2015, entering in and achieving great results in local, regional and state competitions.

Amanda's main sporting achievements in 2015 included

- Champion in Sabre at the 2015 ACT Open
- Champion in Foil at the 2015 ACT Open
- Champion in Epee at the 2015 ACT Open
- Second in Sabre at the 2015 ACT State Championships
- First in Sabre at the 2015 Riverina Regional Championships
- Third in Epee at the 2015 Riverina Regional Championships
- Third in Foil at the 2015 Riverina Regional Championships



Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

Christine Gillmore – Taekwon-Do

Christine has only been a member of the Taekwon-Do Club for a little over a year but had become a core member of the club in that time as she is always eager to help with organising events and activities. Christine competed successfully in 2015, entering in and achieving great results in national competitions.

Christine's main sporting achievements in 2015 included

- Gold in Sparring at the 2015 National Championships
- Gold in Patterns at the 2015 National Championships
- Gold in Special Techniques at the 2015 National Championships
- Overall Runner Up at the 2015 National Championships in Adelaide



Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

Nick Hunter - Rowing

Nick began volunteering for ANU sport in 1980 as a committee member of the Boat Club.

In the subsequent 36 years he has contributed over 15,000 hours of voluntary service to ANU Sport. This contribution has primarily been through roles as coach, Vice-President and President with the Boat Club and as a member of ANU Sport Council.

As the President of the Boat Club since 2007 he has overseen the growth of the club from 26 members and a four figure annual financial turnover to 160 members and a six figure financial turnover

Nick is continually looking for and implementing ways to improve the rowing experience for Club members whilst at the same time providing mentorship to aspiring coaches and high performance athletes. In 1994 he was made an honorary life member of the Boat Club in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the Club.

Nick's voluntary umpiring and development work was recognised by the international rowing federation (FISA) in 2014 when it appointed him to its 10 member international Umpiring Commission - the first Australian ever to be appointed to it.



Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

Raina Singh – Taekwon-Do

Raina is a loyal member of the ANU Taekwon-Do Club and has been an integral member of the management team since the club's inception and holds the executive position of Treasurer. She is one of the club's senior instructors and coaches. In her role as treasurer, she assists in organising and managing all financial aspects of the club.

On top of her role as treasurer, Raina assists with running the club's training, assists with the club's administration and planning, assists with logistics and travel for participation in interstate tournaments and seminars, and prepares for gradings to ensure that they run smoothly.

Raina is studying Law and Economics at ANU.



Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

Michael Spencer – Fencing

Michael is a valued member of the ANU Fencing club as he is the club's photographer, student mentor and club historian. Michael is also a strong competitor for the club and competed successfully in 2015, entering in and achieving great results in local, regional and state competitions.

Amanda's main sporting achievements in 2015 included

- Runner Up in Veteran's Epee at the 2015 Southern Highlands Fencing Academy Challenge
- Runner Up in Epee at the 2015 NSW State Veteran's Championships
- Sixth at the 2015 ACT Open Men's Epee
- Third in Veteran's Epee at the 2015 ACT Age Championships
- Third in Open Epee at the 2015 ANU March Men's Open
- Third in Epee at the 2015 ANU Annual Open
- Third in Open Men's Epee at the 2015 Riverina Regional Championships
- Runner Up in Epee age 50+ at the 2015 Australian Masters Games
- Third in Veteran's Epee at the 2015 Australian Fencing Championships



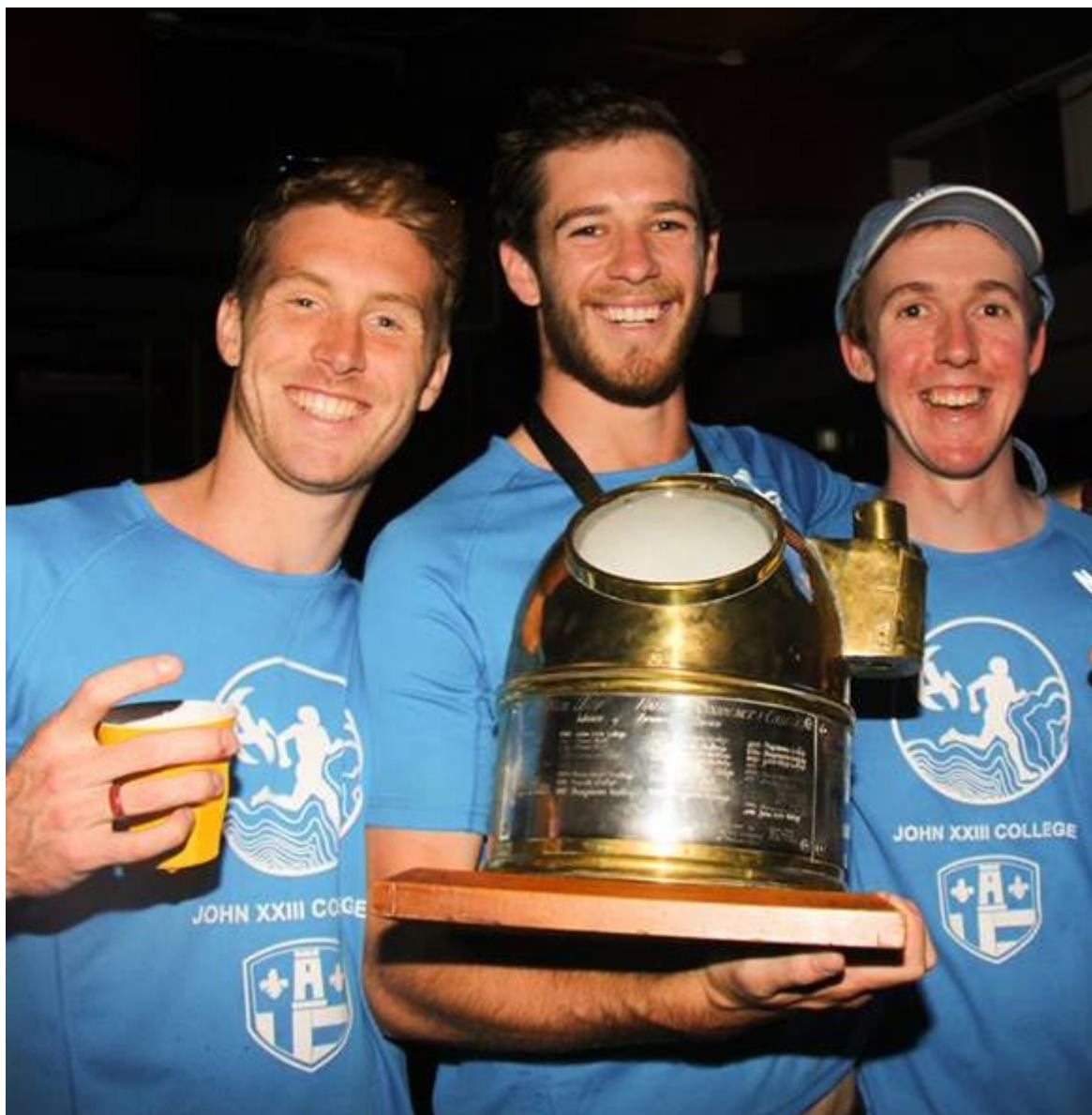
Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipient 2015

Geoffrey Sykes – Inward Bound

Geoffrey was the 2015 Inward Bound Race Director, overseeing the safety of 220 competitors, 230 volunteers and 1 000 spectators. His personal experiences in the Inward Bound Race allowed him to develop both a physically and mentally challenging course in areas that the Inward Bound Race had previously not been able to race in. Geoffrey has previously competed in Inward Bound on five occasions from 2009 until 2014, and has been the coach of the John XXIII team three times.

To make such a successful race Geoffrey had to dedicate countless hours each week planning and preparing for the event.

Geoffrey is a post graduate student, progressing toward a Juris Doctor degree.



Half Blue Award

A Half Blue Award recognises outstanding performance at a state level and/or University competitions.

Congratulations to the recipients of Half Blue Awards.

Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Caleb Antill – Rowing

In 2015, Caleb competed successfully in local, national and university competitions.

His main sporting achievements in 2015 included

- Gold in Double Sculls at the 2015 Under 21's National Rowing Championships
- Bronze in Quad Sculls at the 2015 Under 23's National Rowing Championships
- Fourth in Single Sculls at the 2015 Under 21's National Rowing Championships
- Gold in Double Sculls at the 2015 Australian University Championships
- Silver in Mixed Fours at the 2015 Australian University Championships
- Winner in Single Scull at the 2015 Disher Cup Regatta
- Winner in Men's Eight at the 2015 Disher Cup Regatta
- Selected in the 2015 ACT Academy of Sport Senior Rowing Squad
- Awarded ACTSPORT's Team of the Month for April

Caleb is at ANU, completing a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Science.



Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Tom Collins – Rowing

Tom competed successfully in local and national competitions in 2015, achieving great results, including

- Gold in Double Sculls at the 2015 Under 21's National Rowing Championships
- Fifth in Single Sculls at the 2015 Under 21's National Rowing Championships
- Selected in the 2015 ACT Academy of Sport Senior Rowing Squad
- Awarded ACT Sport's Team of the Month for April

Tom is enrolled in Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Arts at ANU.



Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Marie Heloury - Rowing

Marie competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in local and university competitions.

Marie's main sporting achievements in 2015 include

- Silver in Mixed Coxed Four at the 2015 Australian University Championships
- Selected in the 2015 Head of the Yarra Squad



ANU at left with medallists in Mixed Coxed Four – 2015 Australian University Championship

Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Anthony Joe – Badminton

Anthony competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in national, international and university competitions.

His main sporting achievements in 2015 include

- Gold at the 2015 Australian University Games
- Winner in Doubles at the 2015 Open New Caledonian International
- Quarterfinalist in Singles at the 2015 Open New Caledonian International
- Semi-finalist in Doubles at the 2015 Open Oceanic Championships
- Quarterfinalist in Singles at the 2015 Open Oceanic Championships
- Ranked in top 10 in 2015 in Australia
- Awarded Green and Gold selection at the 2015 Australian University Games

Anthony is studying Engineering at ANU.



Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Sarah Jones – Fencing

Sarah competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in local and regional competitions.

Sarah's main sporting achievements in 2015 include

- Champion in Epee at the 2015 ACT Under 23 Championships
- Runner Up in Sabre at the 2015 ACT Under 23 Championships
- Runner Up in Epee at the 2015 ACT Under Open Championships
- Ranked third in Sabre at the 2015 ACT Under Open Championships
- Second in Epee at the 2015 NSW Riverina Regional Championships
- Third in Sabre at the 2015 NSW Riverina Regional Championships

Sarah is studying for a Bachelor of Arts/bachelor of Laws at ANU.



Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Tomohiro Kinoshita – Badminton

Tomohiro competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in local and university competitions.

Tomohiro's main sporting achievements in 2015 include

- Gold at the 2015 Australian University Games
- Runner Up in Doubles at the 2015 University of Canberra Closed Championships



Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Daniel Lee – Badminton

Daniel competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in local and university competitions.

His main sporting achievements in 2015 include

- Gold at the 2015 Australian University Games
- Winner in Doubles at the 2015 MSO Badminton Open

Daniel is enrolled at ANU in a Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Finance.



Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Edward Wang – Badminton

Edward competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in university competitions.

His main sporting achievements in 2015 include

- Gold at the 2015 Australian University Games

Edward is enrolled at ANU, studying Engineering and Science.



Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Terrance Wong – Badminton

Terrance competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in local and university competitions.

Terrance's main sporting achievements in 2015 include

- Gold at the 2015 Australian University Games
- Winner in Doubles at the 2015 MSO Badminton Open
- Runner Up in Singles at the 2015 CGS Open
- Winner in Doubles at the 2015 CGS Open
- Winner in Singles at the 2015 ACT Closed
- Runner Up in Doubles at the 2015 ACT Closed
- Runner Up in Open Grade at the 2015 ACT Open

Terrance is enrolled at ANU in Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Economics.



Half Blue Award Recipient 2015

Mengbin Ye – Badminton

Mengbin (Ben) competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in local and university competitions.

His main sporting achievements in 2015 include:

- Gold at the 2015 Australian University Games
- Selected in 2015 to compete at the 2016 Ede Clendinnen Shield in Victoria
- Runner Up in Doubles at the 2015 ACT Australia Day Doubles
- Winner in Mixed Doubles at the 2015 UC CALD

Mengbin is studying for a PhD (Engineering) at ANU.



Full Blue Award

A Full Blue is the highest sporting accolade that can be awarded to a student-athlete at The Australian National University.

They are awarded to athletes in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements and for enhancing the reputation of University Sport.

Full Blue Award Recipient 2015

William Rooks – Teakwon-Do

William competed successfully in 2015, achieving great results in local and university competitions.

His main sporting achievements in 2015 was

- Bronze in Sparring at the 2015 USATF International Championships in Boston USA, an event attended by over 400 competitors from 12 countries. William was a member of the Australian team.

William is enrolled for a Bachelor of Arts at ANU, with majors in Political Science and international Relations.



William, at left, with ANU Team colleagues Charlene Harris and Guy Pedashenko

Full Blue Award Recipient 2015

Adam Rudgley – Duathlon

Adam competed successfully in 2015, entering and achieving great results representing Australia in international competition.

Adam's main sporting achievements in 2015 was competing at the ITU World Duathlon Championships in Adelaide in October where he finished in a time of 1:50:51 and was awarded

- 3rd at the Under 23's
- 13th in the Elite Men

Adam is in his fifth year of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Bachelor of Science degree at ANU.



Adam, at right, with his Bronze Medal

Full Blue Award Recipient 2015

Jeremy Shelley – Fencing

Jeremy works full-time and studies part-time, while competing in fencing at the national and international levels. He contributes to the sport of Fencing as an administrator, referee and coach at club and state level.

On top of his previous multiple open and junior state titles, Jeremy's main sporting achievements in 2015 include

- Awarded Green and Gold selection at the 2015 Australian University Games
- First in Individual Epee at the 2015 Australian University Games
- Bronze as a member of the ANU Team Epee at the 2015 Australian University Games
- Member of ANU men's Fencing Team placed 2nd overall at the 2015 Australian University Games
- Ranked number 1 in 2015 in ACT
- Selected in the 2015 ACT Men's Epee Team

Jeremy is studying a Master of Laws (International Law) at ANU.



Jeremy, at right

Sports Star of the Year

The Sports Star of the Year Award is awarded to a sportsperson whose achievements have been outstanding in both their performance and contribution to sport.

The 2015 Sport Star of the Year is Justin James



Sport Star of the Year 2015

Justin James – Swimming

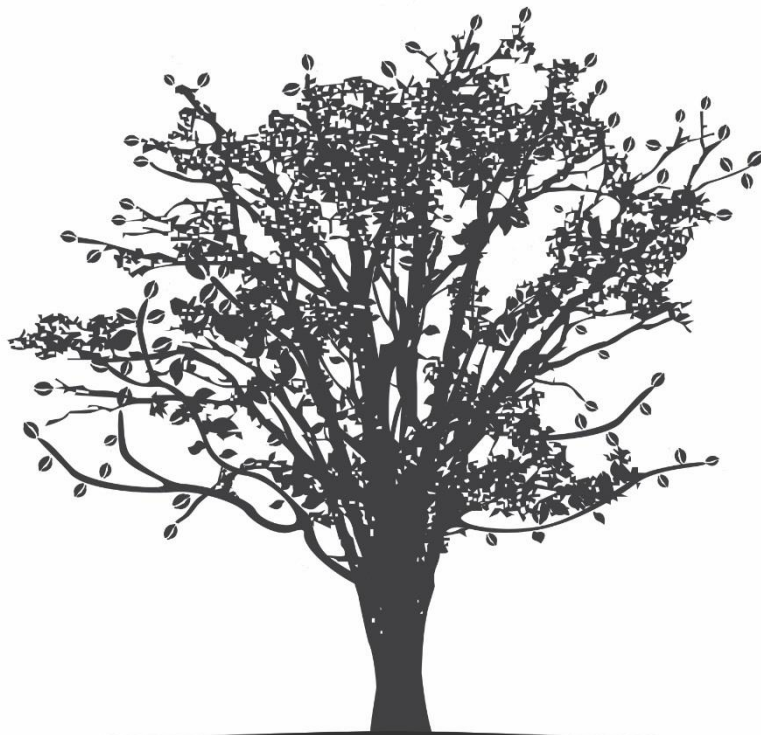
Justin is studying at ANU, enrolled in a Bachelor of International Security Studies. His sporting achievements at national and international level in 2015 include

- Gold in 200m Individual Medley at the 2015 World University Games in Korea in a time of 1:58.38
- Silver in the 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay at the 2015 World University Games in Korea
- Second in 200m Individual Medley at the 2015 Australian Open Swimming Championships
- First in 200m Individual Medley at the 2015 Australian Open Short Course Swimming Championships
- Selected in the 2016 Australian Team to compete at the Perth Aquatic Super Series in international competition against the Chinese and Japanese Swim Teams





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The Coffee Grounds

