



Welcome to the December edition of the Melbourne University Sport Quarterly eNewsletter. This eNewsletter provides the latest information and updates about the University's sporting community. MU Sport wishes you a safe and festive Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2016!

NEWS

WOMEN WIN SEVEN IN A ROW

Melbourne's women's eight has continued its incredible run in the Australian Boat Race, winning a seventh straight title since the re-inception of the race.

In the other races, Sydney's men were too strong for Melbourne, while Ormond and St Andrew's won one college race each.

[Click here](#) to read all about it.



ANDREW AND GERALDINE BUXTON ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP NURTURES FUTURE STARS

The new Andrew and Geraldine Buxton Athletics Scholarship will support up and coming student-athletes as they strive to reach their athletic and academic potential.

The scholarship will assist one student-athlete aspiring to be among the best in the world whilst they study at Australia's number one ranked university.

The scholarship, valued at \$10,000 per year plus in-kind support, is the first elite athlete scholarship in Australia to be established by a donor in perpetuity to encourage rising track and field talent to study in Australia. Read more [here](#).

ALCOTT FIRST ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY TO WIN OUTSTANDING SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR

University of Melbourne student-athlete Dylan Alcott capped off a phenomenal year by winning the Outstanding Sporting Achievement of the Year award at the University's 2015 Blues and Sports Awards at the Copland Theatre on 20 November.

Some 89 student-athletes received Blues across 23 sports. Adam Pyke (Athletics) won Male Athlete of the Year and Catherine Phillips (Ultimate Frisbee) claimed Female Athlete of the Year. Rowing took out Team of the Year. Well done to all our winners!

Read the full story about the event with the full list of winners [here](#), and check out the photo gallery [here](#).



RAISE THE BAR ACADEMY RECOGNISED

The Raise the Bar Academy (RTB), a partnership between the University of Melbourne and Athletics Australia, has received Australian University Sport's 2015 Community Leadership award.

The inaugural Academy, held in January 2015, worked with Indigenous students entering Year 11 or 12 from across Australia, with the aim of supporting those interested in pursuing tertiary education and a career in the sports industry.

Raise the Bar Academy returns on 18-22 January 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.

NOTICES

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSURE

We will close our facilities for Christmas from 24 December 2015 to 3 January 2016. Group Fitness classes will take a break from 21 December 2015 to 4 January 2016 inclusive. We wish you all the best over the holiday period and look forward to welcoming you when we re-open.

IMPROVING FACILITIES FOR 2016

Please also note Lincoln Square Fitness will be closed until at least 27 January 2016 due to repairs. The pool in the Beaurepaire Centre will be closed for a short break from 14 December 2015 to 17 January 2016 for important upgrades to the filtration system, re-opening on 18 January 2016. We thank you for your patience at this time. Find more information [here](#).



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