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Media Release

ANU Blues Awarded for 2014

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Notable Guests: ANU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Young AO, Pro Vice-Chancellor International and Outreach Mr Erik Lithander, Executive Director of Administration and Planning Mr Chris Grange, representatives of ACT Sporting Organisations, Head of Residences, members of the ANU Sport Council, and Life Members of ANU Sport.

The Australian National University (ANU) Annual Blues were last night awarded to students, club members and administrators for their excellence and contribution to sport & recreation during the 2014 calendar year. A total of fifty-one (51) recipients received an award across fourteen (14) sports.

A Blues Award is the highest sporting accolade that can be awarded to a student athlete at the Australian National University and are awarded to sports men and women in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements and for enhancing the reputation of University Sport.

The 8 award categories were:

- **Full Blue (7 awarded):** *A Full Blue Award 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.*
- **Half Blue (28 awarded):** *A Half Blue Award recognises outstanding performance at a state level and/or University competitions*
- **Peter McCullagh Achievement Award (11 awarded):** *The Peter McCullagh Achievement Award recognises achievement by an individual in ANU Sporting Clubs across administrative achievement, outstanding contribution to clubs, or sporting excellence (non-student).*
- **Indigenous Sporting Award (1 awarded):** *The Indigenous Sporting Award recognizes students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent who have achieved outstanding performance in a chosen sport.*
- **Club of the Year Award (1 awarded):** *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.*
- **Runner up Club of the Year Award (1 awarded):** *The Runner up 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.*
- **Second Runner up Club of the Year Award (1 awarded):** *The Second Runner up 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.*



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- **Sport Star of the Year Award (1 awarded):** *The Sport Star of the Year Award is awarded to a sportsperson whose achievements have been outstanding in both their performance and contribution to sport.*

The overarching theme of the Blues Awards is to recognise outstanding achievements and the diversity of sporting opportunities at The Australian National University. The Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Young AO said *'The University is very proud to have its students and members of its community possess the capacity to set and achieve high standards both academically and sporting'*.

The quality of degrees that award recipients are currently studying in, or recently graduated from, The Australian National University is notable. To name a few; Bachelor of Arts, Engineering, Laws, Science, Medical Science, Commerce, Economics and some completing Honours and Masters in their chosen field of study.

The top gong, 2014 Sport Star of the Year, was awarded to the local swimmer **Benjamin Treffers**. Benjamin had a fantastic year in the pool, with his greatest accomplishment coming in the form of a Commonwealth Games gold medal in the 50m Backstroke. Benjamin was also a recipient of a Full Blue award at last year's ceremony in recognition of his achievements during 2013. Other notable achievements during 2014 included:

- 1st in the 50m Backstroke at the Australian National Championships - breaking the Australian record by 0.27
- 2nd in 100m Backstroke at the Australian National Championships.
- 5th in 100m Backstroke at the Commonwealth Games.
- 5th in the 100m Backstroke at the Pan Pacific Championships.

Despite his success in the pool, Benjamin continues to manage his Bachelor of Commerce studies, of which he has one (1) year remaining.

A video of Benjamin's gold medal swim at the 2014 Commonwealth Games can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YpD0g825t8>

14 sports were represented across the 51 awards:

1. Softball
2. Cycling
3. Judo
4. Ultimate Disc
5. Fencing
6. Hockey
7. Cricket
8. Rowing
9. Taekwon-do
10. Volleyball
11. Jujutsu
12. Kendo
13. Orienteering
14. Swimming



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Peter McCullagh, who has dedicated 40 years of service to the Blues Committee said *'The Ceremony is seen as one of the most significant events in the history of ANU Sport. Both the achievements of the Award recipients and the calibre of the event have been remarkable'*.

The full list of award recipients are below:

Full Blue Recipients

- 1 Carlin, Emma (Softball)
- 2 Mason, Jennifer (Softball)
- 3 McDonald, Ailie (Cycling)
- 4 Naing, Yan (Judo)
- 5 Suzuki, Maya (Ultimate Disc)
- 6 Emerson, Tom (Ultimate Disc)
- 7 Dennis, Adelaide (Ultimate Disc)

Half Blue Recipients

- 1 Adams-Bedford, Joel (Fencing)
- 2 Mills, Ash (Fencing)
- 3 Robinson, Isabella (Fencing)
- 4 Drummond, Dale (Fencing)
- 5 Emerson, Benjamin (Ultimate Disc)
- 6 Lomas, Emma (Hockey)
- 7 Sullivan, Oliver (Judo)
- 8 Kuehl, Kurt (Judo)
- 9 Chivers, Owen (Cricket)
- 10 Murn, Scott (Cricket)
- 11 Farrar, Madeleine (Rowing)
- 12 Ims, Georgina (Rowing)
- 13 Grzeskowiak, Cara (Rowing)
- 14 Stoltz, William (Rowing)
- 15 Bertuzzi, Sabina (Rowing)
- 16 Kinoshita, Gen (Rowing)
- 17 Letcher, Luke (Rowing)
- 18 Morris, Stephen (Rowing)
- 19 Peterson, Anna (Rowing)
- 20 Johnston, Alice (Taekwon-do)
- 21 Kalikov, Damirzhan (Taekwon-do)
- 22 Cui, Jing (Taekwon-do)
- 23 Elsing, Samuel (Taekwon-do)
- 24 Ding, Fangwei (Taekwon-do)
- 25 Su, Jiapeng (Volleyball)
- 26 Tan, Clarissa (Volleyball)
- 27 O'Neill, Laura (Volleyball)
- 28 May, Jennifer (Volleyball)

Peter McCullagh Achievement Award Recipients

- 1 Bedekar, Veena (Jujutsu)
- 2 Wragg, Sharyn (Kendo)



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- 3 Hribar, Nicola (Taekwon-do)
- 4 McKenzie, Adrienne (Rowing)
- 5 Hinds, Ian (Hockey)
- 6 Plumb, Kizziah (Hockey)
- 7 Sutherland, Peta (Hockey)
- 8 Anderson, Kristy (Hockey)
- 9 Daley, Annie (Hockey)
- 10 Mackintosh, Isabel (Hockey)
- 11 Pappas, Evelyn (Hockey)

Indigenous Sporting Award

- 1 Pickwick, Clementine (Volleyball)

Club of the Year Award

- 1 ANU Boat Club
- 2 ANU Taekwon-Do Club
- 3 ANU Fencing Club

Sport Star of the Year Award

- 1 Treffers, Benjamin (Swimming)