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University Sport Stars Recognised at AUS Sports Awards

This morning saw Australia's university sporting stars recognised for their hard work and dedication, during the annual Australian University Sport (AUS) Awards Champagne Brunch function at The University of NSW, Sydney on Friday 7/12/07.

The awards distinguish the many outstanding performances and contributions recorded from Australian student athletes, participating in university sport throughout the world each year.

Through these awards, Australian University Sport identifies these top performances under a national university sport awards scheme. These awards are uniquely university and due to the diverse range of university athletes in Australia, they encompass all sports not only the mainstream.

Sydney Uni Flames Women's basketball player, 2007 Summer Universiade (World University Games, Bangkok, Thailand) Gold Medallist and now Female Athlete of the Year, Georgia Woodyard is one of many athletes and sport administrators recognised today.

Woodyard who is studying Law at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), was lucky enough to share her award with close friend and team mate from the 2007 Summer Universiade and Jessica Foley, Flinders University.

"It is excellent that we received this award together. I've known Jess for some time as we played with the AIS and the Gems (World Junior Championship Team) together as juniors. It was too bad she had a game today and we couldn't receive it on the day together," Woodyard said.

Woodyard's year has been one filled with achievements. "This year has been a stand out year for me as I was given the chance to play a key role in the Summer Universiade team. In other international campaigns I have been a bench player. It was also a privilege to be coached by Carrie Graf who is one of the best coaches in Australia," expressed Woodyard.

Today saw the seventh year of the national awards, which was addressed by Don Knapp, Australian University Sport's CEO, in conjunction with the Australian University Championship - Twenty20™ Cricket competition, Dec 3 – 7 at The University of NSW.

"These annual AUS Awards provide a podium where Australian University Sport can acknowledge and recognise the dedication, commitment and achievements that these student athletes put into their chosen sport, while juggling the demands of tertiary study," said Mr Knapp.

Australian University Sport is the peak governing body of university sport in Australia and currently has 42 members, which represents more than 850,000 students.

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Awards	Finalists	Winners
Most Outstanding Sporting Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sean Wroe (SUT Athletics)- Susan Pratley (USYD Netball)- Alice McNamara (Melb Rowing)- Annabelle Williams (Bond EAD Swimming)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Alice McNamara (Melb Rowing)
Male Athlete of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sean Wroe (SUT Athletics)- Joshua Robinson (UQ Athletics)- Justin Merlino (USYD Athletics)- Grant Brits (MQU Swimming)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sean Wroe (SUT Athletics)
Female Athlete of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jessica Foley (Flinders Basketball)- Georgia Woodyard (UTS Basketball)- Dani Samuels (UWS Athletics)- Alice McNamara (Melb Rowing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jessica Foley (Flinders Basketball)- Georgia Woodyard (UTS Basketball)
Team of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- QUT Men's Volleyball- USYD Rowing Club- UQ Athletics Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- QUT Men's Volleyball
Service to Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chris Noel (USYD Rowing)- Jeannette Meakins (UWA)- Robert Bell (UQ Soccer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chris Noel (USYD Rowing)
Coach of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Carrie Graf (AUS Basketball)- Kerry Norman (UQ Touch Football)- Mick Somers (USyd Soccer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Carrie Graf (AUS Basketball)

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IMAGE 1 CAPTION (high res available on request): Georgia Woodyard (UTS) defending the Australian basket against Russia in the Gold Medal Match at the 2007 Summer Universiade in Bangkok, Thailand.

IMAGE 2 CAPTION (high res available on request): Jess Foley (Flinders Uni) shooting from the free throw in the Gold Medal Match at the 2007 Summer Universiade in Bangkok, Thailand.

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