



UNIVERSITY & TERTIARY SPORT
NEW ZEALAND

2023 ANNUAL REPORT





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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Board extends its gratitude to the eight universities who make up the membership of UTSNZ and who we ultimately serve in the work that we do. We continue to strongly believe that UTSNZ provides a valuable offering to its members, and we are thankful for the open and respectful relationships between UTSNZ and each university. A special thank you to our university sport managers and staff, national sporting organisation partners and other stakeholders that work alongside us to deliver high quality competitive events. This collective effort ensures we continue to meet the needs and expectations of our students.

In 2023, UTSNZ concentrated on setting up the organisation for long-term success and viability. Taking into account our ambitious strategic plan, the Board extensively deliberated on and discussed the organisation's future and strategies. We aimed to ensure sustainability amid fiscal challenges faced by universities, our limited revenue sources, and the growing cost-of-living pressures on students.

A significant focus was placed on financial sustainability, resulting in a comprehensive review of membership fees and structure. UTSNZ had not increased its membership fees since inception and has operated on a conservative budget. After extensive consultation with members, the Board increased fees to bolster the financial sustainability of the organisation and to accurately reflect cost increases, and has committed to annual fee reviews. Diversification of financial partnerships remains a priority crucial to UTSNZ's growth in profile, relevance, and sustainability. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our financial supporters for their invaluable contributions in 2023.

With funding support from Sport New Zealand, UTSNZ also explored avenues to provide value to the vocational education sector. The first phase of this exploration provided significant insights, and we hope for increased collaboration with this sector in the future.

The current Board consists of eight members, two of whom are university student representatives. The Board comprises of a representative from four of the eight Universities and is 50% female. In 2023, Connor Mills, student representative from AUT, was welcomed to the Board. We extend our gratitude to Jason Nel, our previous student representative who resigned from the Board to take up work commitments. It is fulfilling to see the transition of our students into their professional careers and knowing the benefit they received from committing to the challenging position of a governance role. Further valuable student voice is received from the Student Athlete Commission, made up from a representative from each member University.

Additionally, the Board reviewed its skills matrix to ensure that the expertise at Board level aligns with the strategic direction of the organisation, and that it is equipped to support the operations and aspirational strategic targets the organisation has set for itself. Following an update to the skills matrix, the Board commenced recruitment for a new co-opted Board member to join the team and are delighted that Kathryn Irving has been appointed to the Board, attending the first meeting of the Board in 2024. Kathryn brings over 15 years of extensive experience in sports policy, marketing, and commercialisation, enhancing the Board's capabilities.

We extend sincere thanks to Sarah Anderson and Tiwai Wilson for their ongoing commitment and exemplary work in delivering UTSNZ's operations and vision. Their expertise and enthusiasm are integral to UTSNZ's success, and we are immensely grateful for their service. We also thank the staff and students from our member organisations for their essential contributions, ensuring that UTSNZ remains relevant and valuable.

It is a privilege to serve as Chair of the Board of UTSNZ for another year. UTSNZ is a fantastic organisation to be involved in, and the Board is a wonderful group of individuals dedicated to steering the organisation into the future. We remain steadfast in our commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of tertiary students through participation in sport and sporting opportunities. I look forward to working with the Board members and staff to further enhance the UTSNZ offering and service to its community in 2024 and beyond.

Ngā mihi nui

Anne-Marie Parsons
BOARD CHAIR



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As the Executive Director of UTSNZ, I always feel a sense of pride when reflecting back on the milestones and successes that mark the journey of UTSNZ each year and 2023 is no different.

At the forefront of our achievements lies the delivery of yet another exhilarating National Tertiary Championship Series. Witnessing the level of talent, sportsmanship, determination and joy showcased by our student-athletes across various sports is inspiring. It's these moments that reaffirm the value in fostering an environment where student well-being is enhanced through sport.

Also pleasing this year was the expansion of our Tertiary Challenge Series. Continuing to introduce new and diverse sports opens doors for student cohorts previously underrepresented. This inclusivity not only broadens our reach but also celebrates the diverse talents and passions within our university community. Witnessing the engagement and enthusiasm of these new participants has been a testament to the power of inclusivity in sport.

In 2023, UTSNZ also proudly launched the inaugural National Tertiary Recreation Conference Awards. These awards shine a spotlight on the hardworking individuals who form the backbone of the tertiary sport sector, recognising their commitment and innovative contributions. Celebrating their dedication is pivotal in nurturing a culture of appreciation and growth within our community.

UTSNZ was also proud to see New Zealand make its inaugural representation at the FISU UWC Football in China. Witnessing University of Auckland athletes' competing on the international stage at this top-level event was a proud moment and helps demonstrate the calibre of talent within our university sector.



In terms of victories, the University of Canterbury's triumph in securing both the National Tertiary Championship Shield and Te Kaitiaki, the national Spirit Award, in 2023 (in UC's 150th year) was nothing short of legendary. Their success attributable to the value placed on sport by senior leaders, staff and students within the UC environment.

In addition to results, also rewarding is the sense of social cohesion and connectedness that radiates from UTSNZ events and initiatives. Beyond event titles and medals, the events clearly help to forge bonds and friendships, uniting us all in a shared passion for sport. You only need to look to our event photos, broadcast coverage and social media content to see the sense of belonging and camaraderie among our student participants, reaffirming that our efforts extend far beyond the realms of physical performance and achievement; more importantly contributing to positive student experiences, well-being, and a connected and vibrant student community.



As we look ahead, our resolve to continue to nurture a community that celebrates diversity, excellence, and inclusivity remains unwavering. Whilst UTSNZ continues to raise the standards of delivery and profile of inter-tertiary sport, mounting financial pressures observed across universities, as well as the commercial and sport sectors means heightened economic challenges, compelling a closer examination of financial sustainability. As such, UTSNZ will continue to review and monitor its strategic priorities in 2024 to ensure sustained operations, and the on-going achievement of positive milestones such as those highlighted above.

Sarah Anderson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OUR PEOPLE

GOVERNANCE



Anne-Marie Parsons
Chair



Karl Whalen
Director



Heinz Fellerhoff
Treasurer



Joe Hitchcock
Director



Jo Kelly
Director



Narise Hansen
Student Director



Connor Mills
Student Director



Nicola Clayden
Director



Jason Nel
Student Director

2023 saw Nicola Clayden and Jason Nel standing down from the Board following the AGM, and the appointments of both Heinz Fellerhoff and Connor Mills ratified.

STAFF



Sarah Anderson
Executive Director



Tiwai Wilson
Marketing and Event Manager

UTSNZ continues to deliver via an operational staff of two; an Executive Director and a Marketing and Events Manager.



MEMBERS & AFFILIATIONS

Members

- The University of Auckland
- AUT
- Massey University
- Victoria University of Wellington
- University of Waikato
- University of Canterbury
- Lincoln University
- University of Otago

Affiliations

- International University Sports Federation (FISU)
- Oceania University Sports Association (FISU Oceania/OUA)

GOVERNANCE

Board

UTSNZ continues to be governed by a strong leadership group, with Anne-Marie Parsons, Associate Director Student Wellbeing and Engagement at the University of Auckland, continuing as Chair throughout 2023.

Nicola Clayden, stepped down from the Board in May 2023 following the AGM after seven years as a Director. Nicola continued to represent and provide leadership of university sport at an international level through her role as FISU Oceania Vice President until November. Following the 2023 FISU Oceania General Assembly, Nicola has now been replaced on the FISU Oceania Committee by current UTSNZ Board Member Karl Whalen.

Massey University representative Heinz Fellerhoff, acting Treasurer was ratified at the 2023 AGM in May, alongside new student Board representative Connor Mills.



Board Meetings

In total, there were four UTSNZ board meetings held in 2023.

- 9 March
- 25 May
- 24 August
- 9 November

In addition the 8th Annual General Meeting of UTSNZ was held 24 May 2023.

STUDENT ATHLETE COMMISSION



Jonty Gallagher
Lincoln University



McKayla Little
Massey University



Blayze Waddicor
University of Auckland



Abby Crane
University of Waikato



Josiah Leigh
University of Canterbury



April Milne
Victoria University of Wellington

The UTSNZ Student Athlete Commission serves as a bridge between student athletes and the organisation, striving to enhance their experience. In 2023, the Commission continued its dedication to advocating for student athletes' needs, amplifying their voices within UTSNZ. Through fostering communication channels and providing valuable feedback, they ensured that the perspectives of student athletes were considered in the organisation's decision-making processes.



STRATEGIC PLAN

UTSNZ remains firmly committed to its Strategic Plan 2022-2025, actively steering its initiatives and operations in alignment with the outlined objectives.



Leadership

Lead, advocated and influenced tertiary sport delivery through knowledge, evidence and insight.

- Delivered the New Zealand Tertiary Recreation Conference in partnership with Lincoln University
- Explored wider tertiary engagement within the ITP sector
- Launched and delivered the inaugural UTSNZ National Tertiary Recreation Conference Awards

Events

More tertiary students participated in UTSNZ events.

- National Tertiary Championship Series delivered
- National Tertiary Challenge Series expanded

Pathways

Participation and performance pathways contributed to tertiary student engagement and experience.

- Represented at FISU University World Cup 3x3 and Football events
- Multiple student volunteer and internships opportunities provided

Partnerships

Collaborative and purposeful partnerships supported the profile and growth of tertiary sport in New Zealand.

- Additional grant funding secured to support membership revenue
- NSO partnerships retained
- International relationships strengthened

Profile

Elevation of our profile brought increased recognition, amplifying our impact within the sporting community.

- National Tertiary Championship Series broadcast
- Increased reach and engagement across social media platforms

Student Well-Being

The well-being of New Zealand tertiary students was enhanced through UTSNZ events and opportunities.

- Consistently high student experience ratings
- Provision of quality opportunities and experiences

EVENTS

THE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2023



In 2023, the UTSNZ National Tertiary Championship Series was a resounding success, marking an unparalleled celebration of university sports excellence. Quality performances and intense competition underscored the championship events, fostering camaraderie and sportsmanship among talented student-athletes. With a strong emphasis on performance and inclusivity, the championship series gave up-and-coming talent a stage to shine, while also recognising the commitment and effort of experienced athletes. This year's events not only boosted the university sports programme, but also showed UTSNZ's dedication to fostering athletic success, as well as supporting the well-being of tertiary student athletes.

"UTSNZ's commitment to fostering a positive sporting culture has not only enriched my university experience but also taught me important lessons in teamwork, resilience, and discipline. UTSNZ truly recognises the holistic development of students, proving that sports and education can go hand in hand, and I'm grateful for the opportunities it has provided me to grow both on and off the field."

ADN NZ UNIVERSITY
ROWING
CHAMPIONSHIPS
ASHBURTON
7-8 APRIL

NATIONAL TERTIARY
BADMINTON
CHAMPIONSHIP
WELLINGTON
29-30 APRIL

NATIONAL TERTIARY
3X3
CHAMPIONSHIP
AUCKLAND
13-14 MAY

NATIONAL TERTIARY
VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
AUCKLAND
8-9 JULY

20 NATIONAL TERTIARY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 23

NATIONAL TERTIARY
FUTSAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
PALMERSTON NORTH
24-27 AUGUST

NZ TERTIARY
ULTIMATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
WELLINGTON
2-3 SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL TERTIARY
BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
CHRISTCHURCH
15-17 SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL TERTIARY
NETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
WELLINGTON
23-24 SEPTEMBER

CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION & ENGAGEMENT

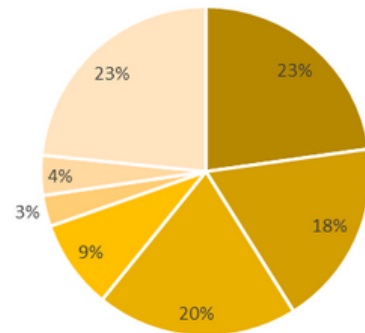
National Tertiary Championship events see the best university teams in the country battling it out for national supremacy. In 2023, events were near capacity with over 1100 students representing at the national level in their chosen sport. First year student engagement remained high, as did the number of returning student participants.



REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

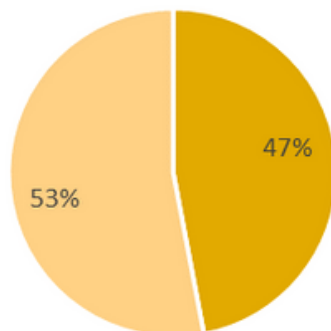


YEAR OF STUDY



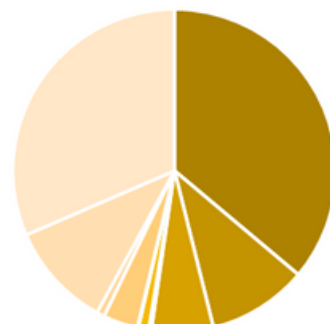
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GENDER




■ Male ■ Female

ETHNICITY












■ NZ European ■ Maori ■ Samoan ■ Cook Island Maori
 ■ Tongan ■ Niuean ■ Chinese ■ Indian
 ■ Other ■ Unknown

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES



SHIELD STANDINGS FINAL

POS	UNIVERSITY	PTS
1	 UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY	60
2	 UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND	53
3	 AUT	47
4	 VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON	40
5	 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO	38
6	 UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO	31
7	 LINCOLN UNIVERSITY	25
8	 MASSEY UNIVERSITY	23



Aon NZ University Rowing Championships

University of Otago

National Tertiary Badminton Championships

University of Auckland - Waipapa Taumata Rau

National Tertiary 3x3 Championships

Women: Lincoln University

Men: University of Canterbury

National Tertiary Volleyball Championships

Women: AUT

Men: University of Waikato

National Tertiary Futsal Championships

Women: University of Auckland - Waipapa Taumata Rau

Men: University of Canterbury

National Tertiary Ultimate Championships

University of Otago

National Tertiary Basketball Championships


Women: University of Otago (combined)

Men: University of Canterbury









National Tertiary Netball Championships


University of Canterbury

NATIONAL SPIRIT TITLES



SPIRIT STANDINGS FINAL

POS	UNIVERSITY	PTS
1	 UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY	50
2	 MASSEY UNIVERSITY	46
3	 AUT	43
4	 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO	40
5	 VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON	40
6	 UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND	24
7	 UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO	20
8	 LINCOLN UNIVERSITY	14



Aon NZ University Rowing Championships

University of Waikato

National Tertiary Badminton Championships

University of Otago

National Tertiary 3x3 Championships

Massey University

National Tertiary Volleyball Championships

Massey University

National Tertiary Futsal Championships

AUT

National Tertiary Ultimate Championships

University of Canterbury

National Tertiary Basketball Championships

University of Waikato

National Tertiary Netball Championships

Lincoln University

OVERALL SHIELD AND SPIRIT CHAMPIONS 2023

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

In a remarkable triumph, the University of Canterbury achieved an unprecedented milestone in 2023, securing both the coveted National Tertiary Championship Shield (the Shield celebrating its 100th year in 2023) and the esteemed National Spirit Award - Te Kaitiaki. This dual victory stands as a testament to the university's dedication, blending exceptional performance on the field with unwavering character off it.

"It's important for us to recognise that sport is not just an add-on to a university environment, it's actually part of our core mission. Well-being, good mental health, is in fact key to fostering student academic success. So having sports, supporting sports, and supporting our student athletes is in fact part of our core academic mission at the University of Canterbury."

"This extraordinary achievement embodies the values of excellence, perseverance, and unity that define the University of Canterbury sports programme. We are not only champions on the field but also champions of the spirit of sport. This victory is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our student-athletes and the entire university community."

- Professor Cheryl De La Rey - University of Canterbury, Vice Chancellor



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Working with key stakeholders, UTSNZ's aim is to deliver high quality competitive events that meet the needs and expectations of students. Our strategic goal is to see the well-being of New Zealand tertiary students enhanced through UTSNZ events and opportunities. Feedback in 2023 confirms UTSNZ events are providing positive student experiences and appealing to a wide range of students through the diversity of sports and levels catered for.



91%

EXTREMELY OR VERY SATISFIED
WITH EVENT EXPERIENCE

90%

RATED EVENT COORDINATION
VERY OR EXTREMELY GOOD



84%

RATED THE STANDARD OF
COMPETITION AS VERY OR
EXTREMELY GOOD

94%

LIKELY OR VERY LIKELY TO
RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND



CHALLENGE EVENTS

The UTSNZ Challenge Series is a suite of events open to all tertiary students from all institutions. Challenge events aim to cater to participants of varying abilities from beginners to elite competitors, and give emerging and online sports the chance to host tertiary-level competitions.



TERTIARY CHALLENGE - BADMINTON CUP

TERTIARY CHALLENGE - BEACH VOLLEYBALL

TERTIARY CHALLENGE - CHEERLEADING

TERTIARY CHALLENGE - LACROSSE

TERTIARY CHALLENGE - OPEN WATER SWIM

283

**Challenge Series
Participants**

5

**Additional Sports &
Events**





UTSNZ is a member of FISU and FISU Oceania. FISU provides international opportunities for student athletes and volunteers. The FISU event calendar alternates between World University Games (odd years) and World University Championships (even years). Annually and bi-annually FISU also host University World Cups which are single-sport events contested by university teams (Football, 3x3).

WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES - SUMMER

2023 was a World University Games year, however UTSNZ made the official decision at the end of 2022 not to send a New Zealand delegation to the Chengdu Games that were scheduled to take place in China from July 28 to August 8. The decision was based on the financial, travel and health risks to the New Zealand student athletes and the New Zealand delegation.

EVENT

PARTICIPANTS (LOCATION)

UNIVERSITY WORLD CUPS

University World Cup 3x3 Oceania Qualifier - **16** - (NZ) - LU, AUT (W), UC, VuW (M)

University World Cup - 3x3 - **4** - (Doha, Qatar) - LU Women

University World Cup - Football- **18** - (Jinjiang, China) - UoA Men

EDUCATIONAL

FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy - **1** - (online)

PATHWAYS - INTERNATIONAL





Participation of the University of Auckland's football team at the FISU University Football World Cup in Jinjiang, China, not only brought pride to the institution but also served as a transformative experience for both the players and the management team, fostering personal growth and development.

Over 10 days, the University of Auckland men's team played four matches against Universities from Spain, Uruguay, Croatia and Romania. Each match was tightly contested with UoA finishing the tournament in 11th position overall.

"Getting the opportunity to go to China and represent UoA and New Zealand on the world stage was an extremely rewarding experience. It showed me the opportunities that exist within sport, both within and outside of university, which I wasn't aware of before and it opened my eyes to the extremely diverse nature of different cultures, even those that we might consider at first glance to be almost the same as ours." - Daniel Gleissner-Broom, Student Athlete.

"Going from National Tertiary Championship tournaments in New Zealand to preparing for the world stage was a huge adjustment and presented great opportunity to develop our skills as managers." - Brock Gunson, Team Manager.



PATHWAYS

VOCATIONAL

UTSNZ recognises that student potential reaches far wider than just elite athletes, the scoreboard and performance-level events. Tertiary students are the workforce of the future and the breadth of opportunities to connect students to sport are wide and varied. In conjunction with targeted sport partners, the UTSNZ workforce development programme connects passionate and talented students wanting to put their studies to practical use with leading sport organisations, both nationally and internationally. In 2023, 22 students were able to develop vocational skills related to their interests/field of study in conjunction with UTSNZ events.

EVENT ASSISTANTS - 1

SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANTS - 4

PHOTOGRAPHERS - 3

PROJECT ASSISTANTS - 6

INTERNS/PLACEMENTS - 1

STUDENT ATHLETE COMMISSION - 7

22

STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING IN
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES



PROFILE

BROADCAST

UTSNZ TV



2023 National Tertiary Championship Series

NATIONAL TERTIARY
BADMINTON
CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONAL TERTIARY
3X3
CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONAL TERTIARY
VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONAL TERTIARY
FUTSAL
CHAMPIONSHIP

NZ TERTIARY
ULTIMATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS

NATIONAL TERTIARY
BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONAL TERTIARY
NETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

The National Tertiary Championship Series broadcast provides an opportunity to significantly improve the attention and viewership of inter-tertiary sport across the country. New Zealand tertiary student-athletes are provided with a 'bigger stage' and supporters have increased access to view the impressive talent and competition/ rivalry existing across the championship sports and between New Zealand tertiary institutions.

UTSNZ remains committed to enhancing the experience for students and members by consistently investing in high-quality live stream broadcasts of events. Acknowledging the paramount significance affirmed by both students and members, this initiative not only amplifies engagement but also creates invaluable partnership opportunities through the expansive coverage it offers.

“The National Tertiary Championships are a place where people get to express themselves both on and off the court”.

Mario Ramos, UoW

BROADCAST STATISTICS

42.7K

VIEWERS

10.6K

TOTAL HOURS VIEWED

1.5K

AVERAGE HOURS VIEWED
PER EVENT

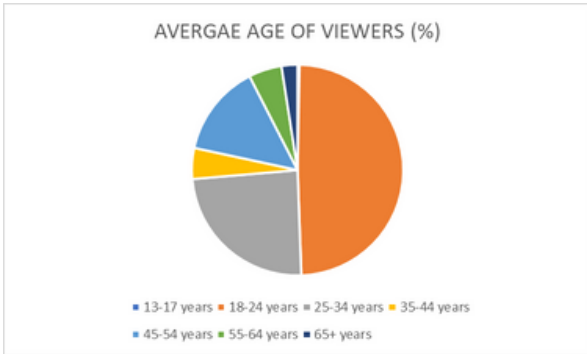
675K

REACTIONS, COMMENTS &
SHARES

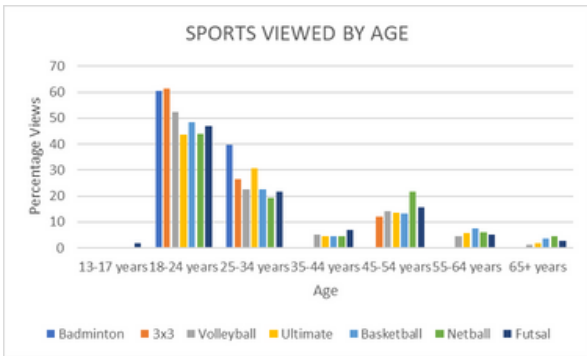
PROFILE

BROADCAST

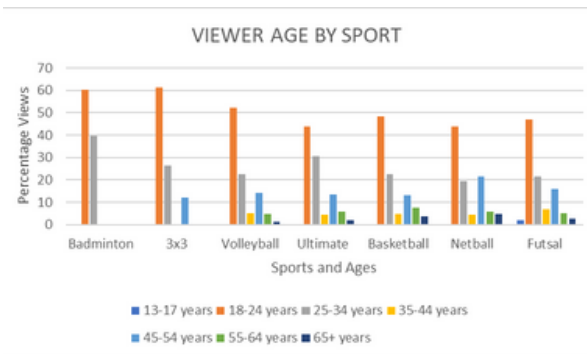
Total viewership across the seven sports was **45,721**.
The **average number** of views across all events within the series was **6532 per championship**.



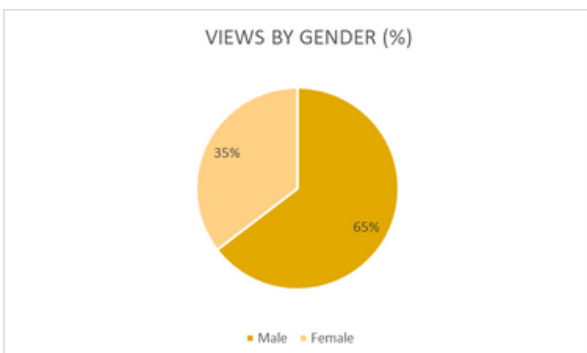
The majority of viewers were aged between 18-24-years (49%), followed by a significant number of viewers aged between 25-34-years (24%).



Futsal was viewed by the widest range of age groups (13-17 up to 65+), with 3x3 and Badminton primarily watched by younger age groups (18-24 and 25-34 year olds).



Overall, 65% of total viewers were male vs 35% female. Across all sports, with the exception of Netball, there were significantly more male viewers than female viewers. Whilst female viewers were less in number than males, female viewers tended to watch for a longer duration than males.



PLATFORM INSIGHTS



At a Glance



Followers

4085



Followers

81

Views

60,273



Followers

2185



Followers

24

Views

768,905



Subscribers

236

Views

42,860

**Flickr, You Tube and Tik Tok newly established in 2023*

UTSNZ TV



2023
Viewers

45,712



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNIVERSITY SPORT (IDUS)





INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF UNIVERSITY SPORT
Proclaimed by UNESCO
20 September

IDUS, now in its eighth year, continues to promote physical activity, healthy lifestyles, and the significance of sport within educational institutions.

This year, UTSNZ chose to celebrate IDUS 2023 under the theme of "Celebrating the Impact of Sport on Career Development." The aim of the campaign was to demonstrate how participation in sport, whether as an athlete, administrator, or volunteer, significantly contributes to the vocational skill development of tertiary students.

UTSNZ showcased real-life stories of former tertiary students who excelled in both sports and their careers. These inspiring individuals illustrated how skills acquired through sports - such as teamwork, leadership, time management, and resilience - directly contributed to their professional achievements.


In addition, UTSNZ's Student Athlete Commission representatives organised various on-campus activations to celebrate the day.



INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF UNIVERSITY SPORT
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20 September

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It is no secret that to succeed in sport you need to be highly disciplined and dedicated to your training. This mentality is also highly valuable in the lab where being accurate and precise is paramount. There are many instances where you could easily 'cut corners' during experiments, however being disciplined and knowing that shortcuts are not an option is extremely important.

SAMARA MAXWELL
VUW ALUMNI - BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE (2023)
Research Assistant in the Comoletti Lab
Women's U23 UCI Mountain Bike World Champion



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20 September

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Sport taught me a lot about myself and what I'm capable of achieving under pressure. It helped me build strong mental resilience and taught me valuable leadership skills which I've been able to lean on throughout my career. Working in the media can be tough...it's fast-paced and you need to demonstrate the ability to remain calm, accurate and concise in pressure situations and under demanding deadlines. I've been able to handle everything my job has thrown at me and a lot of that is thanks to my time in sport at university.

CHEREE KINNEAR
MASSEY ALUMNI - BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION (2017)
NZ Herald Focus News and Sports Video Reporter (NZME)



UNIVERSITY & TERTIARY SPORT
NEW ZEALAND

PARTNERSHIPS

FUNDING

New Zealand Community Trust
Lion Foundation
Wellington City Council
Christchurch City Council
Palmerston North City Council
FISU
FISU Oceania

STRATEGIC

Sport New Zealand
School Sport New Zealand
FISU
FISU Oceania

NATIONAL SPORTING ORGANISATIONS

Basketball New Zealand
Badminton New Zealand
New Zealand Football
Rowing New Zealand
New Zealand Ultimate
Volleyball New Zealand
Netball New Zealand



WELLBEING

We know that sport plays a key role in many students' positive experiences of their time at university; making friends for life, creating a "family" and support network away from home, building employability and life skills, and supporting both their physical and mental wellbeing.

We know also that participation in sport can aid the transition between secondary and tertiary education environments; increasing recruitment, retention, accelerating friendships and creating a sense of identity and belonging.

"When I was looking at going to uni, sport was literally my driver to get involved, and being in the degree for so long you just need an outlet, and sport for me has been that, It's just amazing, I wouldn't be standing here if it wasn't for the sporting opportunities at my university, but also the sporting competitions provided by UTSNZ that have kept me in the country, made me stay here, get on with my study mahi and complete my degree."

"The National Tertiary Championship event gave me the opportunity to be part of a competitive team where I could improve my skills in a supportive environment. The atmosphere during the event was awesome. I totally intend to play again and would recommend to both beginner and experienced players!"

"The National Tertiary Championship was a super awesome event that was really inviting to me as a beginner."

"As a competitive Club volleyballer, participating in the National Tertiary Championship showed me another level of not only competitiveness, but also how we can play, have fun and enjoy the environment we are playing in,"

"The National Tertiary Championship tournaments motivate me to keep training and stay active. Overall, the event is very positive for my mental health."

"The National Tertiary Championships are great opportunity to continue your love for sport and not only improve your skills on the court, but also off the court, learning how to time manage trainings whilst studying. It's an event that I look forward to and it gets me through each year."



WELLBEING

“It gave me a sense of belonging being a part of the university team.”

“The fact that all the other players at this tournament are students at the same or another university makes it super special and a one of a kind tournament that will most likely be in your memories forever.”

“Sport clears my head and makes me feel carefree for a while!!”

“An exciting mix of lively competition and the chance to forge lasting connections.”

“The tertiary champs is one of the highlights during the university year. You are able to compete and meet other players from universities across the nation and have fun whilst competing in the sport you love.”

“I loved this event, it pushed me to play some of the best sport I've ever played and meet new people. The competition was so close this year and everyone was so lovely to play against.”

“I really enjoyed the energy and competition that the tournament had. I highly recommend participating as it is a unique experience where you can play with your friends and compete against other universities.”

“I love coming to these events as they are a way to make new connections with other people and an outlet to play a sport we all love at the same time.”

“The National Tertiary Championship event enhanced my wellbeing as it allowed me to develop new connections, play against old friends and have a fun-filled weekend away playing sport.”

“You just gotta get amongst it, there's no egos, there's no one guy, everybody's here to have a good time, get amongst it, make some friendships and some relationships and team bonding, everybody gets along with each other, and it's just a great experience for year 1's, year 2's, it doesn't really matter.”



WELLBEING

STAFF

In 2023, UTSNZ announced and established the inaugural New Zealand Tertiary Recreation Awards to be run in conjunction with the New Zealand Tertiary Recreation Conference (NZTRC). The NZTRC is held annually, uniting tertiary recreation, sport and fitness administrators and managers for networking opportunities and conversations surrounding issues that drive the university and tertiary sector. In 2023 the conference was hosted by Lincoln University, from 29 November - 1 December.

The inaugural awards launched with four categories including a **Campus Impact Award**, **Innovation Award**, **Community Partnership Award** and **Service to Recreation Award**.

The Awards provide not only a chance to celebrate success, but also an opportunity to share winners' stories, showcase staff achievements and give nominees the chance to inspire and be inspired by their peers, enhancing staff well-being.



TREASURER'S REPORT

UTSNZ navigated a challenging financial landscape in 2023, marked by limited funding sources. Despite this, over \$80,000 was secured from non-university membership fee sources, demonstrating enhancements in financial sustainability. UTSNZ continues to collaborate with key stakeholders and delivery partners which has resulted in a strong year of involvement with and contribution to tertiary sport.

In terms of financial performance, UTSNZ achieved a surplus of \$2,000 in 2023, slightly lower than 2022's performance but closely aligned with the budgeted surplus of \$3,200. This achievement stemmed from increased revenue and prudent cost management strategies, ensuring controlled spending. Notably, revenue saw a \$15,000 increase compared to 2022, primarily due to significant contributions from partners such as \$40,000 from Sport NZ. These additional revenues were fully allocated to activities delivered within 2023, as well as UTSNZ investigation into ways to offer value to the vocational education sector.

Operating costs rose to \$284,700, reflecting inflationary pressures and new activities associated with increased non-membership-related funding.

We extend appreciation to Sarah Anderson, Executive Director, and Tiwai Wilson, Marketing and Events Manager, for their meticulous financial management. The consistent effort and discipline of our team, coupled with regular oversight by the Board and Treasury, contributed to our operational performance in 2023.

While UTSNZ's overall financial position remains relatively stable compared to 2022, with increased liquid assets balanced by higher liabilities, it's worth noting that we have no loans or significant borrowings apart from business credit card debt and trade payables. This places us in a reasonably secure financial stance.

Looking ahead, projections indicate potential financial strain due to inflation outpacing membership fee increases, stagnant fees for several years, and limited sector funding. The Board is actively exploring strategies to address these challenges, aiming to secure adequate funding to sustain UTSNZ's mission and strategic objectives.

Heinz Fellerhoff
TREASURER

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand Incorporated

Statement of Financial Performance

"How was it funded?" and "What did it cost?"

For the year ended
31 December 2023

	Note	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
Revenue			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	83,058	70,250
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	1	191,283	186,136
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	10,122	15,200
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	2,479	100
Total Revenue		286,942	271,686
Expenses			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	213,656	192,903
Costs related to providing goods or services	2	50,347	50,738
Other expenses	2	20,762	13,836
Total Expenses		284,765	257,477
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		2,177	14,209

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FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand Incorporated

Statement of Financial Position

"What the entity owns?" and "What the entity owes?"

As at

31 December 2023

	Note	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	3	201,637	191,067
Debtors and prepayments	3	2,627	3,770
Total Current Assets		204,264	194,837
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	2,134	99
Total Non-Current Assets		2,134	99
Total Assets		206,398	194,936
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	22,096	21,506
Employee costs payable	3	15,271	12,860
Unused donations, revenue in advance, and grants with conditions	3	56,771	50,487
Total Current Liabilities		94,138	84,853
Total Non-Current liabilities		-	-
Total Liabilities		94,138	84,853
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		112,260	110,083
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	5	112,260	110,083
Total Accumulated Funds		112,260	110,083

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