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Club Presidents Forum

27 May 2025



***We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of
the land and waterways where we work and
learn, and pay our respect to their Elders, past
and present.***



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Club Presidents Forum

AGENDA	
Welcome	Ian Marshman
Sport Strategic Update	Tim Lee
Governance and Operating Model Review	Catherine Burnheim
Club President POV	Jess Vinnicombe
Sport4All Presentation	John Boland
Refreshments	



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Sport Strategic Update

Tim Lee
Director
MU Sport





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Strategic Plan for Sport

OUR VISION

Sport at Melbourne – Where everyone can find their place

OUR ASPIRATION

That all students and staff are provided with the opportunity to engage in regular physical activity on campus, creating social connections and a sense of belonging that increase the level of satisfaction with the University experience.

THEMES	<h3>ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT</h3>  <p>Improve the physical and mental wellbeing of all students and staff</p>	<h3>PERFORMANCE</h3>  <p>Celebrate and foster sporting excellence</p>	<h3>COMMUNITY</h3>  <p>Develop and enhance leadership, inclusion and active citizenship</p>
PRIORITIES	Support established programs and provide new and emerging activities	Recruit and support talented student-athletes	Support volunteerism and develop strong leaders
	Provide more space and places	More students competing for University clubs	Build social connections for the University community
	Build connections for students facing educational or other barriers to participation	Support and expand the intervarsity tradition	Engage with our alumni and celebrate sport at the University
SUCCESS MEASURES	Increases to satisfaction and participation for students and staff	Additional support and competitions for student-athletes	Increased connection to the University



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Strategic Tasks

- Student and staff engagement
- Strategic Plan – Launch
 - Vice Chancellor invited to introduce video to launch plan and presentation to University Executive
- Sport Capital Planning
 - Develop Business Case with Estates Planning and engage with the CoM on joint feasibility study.
- Sport Precinct Refurbishment
 - Concept design completed including design workshops involving clubs, colleges, students and staff and the decanting plan confirmed



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Club Specific Tasks

- **Affiliation Arrangements and Grievance Procedure**
- **Review of Club Support Services**
- **Review of Club Funding Model**
- **Club Strategic Meetings**



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Melbourne University Sport Governance & Operating Model Review

Dr Catherine Burnheim

- Executive Director, Office Of The Provost
- Panelist, MU Sport Governance & Operating Model Review
- MU Sport Advisory Board (Pip Nicholson's nominee)



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Mountaineering Club

Jess Vinnicombe

President, MU Mountaineering Club



Melbourne University Mountaineering Club



MUS Board Presentation - May 2024

Photo: 2024 Inter-club Bouldering Competition, Connor Gundberg





MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

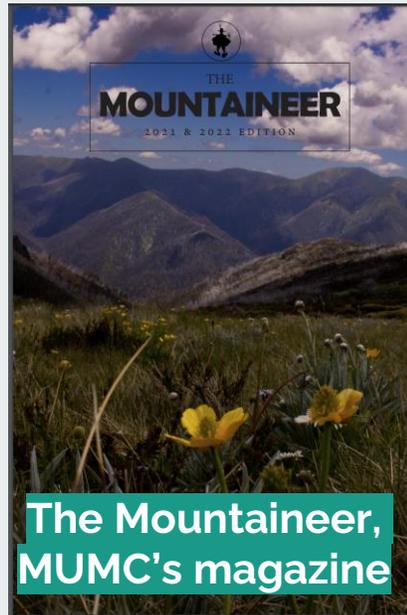
Victoria's premier outdoors club since 1944.



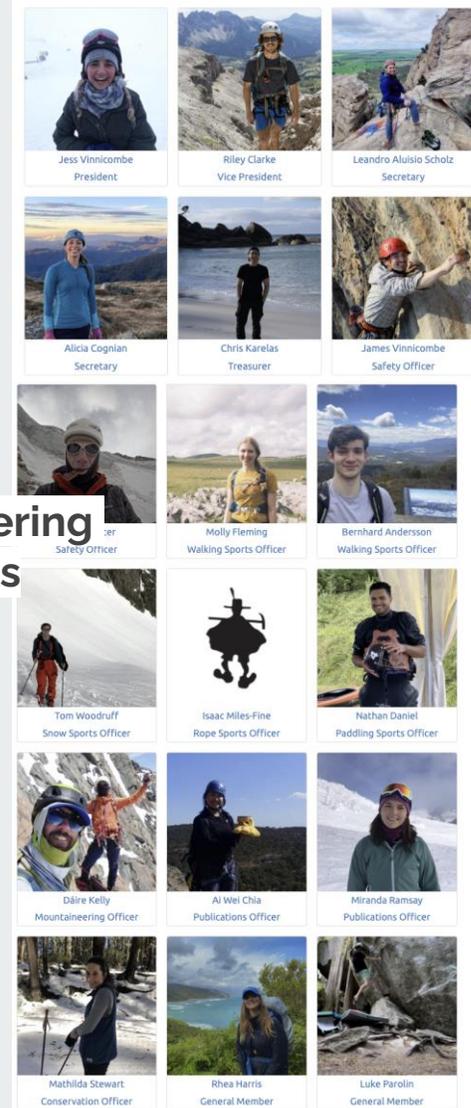
16 different activities, catering to all experience levels



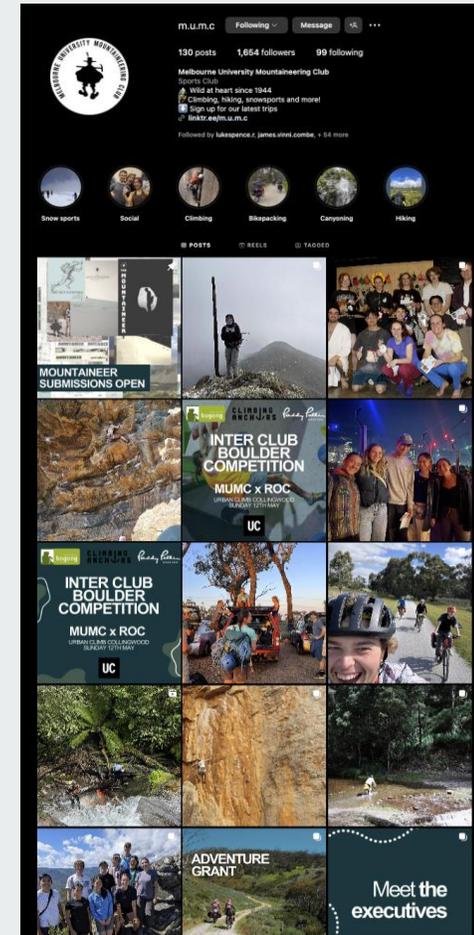
MUMC Memorial Hut on Mt Feathertop, designed & built by club members in the 1960s



The Mountaineer, MUMC's magazine



Many leadership opportunities: a dedicated officer for each sport (& deputies!)



Active social media presence

Search and Rescue

MUMC members are involved in a number of SAR organisations.

MUMC provides funding opportunities for contributing members to retain currency of qualifications (eg, Wilderness First Aid).





ADVENTURE GRANT



2022 - Tin Mine Falls Expedition



2023 - Weissmies (Switzerland) Expedition



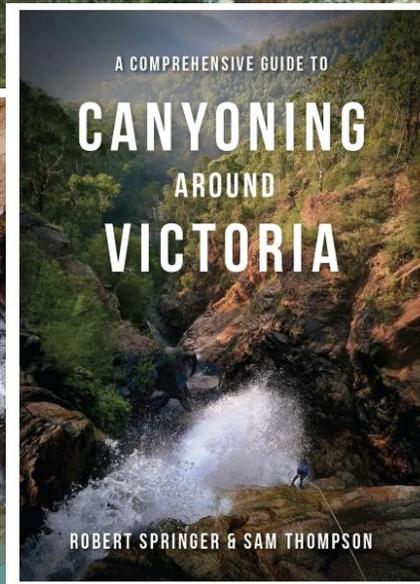
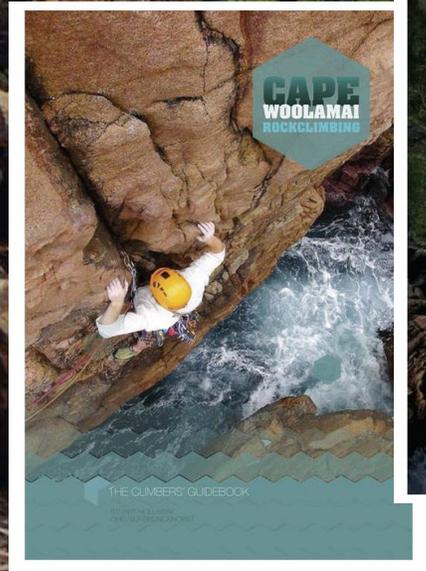
2024 - Ala Archa (Kyrgyzstan) Expedition



Club Snapshot

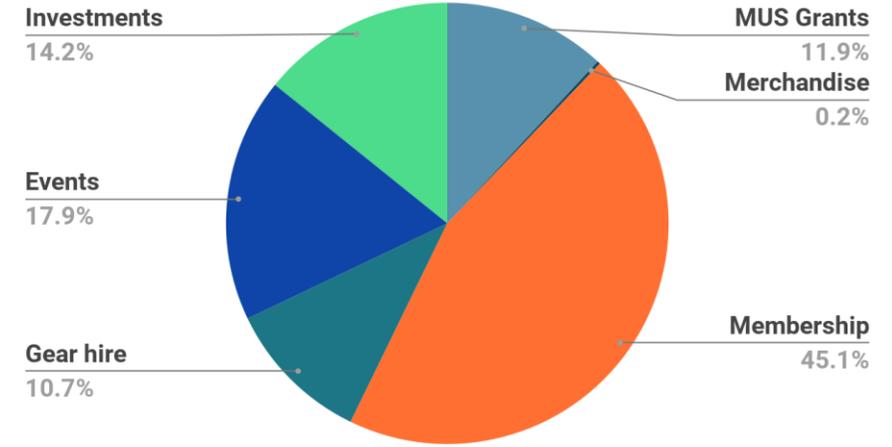
Values

- Respect
- Inclusion
- Integrity
- Leadership

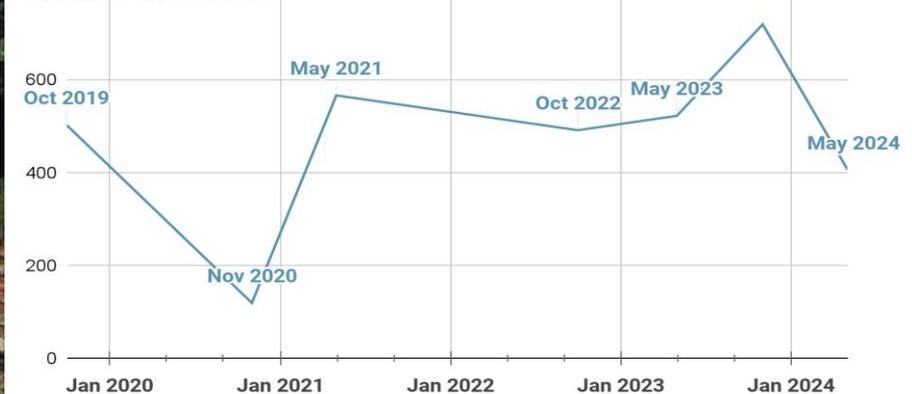


Recent technical guidebooks (sponsored by club and written by club members)

Income sources Oct 2022 - Sept 2023



MUMC Members



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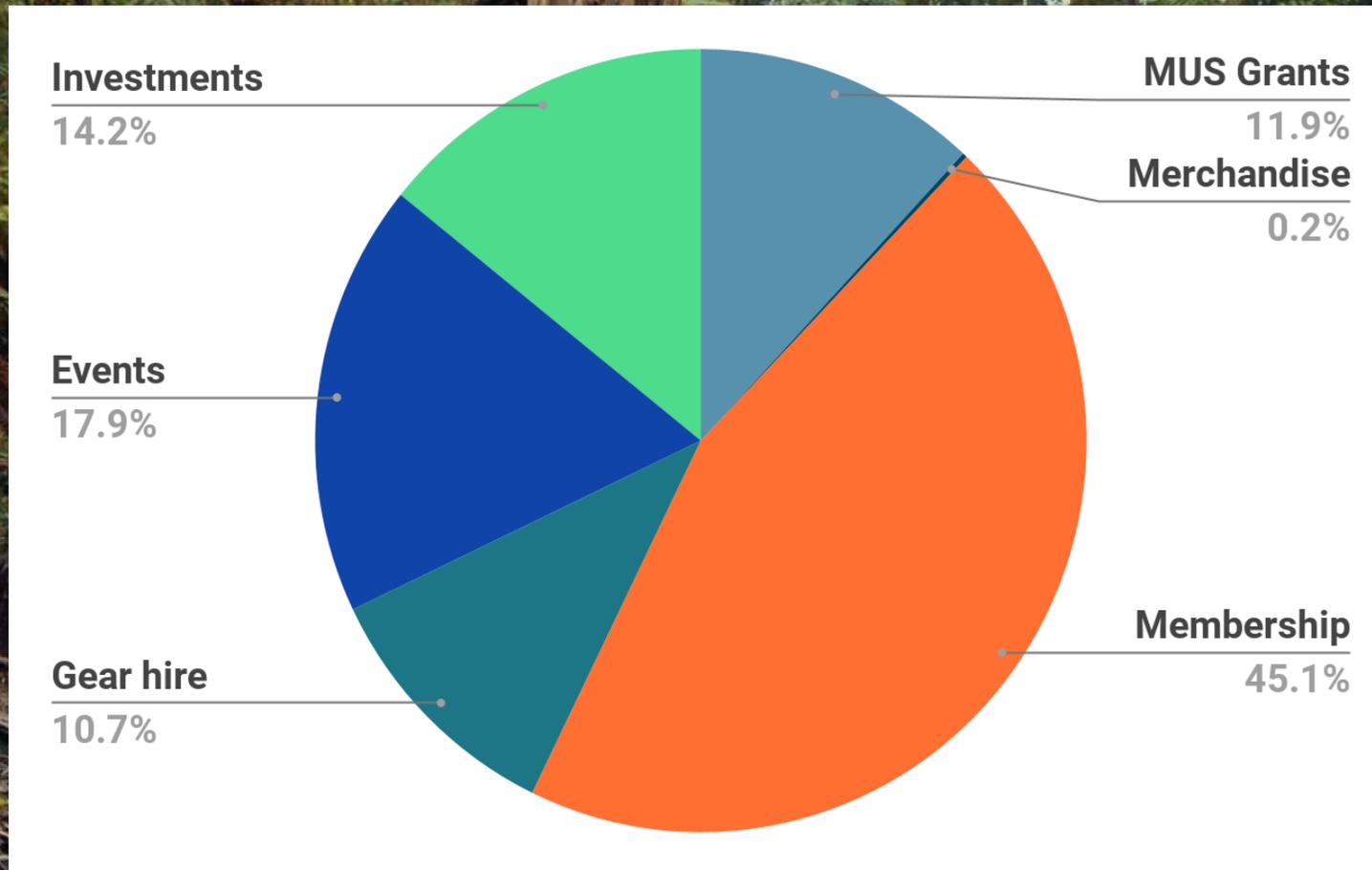


Photo: Jurassic Vibes, David Wang, Pie and Slide 2023





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Trips and Signups

	2024 (to date)	2023	2022
Trips	130	109	106
Signups	577	1269	647

Photo: Jurassic Vibes, David Wang, Pie and Slide 2023



Strategic Goals



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MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

1

Expand & Upskill Leadership Base

- Provide leadership training opportunities
- Sponsor expeditions
- Defined leadership pathways
- Presentation Nights

2

Increase opportunities for participation

- Increased tempo of introductory trips
- Accessible gear hire / membership
- Invest in leaders using training grant / adventure grant

3

Restore in-house talent pool through inspiration

- Encourage participation by high-performance athletes
- Re-build skills lost during rope sports bans
- Counter narrative of providing 'guided trips' for beginners.

2024 Achievements

1. New Deputy Positions: Inclusion, Archives, & Social Media
2. New sports: Bikepacking and Backcountry Skiing revival
3. Attendance Policy: to reduce no-shows
4. Reinvigorated climbing with new leaders: 10 new probationary leaders, 3 new leaders, and 1 new instructor

Photo: Bogong High Plains (Jaitmatang country), Luke Spencer, Pie n Slide 2023



Progress Plan

Encourages external training to upskill participants and leaders

Helps foster inclusive environment & provide opportunities for underrepresented groups to participate

Collaborating with local outdoor stores to have discounts, prizes for events, and increase our exposure



Upskill Leaders, reduce leader attrition, and encourage members to stick around and give back

Events like interclub boulder comp, Pie & Slide, 80th dinner ensure members feel connected





Important upcoming events for 2024

- Midnight Ascent (annual trip to MUMC hut on Mt Feathertop)
- Pie & Slide (annual photography competition)
- AGM
- Mountaineer to be published
- 80th Anniversary Dinner
- Barbecue Fundraiser (TBC)
- Semester 2 interclub bouldering competition (TBC)

Photo: Blowy morning on the Major Mitchell Plateau by Lingshu Liu, Pie and Slide 2023



Thank you!



Photo: Snowshoe Success, Alexis Duddridge, Pie and Slide 2023

John Boland

Sport4All at MU Sport

**Proudly
participating in**



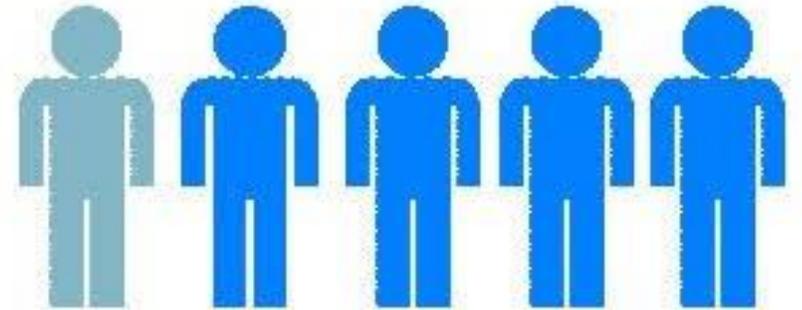
Warm Up Questions



- What does an inclusive club look like?
- What is something your club does that promotes inclusion?

Introduction and Background

- What is Sport4All?
 - Inclusion Check In
 - Learning Modules
 - Inclusion Action Plan
- Why is the program necessary?
 - Zander's Story
 - 1 In 5 (21.4%) people in Australia live with a disability
 - 90% of disabilities are hidden



MUTF Story

- The objective
- The process
- The outcome



Communication and Language



It can also be helpful to communicate with Autistic people

Questions and Close

- Was there something that you learned or found surprising from tonight?
- Any broader questions for me?





Thank you

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