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HACKETT AND ALLEN TAKE OUT NORTHERN UNIVERSITY SPORT TOP HONOURS

Australia's 2004 Olympic medalists', swimmer Grant Hackett and softballer Sandra Allen took out top honours today at the Northern University Sport awards lunch.

Held at Eagle Farm Racecourse, Hackett and Allen were recognised for their outstanding performances for 2004 with both athletes winning the Single Best Sporting Achievement for a male and female, as well as the DrinkSmart* Sports Person of the Year (male and female) award.

Hackett, studying Commerce/Law at Bond University was honoured by the recognition and paid tribute to Australian University Sport (AUS) and Bond for the support provided while he balances his swimming career and study.

"I'd like to thank AUS for the awards and recognition and am very appreciative of the support shown by AUS and Bond in managing my swimming career and studies," said Hackett.

Scoring the only run against the Americans at the Athens Olympics and taking home a silver medal, Allen was thrilled at the recognition provided by AUS.

"It was an honour to be nominated with such a great line up of athletes. I've only just started my university studies and I'm thrilled to have won these awards," said Allen.

Both Hackett and Allen were in good company contending the awards with rower Sam Conrad (University of Queensland) and fellow swimmer Nicholas Sprenger (Queensland University of Technology) making up the men's finalists.

Cross Country Skier and University of New England student Katie Calder and world number two triathlete Annabel Luxford (University of Queensland) provided fierce competition for Allen.

Hosted by the Courier Mail's Mike Colman, the awards were presented by Olympic bronze diving medalists Robert Newbury who was a former winner of the DrinkSmart* Sports Person of the Year award.

Other awards presented during the day included Sporting Blues recognising outstanding achievement in university sport, Coach of the Year, Service to Sport, Volunteer of the Year and Club/Team of the Year.

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2004 Northern University Sport Award Winners

Award	Winner	Sport	University
Sporting Blues	Sandra Allen	Softball	Griffith University
	Teneal Attard	Hockey	University of New England
	Claire Campbell-Innes	Table Tennis	Queensland University of Technology
	Sam Conrad	Rowing	University of Queensland
	Suzannah Fraser	Water Polo	University of Queensland
	Jacqui Lawrence	Slalom Kayaking	University of New England
	Joshua Robinson	Athletics	University of Queensland
	Clare Varghese	Taekwondo	University of Queensland
Service to Sport	Gil Durey	Various	University of Southern Queensland
Volunteer of the Year	Christian James	Various	Australian Catholic University
Coach of the Year	Phil Bourguignon	Rowing	University of Queensland
Club/Team of the Year	Volleyball Club		University of Queensland
Single Best Sporting Achievement (male)	Grant Hackett	Swimming	Bond University
Single Best Sporting Achievement (female)	Sandra Allen	Softball	Griffith University
DrinkSmart* Sportsperson of the Year (male)	Grant Hackett	Swimming	Bond University
DrinkSmart* Sportsperson of the Year (female)	Sandra Allen	Softball	Griffith University