



## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Organisation of Sports  
Federations of Oceania

Archery  
Athletics  
Badminton  
Baseball  
Basketball  
Canoeing  
Cycling  
Fencing  
Gymnastics  
Handball  
Hockey

Judo  
Rugby Union  
Sailing  
Softball  
Squash  
Swimming  
Table Tennis  
Taekwondo  
Tennis  
Touch  
Volleyball





# Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO)

## OSFO PRESIDENT'S REPORT



At last year's Assembly, the members took the decision to increase the membership of the Executive Board by voting

for Constitutional change. The appointments of Ryan Pini, as Athlete's Representative and Christian Holtz to replace Michael Brown, who had relocated to Asia for a new role with the ITTF, were ratified, each with a term of four years.

Elections were also held for the position of Secretary-General and I was pleased that the motion for Chet Gray to continue in his role was unanimous and that he was recognised for his ongoing valuable commitment to OSFO. Elections for the remaining three positions were held with Yvonne Mullens, Helen Smith and Brooke Kneebush as the successful candidates for four-year terms.

Subsequent to the 2019 Annual Assembly in Nadi, Christian Holtz resigned from OSFO to pursue a new position in Germany and Milton Bradley was appointed. With the resignation of Christian, Regan Karma, Oceania Athletics, will take up his position on the OSEP Education Commission with Gill Gemming.

The focus of Executive Meetings over this last year has been on the benefits gained with OSFO Membership, acknowledging that Oceania is the only region that brings our NOCs and Sports Federations together at regional meetings. The following list of benefits was agreed:

- Co-ordination and co-operation on sports federation programs throughout the Oceania region
- Advocacy with one voice on behalf of and representing the sport

- Collaboration at formulating strategic plans within the region
- Promotion of sports activities in the region with the development of the OSFO website
- Promotion of mentoring of athletes, administrators, and coaches
- More active promotion of the Positive Edge Journal
- A joint effort in additional funding for Oceania Sports Federations, in collaboration with ASOIF
- Collaboration with Pacific Games Council

The Executive Board believes that the OSFO has much to offer its members and I am pleased to report that significant work has been undertaken to achieve the objectives of the OSFO Strategic Plan, in particular improving communications. With the appointment of Laura Macintosh as the Administration & Communications Coordinator, by the close of 2019, the new website was live, as well as social media, and the first issue of a regular newsletter distributed to all our members. This initiative has been a real highlight for the Olympic sport in our region.

I was delighted to announce the OSFO Merit Award, which recognises service to OSFO beyond an individual sport, to Geraldine Brown (Oceania Badminton) and Bob Steffy (Oceania Baseball / Softball). Both individuals have made significant contributions to sport in the region and we congratulate them on receiving this prestigious award.

We were deeply saddened by the loss of Dennis during 2019. He was actively involved in setting up OSFO more than 10 years ago and well understood the benefits of the sports and NOCs working together in the region for the advancement of our Oceania athletes. He will be sorely missed.

The distribution of the Positive Edge Journal continues and this year a special print run with additional content was done for Korowa Girls

School. Oceania Rugby has also purchased journals and we hope that more sports will implement the journal in the coming year. We acknowledge the ongoing valuable contribution by Edwina Ricci in the rollout and look forward to increased promotion and expansion of this initiative during 2020.

In an endeavour to stimulate a broader understanding of the value of OSFO's work, we took the opportunity at the successful Pacific Games in Samoa last July to have Yvonne Mullens and Ryan Pini host a function and address the Pacific Games Council on these benefits. During the Games, Ryan also provided support for athlete well-being as an engagement officer.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the OSFO Executive Board for their continuous efforts in the interests of the sport in our region. I also acknowledge the collaborative and constructive working relationships we have with ONOC and PGC, which benefits all sports in Oceania.

**Kevan Gosper**  
OSFO President

## OSFO SECRETARY-GENERAL REPORT



Highlights of this past year were the causal appointment of Laura Macintosh as the Administration and Communication's

Coordinator, the new OSFO website, the first OSFO newsletter distribution, the appointment of Milton Bradley to the OSFO executive board as well as Regan Karma's appointment to the OSEP Education Commission.

The Regular updating of the OSFO Operational plan 2017 – 2020 continued and we achieved some key initiatives within the communication and members engagement areas.

Our collaboration and relationship with GHD, the Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP) program in the Oceania Region, ONOC and Pacific Games Council continued to develop and grow in 2018. The OSFO Executive Board met in June in Samoa followed by our OSFO AGM.

#### OSFO MEMBERSHIP

In 2019, our total membership was at 26 financial sports. The following International/ regional sports confederation have registered with OSFO over the past twelve months: FIBA Oceania, Baseball Confederation of Oceania, Oceania Athletics Association, Oceania Badminton, Oceania Archery, Oceania Canoe Federation, Oceania Volleyball, Oceania Fencing, Oceania Hockey Federation, Oceania Cricket, Oceania Judo Union, Softball Confederation of Oceania, Oceania Squash, Oceania Swimming Association, Oceania Tennis Federation, Oceania Taekwondo, Oceania Rugby League, Oceania Rugby Union, Oceania Shooting, Oceania Table Tennis, Oceania Sailing, Oceania Cycling, Oceania Water Skiing, Oceania Touch, Oceania Handball and Oceania Gymnastic.

#### FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

A financial statement of the OSFO accounts for 2019 has been completed and sent to all OSFO Executive members for their review. Further information will be reported to members at the OSFO Assembly later this year.

As of December 31st, 2019 the OSFO account balance was retained earnings of \$ 40315.87 plus net income (\$ -15,243.99), total equity \$ 25,071.88. Our bank balance as of December 31st, 2019 was \$25,071.88

It is worth noting that the 26 financial members in 2019 generated an income of (\$ 7954.82) which were slightly down from the previous year. The income generated from the increase of the OSFO membership fees in 2019 has been used directly to support the Administration and Communication Coordinator's position in the past six months.

OSFO membership fees invoices were issued in February this year for payment in April.

#### OSFO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In 2019, the OSFO Executive committee conducted 4 teleconferences and two face to face meetings to review and discuss mainly the

OSFO Strategic and Operations plan documents, appointment of an Administration and Communication support person, removal of the positive coaching platform and the funding and outcomes for the OSFO Assembly in Fiji.

From finalising the OSFO Assembly program to regularly reviewing and updating the work each of the Executive committee members, we have now started to include a summary of each Executive teleconference meeting on our website for our member's review and information.

Over the course of the past year, the Executive members have reviewed and actioned many items related to achieving our operational objectives. For example, the Executive members have been involved in Organisational Capacity & Support with identifying other revenue sources for the purpose of improving our financial sustainability. The President has started negotiating with ONOC this year to secure continuing administration support funding. Within the Advocacy area, we continued to promote the valuable role of OSFO on behalf of members by strengthening relationships and partnerships in Oceania.

With Stakeholder engagement, we have continued to communicate with members regarding various matters, such as the annual meeting in Fiji and strategic and operational plans. In Governance & Leadership, we have prepared annual reports (including audited financial reports) for 2019 Annual Meeting & ONOC Report, delivered our first OSFO newsletter and updated our website and social media content and interaction with our members.

The Executive committee has been involved with the PSP program, OSEP, and PGC in identifying areas where OSFO could be involved as a service provider.

This year there was a vacancy on the OSFO Executive created by Christian Holtz moving into a new role in Germany. The Executive committee confirmed the appointment for Milton Bradley as the newest Executive member and created a new role of Athlete representative to be included as part of the Executive committee.

Ryan Pini was appointed as the first Athlete Representative to the OSFO Executive Committee. Ryan's appointment was ratified at the OSFO Assembly in Fiji with Milton's appointment to be ratified at the next Assembly.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

OSFO has again been invited to combine with ONOC to produce one annual report publication which includes a section for OSFO and its member's annual regional sports activity reports for 2019.

This joint opportunity with our annual publications enables us to demonstrate the collaboration and engagement between OSFO and ONOC as well as providing economic benefits of producing one publication. We are grateful to ONOC for this opportunity.

#### PACIFIC GAMES COUNCIL

Yvonne Mullins has continued to represent OSFO on the Games Council's Sports Committee.

Though Yvonne's role on the PGC Sport committee and OSFO's direct engagement with PGC, we have continued to foster and develop our partnership with the Pacific Games council this past year.

We now have two other OSFO Executive members on the PGC Sports Council with Ryan Pini as the Athletes representative and Milton Bradle

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Gill Gemming and Regan Kama both continue to represent OSFO and its members on the OSEP Education Commission with assisting with curriculum development and engagement of OSEP educational materials.

Your understanding, patience, and cooperation are appreciated while we continue to grow and develop as an organisation and administration.

We have started to develop regular OSFO communication through the OSFO newsletter and our social media platform. Our OSFO website has been updated and redeveloped to cater to our membership

We will continue to update the directory and keep providing information through the communication network amongst the Oceania sports.

I would like to thank Kevan, Edwina, Yvonne, Brooke, Ryan, Milton, Helen Smith, Helen McMurray, and OSFO members for their ongoing support.

#### Chet Gray

OSFO Secretary-General



## MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT 2019

### Collective IMPACT – together we can inspire positive change

It is ten years since OSFO had its initial conversation about the importance of mental health in supporting our athletes, coaches, and administrators to be the best version of themselves. It was 2010 in Nadi, Fiji, at our annual conference that we discussed mental health with the IOC Medical Commission, and suggested that sport take responsibility and provide support for its members.

As many high profile athletes, coaches and administrators were headline news for “not so popular” reasons; we could see that there was a need to mindfully respond by exploring the root causes of this at a systemic level, rather than band-aid the symptoms with a traditional reactionary rescue response.

Ten years on, OSFO has developed a universal preventative approach to mental wellbeing and resilience and is ready to co-design the implementation with its member sports. This approach was a response to the global need for combating rising levels of depression and anxiety and the need for prevention rather than cure. OSFO in partnership with the Oceania Foundation created the Positive Edge Journal – a book of intentional practice for building a wellbeing toolkit and mental fitness. The journal enables the learning of a common wellbeing language and the development of skills and processes to not only support members in hard times but to help build a life with meaning and purpose and encourage an inner desire to have a positive impact.

We cannot predict the journey each of our members will take, but we know life is going to throw challenges. The Positive Edge Journal creates inner resources that empower solutions for wellbeing and build a buffer against adversity.

Whilst getting the journal into the hands of athletes was our goal, we have realised that for this to happen, a whole of sport commitment to implementation, needs to be developed. The sport needs to understand the science that performance and wellbeing are positively correlated, and resource it accordingly.

There are many examples of successful sporting teams embracing the principles of Positive Psychology to improve their outcomes on the field. What all of them have in common is the reduced reliance on skill development and an increased focus on wellbeing skills. One of these skills is improving social cohesion which can

be achieved via ‘high-quality connections’. The AFL’s Richmond Football Club, on its journey to the 2017 Premiership used the 3 H routine where each player, in turn, spoke of a Hero, Hardship, and Highlight they had faced in their life. This process got players listening to the stories behind their teammate’s success, it gave the opportunity for players to show empathy and compassion, but most importantly it built trust through a high-quality connection that enabled them to create a collective efficacy strong enough to win the premiership.

More and more elite athletes and teams are inspiring stories of transformation and therefore we need to embrace and study what is working well and work out how we can get more of it. Aristotle is famously quoted as saying “the whole is greater than the sum of the parts”. Collectively, as sports work together to create a positive change, we could IMPACT the whole system to be successful. We need to value wellbeing by measuring it and then appropriately resource building it. We need to decide on a common goal and work together to achieve it.

OSFO encourages sports to think about how they are supporting their athlete’s wellbeing and look to developing a ‘whole of sport’ solution to implementation which has common elements but also allows for the unique context of each sport. There needs to be a commitment to LEARNING, LIVING and LEADING a whole sport approach and this begins with building capacity in our people.

**Edwina Ricci**  
OSFO Major Projects



### OSEP SPORT EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT 2019

#### Commission Members 2019:

- James Tobin (Chairman)

#### ONOC Executive Board

Jeremy Dorovolomo	Training Provider
Gill Gemming	OSFO
Laura Mangham	NOC
Makarita Lenoa	NOC
Helen Brownlee	ONOC Women in Sport
Andrew Lepani	ONOC Athletes Commission
Anolyn Lulu	ONOC Athletes Commission
Sainimili Saukuru	OSEP Coordinator,
Varanisese Karisitiana	Secretariat

## RESIGNATIONS:

Filipe Jitoko (PIFS) and Christian Holtz (OSEP) resigned their roles and both were recognised for their contributions to the OSEP programmes.

## COMMUNICATION:

The 2019 face-to-face meeting was held on October 23rd in Nadi, Fiji.

The agenda of the meeting covered:

1. Discussion and evaluate the focus areas for 2019
2. Discussion and confirmation of the OSEP 2020 plans and budget
3. The process to engage an independent evaluation team for the OSEP programme delivery

## 2019 PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

### Outcomes:

- Oceania Sport involved – there has been an increase in involvement – Badminton, Gymnastics, Hockey, Rugby, Swimming, and Volleyball. All these sports have formal arrangements signed with OSEP.
- OSEP programmes and resources are increasing yearly
  - Organisational Development 3 courses (MISO, eOSEP, ASMC)
  - Community Development (SIC, CC & CO)
  - Entourage (DC, Community Strength, and Conditioning, Dev S & C, Nat Team Manager)
  - OSEP Trainer (Presenter, Assessor, National Educator, National Master Educators, Regional Master Educator Consultants/ Mentors)
- Course Delivery 2019 – OSEP did not hit 2019 targets. However, there are encouraging signs for 2020
  - There are now Education Commissions set up in 3 NOCs – FIJ, PLW, PNG
  - 8 NOCs with OSEP staff – COK, FIJ, FSM, KIR, MHL, PLW, PNG, TUV
  - 12 NOCs submitted Annual Training Calendars
  - More Educators in place - 2013-19 569 trained with Fiji 108 and PNG 107.
  - Entourage Courses were highly sort after in 2019. 3x Community S&C, 2x Development S&C, 4x Development Coach and 6x Team Manager
  - 2020 OSEP Training Calendar has been released. This will be extremely useful for Oceania Sports to plan around these and maximise collaboration.



### MAJOR EVALUATION 2019-20 ( NOV 2019 – APRIL 2020)

- OSEP is about change
- OSEP is about making a difference
- OSEP is about challenging the status quo
- OSEP is about raising the bar.

A subcommittee was set up to manage this process with Terms of Reference and to oversee the appointment of the independent specialist evaluators.

The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the performance of the program to date and to make recommendations for the next phase. The evaluation will provide an overview of progress since 2008 with a particular focus on the last 4 years of the program in terms of processes and achievement of intended outcomes. The evaluation will document and describe the overall progress and inform the next submission for funding.

Findings will be ready by April to be presented to the ONOC Executive.

The Commission acknowledges the tremendous work put in by OSEP Coordinator Sainimili Talatoka and Administrator Varanisese Karisitiana.

#### Gill Gemming

OSFO Representative

### PACIFIC GAMES SPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pacific Games Council Sports Committee met in Apia last July during the 2019 Pacific Games and again on the Gold Coast in November. The Sports Committee, chaired by Marcus Stephen, spent 2 days in November discussing the Pacific Games in Samoa and the recommendations from those Games leading into the Pacific Mini Games in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 2021 and the Pacific Games in the Solomon Islands in 2023.

The full recommendations from the Sports Committee will be conveyed to all stakeholders after the PGC Executive Board has considered all the recommendations at its April 2020 meeting in Guam during the ONOC General Assembly. However, some of the Sports Committee's recommendations have already been endorsed by the Executive Board and conveyed to the Council members as they affect the current bid process for the 2027 Pacific Games, including:

- The likely growth in the program of invitations to Australia and New Zealand, which was 8 sports at Samoa 2019 and set to go higher for the Solomon Islands 2023 Games now that both countries are Associate members
- No change to Article 23.1 of the Constitution's maximum size of the Games at 24 sports given the concerns over the continued growth in the size of the Games with Samoa 2019 reaching 5,000 athletes and officials for the first time
- Amendment to Article 23.1 of the Constitution to promote Archery to the compulsory sports list, joining the existing 16 compulsory sports which are all recommended to be retained
- No new sports added to Article 23.2 of the Constitution (optional sports list)
- Amendment to Article 23.2 of the Constitution to consider Baseball (Men) and Softball (Women) as one sport, including the option of offering a new mixed-gender Baseball 5s event
- Amendment to Article 23.2 of the Constitution to only permit a maximum of four (4) optional team sports
- Amendment to Protocol 1.5 to allow a bidding PGA to nominate a maximum of 10 optional sports from which the final optional sports program (maximum of seven, up to four of which can be team sports) must be confirmed no later than two years after securing the rights to host the Games

#### Yvonne Mullins

OSFO Representative

### OSFO ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The adoption of the Athletes Representative within OSFO is a great initiative to bring the voice of the Athletes to the Federations, ensuring the important link between Athletes and the Governing of our Sports.

I would like to congratulate the Oceania Federations who have also taken the initiative to set up Athlete Representatives or Athlete Commissions to their executive. I aim to advocate further for other Oceania Federations to take the same approach. The greater link between Athletes and our Federations, I believe will create crucial links and communication between representatives and also enable greater access to educate Athletes on the many courses and programs available.

There has been a large movement in the Adoption of the Athletes Rights and Responsibilities Declaration from the IOC in the past year, this includes the Athletes Safeguarding toolkit which I very much encourage Federations to adopt. There is also an encouraging push for the development of a Mental Health Toolkit, OSFO is well aligned in this area with the Positive Edge Journal, this is a very sensitive but essential movement for our athletes.

I look forward to working with all our members to ensure information is passed through to athletes and creating better links between our sports and our athletes.

#### Ryan Pini

OSFO Athletes Representative

### OSFO ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION REPORT

In mid-2019, OSFO brought Laura Macintosh on board as an independent contractor, in the role of Administration and Communications Coordinator. The purpose behind this move was to invest some of OSFO's members' fees back into delivering the objections in the operational plan that directly relate to communications.

In 2019, the following stakeholder engagement strategic objectives were achieved:

- Development of a regular e-newsletter to be distributed to all OSFO members. This includes the development of the template, the development of the distribution schedule, and the process that will be followed in order to collate all content to be included.
- Regular updates of OSFO website have been made easier, with the development of a new site hosted by a new company and on a new platform. With the future of OSFO's contract with Sports TG unknown but quite a significant amount of work needed to be done to get the current website up to date, it was decided it would be more time-effective (and hence, more cost-effective) to upgrade to a new website now. BSO Digital was brought on board to design, build and host the new site, at an affordable fee for a high-quality service. The OSFO website now runs off a WordPress content management system (CMS), which is widely known for basic and easy-to-use CMS, aiming to make the new OSFO website more sustainable in the long term.

Other key communications activities undertaken in 2019 were:

- More regular and planned posting on OSFO's Facebook page, merely to try and build our presence and awareness online. For particular messages, this is also a great way of ensuring crucial information reaches our members at key times.
- Creation of an OSFO Twitter account. This was done for two reasons:

1. With Twitter being largely an 'industry' social networking platform, having this account helps to raise OSFO's profile within the sporting community online, both locally (i.e. within the Oceania region) and internationally.
2. We have also inserted a Twitter widget onto the home page of the new OSFO website so that this acts as an extra news feed where information and stories are constantly being updated.

Other strategic objectives and initiatives being developed and considered for 2020 and beyond include:

- Regular (i.e. at a minimum on a monthly basis) communication with our OSFO member sports, to find out what is going on in their organisation and what content they might want publicised through OSFO's communication channels, both to promote their own sport, as well as to provide other member sports with examples of best practice.
- Profiling/highlighting certain member stories of successful development in the Oceania region.
- More member-centric content to be shared across digital platforms (as opposed to just news stories).
- 2020 Member Survey, with results to be published before the Annual General Assembly.

**Laura Macintosh**  
OSFO Admin and Comms

## PACIFIC SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

### (1) Background

*Note: This report applies to the programming and financial year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. Reporting information from our partners from July to December 2019 was not available at the time of publication.*

## Pacific Sports Partnerships

Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP) is Australia's flagship sport for development programs in the Pacific, funded by the Australian Government. PSP is delivered in partnership with Australian national sporting organisations (NSOs) and regional sporting organisations (RSOs) to deliver targeted sport for development activities. NSOs and RSOs support national sports federations across the Pacific to deliver PSP activities, which addresses regional and country-specific development and public diplomacy objectives. PSP is aimed at strengthening the capacity of Pacific sports federations to plan and conduct sport-based activities while achieving positive social development outcomes in Pacific communities. To enhance sustainability and ownership, PSP also encourages supplementary and/or private funding opportunities and corporate social responsibility programs.

The PSP program aims to achieve:

- Increased levels of regular participation of Pacific islanders, including people with disability, in quality sport activities
- Improved health-related behaviours of Pacific islanders, which impact on non-communicable disease (NCD) risk factors, focusing on increasing levels of physical activity
- Improved attitudes towards and increased inclusion of people with disability in Pacific communities

During the July 2018 to June 2019 period pertaining to this report, a total of 16 different sporting organisations across nine countries were involved in PSP until the end of PSP Phase II in September 2018, reducing to 13 sporting organisations across six countries during the current transition phase from October 2018 to June 2020 (see table for details).

## Australian Sports Partnerships Program

Following an independent evaluation of Australia's sport for development investments in the Pacific and Asia in 2017, the Australian Government established a combined regional Indo-Pacific sport for development program, the Australian Sports Partnerships Program (ASPP). This investment will be funded at AUD \$6 million per annum and implemented for up to 10 years, with an initial period of four years and two possible extensions of three years. A transition phase from PSP to ASPP was established from 1 October 2018 and will finish on 30 June 2020. ASPP will commence on 1 July 2020. Following a competitive process, the Australian Government engaged GHD as the managing contractor for ASPP from September 2018 to

August 2022. GHD had also been the managing contractor for PSP since August 2015. Prior to that, the program was managed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), now Sport Australia, since its inception in 2009.

The ASPP design is aligned to one of the four strategic priorities of the Australian Government's Sports Diplomacy 2030 strategy - strengthening communities in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

ASPP will focus on achieving development outcomes through:

- Creating leadership pathways and increasing participation of women and girls in sport
- Harnessing the power of sport to promote gender equality, disability inclusion, social cohesion, and healthy lifestyles
- Supporting institutional policies, practices, and systems to help build a safe, fair and accessible sport
- Supporting global efforts to increase awareness of the contribution of sport to the United Nations' sustainable development goals (SDGs)

Applications for ASPP were sought from national, regional and local organisations, NGOs and a wide range of development, media, and sports organisations. ASPP staff held information sessions and application readiness workshops in the six Pacific ASPP countries (Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu) plus Australia from November to December 2019. Applications for ASPP closed in early March 2020.

**(2) Partners****PSP PROGRAMMING**

*Note: Sports and countries listed in black are currently involved in the program until June 2020. Sports and countries listed in green were involved until September 2018.*

SPORT (NSO/ RSO)	COUNTRIES	PARTNERS
AFL (Australian Football League)	Fiji Nauru PNG Vanuatu	AFL Fiji AFL Nauru AFL PNG AFL Vanuatu
ATHLETICS (Oceania Athletics Association)	Fiji Nauru	Athletics Fiji Nauru Athletics
BADMINTON (Badminton Oceania Confederation)	PNG Tonga	Badminton PNG Tonga National Badminton Association
BASKETBALL (FIBA Oceania)	Fiji Kiribati PNG Samoa Solomon Islands	Basketball Fiji Kiribati Basketball Federation Basketball Federation of PNG Samoa Basketball Association Solomon Islands Basketball Federation
CRICKET (Cricket Australia and International Cricket Council)	Fiji PNG Samoa Vanuatu	Cricket Fiji Cricket PNG Samoa International Cricket Association Vanuatu Cricket Association
FOOTBALL (Football Federation Australia and Oceania Football Confederation)	Cook Islands Fiji PNG Samoa Solomon Islands Tonga Vanuatu	Cook Islands Football Association Fiji Football Association PNG Football Association Football Federation Samoa Solomon Islands Football Federation Tonga Football Federation Vanuatu Football Federation
GYMNASTICS (Gymnastics Australia and Oceania Gymnastics Union)	Fiji PNG Samoa	Gymnastics Federation of Fiji PNG Gymnastics Federation Samoa Gymnastics Federation
HOCKEY (Hockey Australia and Oceania Hockey Federation)	Solomon Islands Tonga Vanuatu	Solomon Islands Hockey Association Tonga Hockey Federation Vanuatu Hockey Federation
NETBALL (Netball Australia)	PNG Samoa Tonga	PNG Netball Association Samoa Netball Association Tonga Netball Association
RUGBY LEAGUE (Australian Rugby League Commission, NRL)	Fiji PNG* Samoa Tonga	NRL in Fiji NRL in PNG* NRL in Samoa NRL in Tonga *NRL is funded by a different funding mechanism in PNG to conduct sport for development work
RUGBY UNION (Rugby Australia and Oceania Rugby)	Fiji Samoa Solomon Islands	Fiji Rugby Samoa Rugby Union Solomon Islands Rugby Football Union
PARALYMPIC (Australian Paralympic Committee and Oceania Paralympic Committee)	Fiji	Oceania Paralympic Committee
SWIMMING (Swimming Australia and Oceania Swimming Association)	Fiji PNG Vanuatu	Fiji Swimming Association PNG Swimming Association Vanuatu Aquatics Federation



TABLE TENNIS (International Table Tennis Federation – Oceania)	Fiji Kiribati Solomon Islands Tonga Vanuatu	Fiji Table Tennis Association Kiribati Table Tennis Association Solomon Islands Table Tennis Association Tonga Table Tennis Federation Vanuatu Table Tennis Association
TENNIS (Tennis Australia)	Fiji Vanuatu	Tennis Fiji Vanuatu Tennis
VOLLEYBALL (Volleyball Australia)	Vanuatu	Vanuatu Volleyball Federation

### (3) Outcomes and Impact

Highlighted outcomes and impact across all activities including:

#### OUTCOMES

##### Participation

Between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019 it was reported that more than 490,000 people participated in all supported sports across the program in participating countries over the 12-month period. The ratio of males to females was 51.9 percent to 48.1 percent respectively. Of these participants, 2,929 (1,556 males and 1,373 females) reported having disabilities which represent approximately 0.6 percent of participants, which is slightly less than previous years.

##### Gender

Although the program has a strong emphasis on gender equality and participation of women and girls, the overall percentage of female participants has only slightly increased over the course of the program. A key reason for this is that primary school children make up a large cohort of participants in the program and, in primary school settings, the ratio of male and female participants is determined by the class composition and cannot be influenced by proactive strategies to encourage greater female participation. However, this creates opportunities for other positive outcomes, such as placing a significant emphasis on reinforcing gender equality messages and healthy activity from primary school age. It is also notable that boys participating in these programs are changing their attitudes towards girls in a positive way.

##### Disability

There has been a declining trend in the participation of people with a disability although the numbers are relatively small. Some sports reported significant increases with a greater focus on including people with disabilities. Others reported that more training is required and special equipment is needed in order to be more effective. However, those that did participate reported benefits to health and wellbeing.

##### Partnerships

During this reporting period, there has been a strong focus on establishing partnerships across all programs to support sport and health promotion. Some of these partnerships are based on mature relationships while others commenced during this period. Sports are aware that long-term sustainability and an ongoing commitment to achieving development outcomes will require partnership approaches.

##### Media

PSP has continued to place a strong emphasis on media and communications to support public diplomacy. There were 1,349 media/social media articles produced across all sports during this period, which reached over 3 million people with over 174,000 'likes' registered and 238,217 video views counted.

##### Governance

Sports organisations are realising the importance of good governance and many have reported positive changes from the board level down.

##### IMPACT

The benefits to participants from sports programs are wide-ranging and documented in each of the sports partners' individual reports. An analysis of stories of change from each of the sports over this period has revealed some important findings that go beyond delivering health outcomes.

##### Belonging

- Most participants reported that they became involved through relatives or friends. Having someone introduce them to the sports organisation helps them fit in. Once they are involved they value the new friendships and teamwork. Reporting indicated that females feel more included with changes in female empowerment and participation.

##### Female leadership pathways

- Women and girls getting involved in sport are embracing opportunities to take on leadership roles.

##### Impact on behavioural change

- Many participants reported significant changes in lifestyle as a result of the sport. They mentioned: increasingly giving up on bad behaviour; valuing their family more and becoming more disciplined; confidence and self-esteem; talking and listening more; being a role model, and learning respect.
- Primary school children discussed the changes in classroom dynamics as a result of the sports program and teaching respect. Boys stopped being bullies, stopped swearing and stopped smoking in the toilets. Children learned to set and respect boundaries. The boys in the class became better behaved and more respectful towards the girls. Girls felt safer in the school environment.
- Teachers and students reported that discipline, learning, time management, behaviours and level of engagement had improved.

##### Coaching pathways

- Some senior students have taken on coaching, firstly as volunteers and then as paid positions. This has significantly helped them and their family. One student said it had helped him understand and communicate with children as a sports coach. He is now studying to be a teacher.

##### Role modelling

- Other students have seen participation in sport as an opportunity to become a role model for younger students. They want to be able to teach others in school and the community the things that they have learned. Sport creates a sense of pride in them.

### (4) Milestone and Best Practice Achievements

National and local sporting associations are developing strong partnerships that support sustainable development outcomes. Most sports are exploring partnerships to ensure the ongoing sustainability of programs, to increase efficiency and effectiveness, and to continue to add value.

Public diplomacy, soft power, awareness-raising, and media initiatives continue to develop. All sports have been actively involved in public diplomacy and communications. There has been good media coverage across all programs.

Partnerships are achieving development, capacity, and good governance. All programs have reported positive development outcomes during this period. They continue to develop local capacity and build organisational structures that promote good governance and the involvement of women leaders. Although the total number of participants has decreased during this phase, the quality of development outcomes reported has notably improved. Sports organisations are realising the importance of good governance with greater leadership diversity.

## OSFO OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017 TO 2020

### KPI 1: Governance & Leadership

KPI	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY	MEASURE OF SUCCESS
1.1	Develop & report against Operational Plan	Develop Operational Plan Prepare report against Operational Plan	OSFO Annual Assembly	Secretary-General	The plan developed & progress reported to the Annual Assembly.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>
1.2	Report against budget & prepare accounts for audit	Prepare an annual budget. Prepare accounts for audit. Report against the budget in accounts.	OSFO Annual Assembly	Secretary-General	Budget established. Audited accounts & performance against budget presented to the Annual Assembly.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>
1.3	Prepare an Annual Report	Prepare a report on OSFO activities.  Seek sports reports from members.	ONOC Annual Assembly	Executive	Annual Report prepared & included in ONOC Annual Report.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>
1.4	Identify & adapt relevant policies & procedures - Financial - Child Safe - Member requirements (eg criteria, constitution, incorporated association, proof of identity) - Media - Volunteers - Operating procedures	Identify relevant policies & procedures.  Adapt policies & procedures to suit OSFO's needs.	OSFO Annual Assembly 2018	Executive	OSFO Policies & Procedures drafted & presented for ratification to the Annual Assembly.  <b>ACHIEVED IN PROGRESS</b>
1.5	Review policies & procedures	Review policies & procedures & prepare proposed amendments, if necessary.  Prepare a proposal for the relevant Annual Assembly.	OSFO Annual Assembly	Executive	OSFO Policies & Procedures reviewed & any changes proposed to members at the Annual Assembly.  <b>ACHIEVED IN PROGRESS</b>
1.6	Apply policies & procedures appropriately	Check relevant policies & procedures before finalising decisions.	Ongoing	Executive	Policies & procedures are applied as appropriate.  <b>ACHIEVED IN PROGRESS</b>
1.7	Represent OSFO on relevant Oceania organisations	Maintain or seek representation on relevant bodies.  Report on OSFO activities or proposals to relevant meetings.	Ongoing	Executive	OSFO represented actively on PGC, ONOC, OSEP, Oceania University Sport & other relevant bodies.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>
1.8	Publish relevant OSFO documents on the website	Identify relevant documents. Create a page for OSFO documents on the website.  Upload documents to the website.	March 31st, 2018	Secretary-General	Constitution, Annual Reports, Policies & Procedures, etc published & discoverable on website.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>

1.9	Develop clear roles & responsibilities for Executive & staff	Identify gaps.  Establish strong leadership (train executive or co-opt skills).	??	Executive	Roles & responsibilities published on the website. Executive trained as required or others co-opted.  <b>ACHIEVED IN PROGRESS</b>
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**KPI 2: Advocacy**

KPI	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY	MEASURE OF SUCCESS
2.1	Organise OSFO Trade Fair in conjunction with ONOC General Assembly	Liaise with ONOC personnel to agree on date, times & venue.  Promote the opportunity to members, stakeholders & NOCs. Provide advice & support, if necessary, to member sports.	ONOC & OSFO Annual Assemblies & associated meetings	Secretary-General or Admin Officer	Trade Fair is held & well-attended by Sports & NOCs & other stakeholders.  Measure by: how many attend, who attends, is there anyone new?  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>
2.2	Engage with relevant external organisations & government agencies	Complete stakeholder analysis. Communicate with relevant organisations & agencies (such as Gov't/DFAT) about OSFO's role & activities.  Actively participate in relevant meetings & events e.g. reports & Presentations.  Identify opportunities for member sports to engage with these bodies (eg PSP & similar).  Identify collective bargaining opportunities for members. The support submission process for Pacific Sport Compass.	Ongoing	Executive & member sports	OSFO represented on PGC, ONOC, OSEP, Oceania University Sport, CGF & other relevant bodies, attends relevant meetings & engages in regular communications with these bodies.  Opportunities for members are identified & communicated.  The submission process for Pacific Sport Compass supported under Regional Policy Priorities.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>
2.3	Support appropriate education, health & well-being programs in Oceania	Seek information about programs – carry out an environmental scan Engage with program organisers/ coordinators.  Promote opportunities for members.  Be a conduit to RSOs of programs/ resources available.  Seek additional opportunities that may enhance existing programs. Advocate for continuation & expansion of PSP & similar.  Promote the importance of sport to health & well-being agencies.	Ongoing	Executive & member sports	OSFO & its members are involved with relevant programs  e.g. Play True Play Safe, Be a Leader, Oceania RADO, Voices of the Athletes, OSEP, Dual Career, Athlete Career Program, etc.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>



2.4	Foster & strengthen partnerships on behalf of member sports to key Oceania sports-related organisations	Survey members to identify interest in building relationships.  Where appropriate, assist sports to meet with organisations & personnel.	Ongoing	Executive & member sports	Possible partnerships are identified, formed & fostered between sports & relevant organisations e.g. ONOC, OSEP, DFAT, CGF, etc.  Collaboration takes place amongst sports for mutual benefit.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>
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**KPI 3: Stakeholder Engagement**

KPI	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY	MEASURE OF SUCCESS
3.1	Provide regular email newsletter to OSFO members & stakeholders	Develop newsletter template (1 page, Mail Chimp).  Seek input (articles, copy) from members & stakeholders.  Compile newsletter to publish & circulate.  Appoint an intern to assist with communications.	Template by 31 Dec 2017.  Newsletter monthly (bi-monthly?)	Secretary-General	Quarterly newsletter emailed to members, stakeholders & relevant organisations (eg ONOC, PGC, PSP, Uni Sport, IOC).  Compile email, newsletter metrics.  Intern identified & appointed.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>
3.2	Regularly update OSFO website with newsletters & other information of interest	Seek input from members, stakeholders & key sports organisations.  Prepare copy & upload it to the website.	Ongoing	Executive member responsible for Communication	Newsletters uploaded to the website.  News, calendar items, articles of interest published on the website.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>
3.3	Develop a stakeholder engagement plan  MoS – simple plan?	Brainstorm plan with Executive. Present draft to members at Annual Assembly.  Finalise Plan & circulate to members.	30 June 2018	Executive	Stakeholder engagement plan completed & implemented on an ongoing basis. Is this needed?  <b>ACHIEVED IN PROGRESS</b>
3.4	Survey members regarding their needs & provide guidance as required	Develop survey.  Circulate the survey 2 months before the next AGM.  Compile results. Develop an action plan.	Annual Assembly	Executive	Survey/questionnaire developed; circulated & results compiled.  The action plan developed for the provision of guidance & support.  <b>ACHIEVED YES</b>

3.5	Develop & maintain an annual calendar of member activities	<p>Develop a template for the website calendar.</p> <p>Collect information re events from members, stakeholders &amp; key sports organisations.</p> <p>Compile &amp; publish calendar monthly.</p>	Ongoing	Secretary-General	<p>Online calendar compiled &amp; updated monthly, including Oceania events, Regional events, Oceania Courses, development activities.</p> <p><b>ACHIEVED YES</b></p>
3.6	Promote the use of PosEdge athlete resilience journal to sports, NOCs & other relevant organisations	<p>Promote the PosEdge journal on the website.</p> <p>Promote the PosEdge journal in the newsletter.</p> <p>Provide workshops during events &amp; meetings.</p>	Ongoing	Executive & member sports	<p>PosEdge journal is used by sports, NOCs &amp; other relevant organisations.</p> <p><b>ACHIEVED YES</b></p>

**KPI 4: Organisational Capacity & Sustainability**

KPI	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY	MEASURE OF SUCCESS
4.1	Secure revenue for annual operations	<p>Collect annual membership fees (\$400) Review annually, add CPI annually.</p> <p>Seek grant from IOC. Brainstorm ideas for raising revenue. Seek to make the term of ONOC/IOC grant 4 years.</p> <p>Apply for PSP funding. Investigate co-share funding (eg FISU Oceania Development Manager, Oceania Foundation).</p> <p>Establish an Intern Program (Pacific Islands and/or AUS/NZL). Apprenticeship (??).</p>	Annual Assembly	Executive	<p>Fees reviewed &amp; adjusted annually.</p> <p><b>ACHIEVED YES</b></p>
4.2	Formalise Memoranda of Understanding with key partners	<p>Identify &amp; negotiate with potential partners.</p> <p>Draft appropriate MoUs. Finalise &amp; sign MoUs.</p>	30 June 2018	Executive	<p>MoUs signed with appropriate partners (eg ONOC/IOC, Sport Matters - Pacific Compass, FISU Oceania, OSEP, PGC).</p> <p><b>ACHIEVED NO</b></p>
4.3	Engage professional staff to achieve objectives of Strategic & Operational Plans	<p>Review budget.</p> <p>Draft Position Description/s.</p> <p>Appoint officer/s.</p>	30 June 2018	Executive	<p>Staff engaged for the agreed term. Register for ABN, ensure ATO compliance)</p> <p><b>ACHIEVED YES – STAFF ENGAGED</b></p> <p><b>ABN/ATO IMPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW</b></p>



# Archery



Coaching course in Fiji

## 1. INTRODUCTION

World Archery Oceania (WAO) is affiliated to World Archery (WA - the world governing body of the sport of archery) and has 10 Member associations: Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Tahiti.

WAO was happy to welcome Niue as a new member in 2019, and unfortunately, we have lost Kiribati and Tonga, but we will work with both countries to fulfil the requirements to be able to re-join World Archery and consequently World Archery Oceania.

## 2. ACTIVITIES, OUTCOMES AND CHALLENGES

### 2.1 Governance

#### Annual meetings of WAO Executive Committee

Until now WAO has almost exclusively met digitally (online video, phone, and email) or in-person only at the WAO Congress. This mode of communication will of course continue, however, taking advice from WA on how to better manage and run the sport, WAO has moved forward on plans to meet in-person on an annual basis.

The first meeting took place in November 2019 and focussed on a wide range of tasks:

- Governance: continuing the constitutional changes begun at the last WAO Congress; long term strategic planning to 2024 and beyond
- Management: improving WAO policy and procedure; improve WAO Executive Committee file-sharing; budgeting for WAO and projects; election of new Treasurer and an Athlete Representative to the WAO Executive Committee
- Development: work with WAO Development Officer on future judging, coaching, events management, and development projects
- Media Management: new website development; regional news to showcase the sport and region; social media platforms and newsletter improvement

#### World Archery Congress

*Susanne Womersley* of Australia (President of WAO) was re-elected to the WA Technical Committee. This committee deals with queries regarding equipment, and as a WA International Judge Susanne can bring practical input on how decisions made may (or may not) be enforceable in competition situations.

#### Resignation of WAO treasurer

WAO accepted the resignation of Treasurer *Mr. Jim Larven*. Jim was the Technical Delegate for the Pacific Games and has been a key player in the sport for decades. He is now focussing his efforts on the Indoor World Series event in January 2020 for which he is the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee as well on his local club and business. We thank Mr. Larven for his service to the sport and region and wish him all the best with his upcoming endeavours.

#### WAO seek Para-Archery Coordinator

WAO created the new position of Para-Archery Coordinator. This position is looking to implement some exciting plans around Para-Archery in the region. The Para-Archery Coordinator will drive the Para-Archery program and advise and report to the WAO Executive Committee as well as communicate with a wide range of groups to grow Para-Archery in the region, including a Para-Archery event at the Pacific Games in 2023.

### 2.2 Development and Coaching

#### Fiji Mission a success

In March our Development Officer spent two weeks in Suva, Fiji, on his first mission in the region. These two weeks had a range of objectives, but the main goal was to run a World Archery Level 1 Coaches course. This course was well attended by 11 Fijians (one of them a female coach). Two of them were Para sports specialists who are interested in taking the sport to more disabled youth and athletes across the country.

Fijian Archery star and 3-time Olympian, Robert Elder, also flew back to his home country to take part in the course. He reasoned that "I won't be an archer forever and when I finish competing I would like to share my knowledge with the new young archers in Fiji."



The Level 1 course is a full seven-day course that mixes some theory work with a wide range of practical information.

All 11 candidates passed the course.

#### Team Samoa send archers to China

As part of their preparation for the Pacific Games, a young team of archers from Samoa was sent to China to train and learn from a provincial team. This program is part of a wider one across several sports that saw some 200 Samoan athletes preparing in China.

Archers were training hard in Recurve and Compound and got to experience for some three months the life of a full-time archer.

#### Niue joins World Archery

The World Archery Congress in May brought great news for Oceania, the addition of our newest member: Niue.

The small island that can be found between Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands is new to the sport of archery. A small but dedicated group has started the archery organisation, and even though it took some time, with perseverance and the help of our Development Officer they fulfilled the requirements to become a member of World Archery and consequently World Archery Oceania.

Plans are already underway for a mission to the island in 2020 to help them with coaching skills and to continue to grow the sport into the future. We welcome them to the sport and are excited to see more archery happening in our region.



#### Development mission to Solomon Islands

In July our Development Officer spent a week in Honiara (capital of the Solomon Islands) to help the National Federation in their coaching skills and start a project to engage more youth in the country. The project saw a range of equipment brought to the island as well as purchased on the island to teach them how to make their PVC bows.

The Solomon Islands have been successful in gaining the 2023 Pacific Games which will have archery as one of the sports. Given the future Pacific Games event, a series of meetings also took place with sports management in the



country to better understand how WAO can help them to be ready for the Games and grow archery as well.

#### 2.3 Officiating

##### National Judges Course

A National Judges Course was held in Samoa on the weekend immediately before the Pacific Games archery tournament.

The course was open to those World Archery Oceania Member Associations who do not have their officiating program. Unfortunately, of the six registered participants, only one attended and passed the exam to become a National Judge.

##### WA Officiating Appointments

International Judge Candidate Alison Hagaman (AUS) officiated at the Para World Championships and World Championships in the Netherlands, and International Youth Judge Logan Andrew (NZL) was one of the judges at the World Youth Archery Championships in Spain.

International Judge Susanne Womersley (AUS) was appointed to officiate at Stage 4 of the World Cup Series in Germany but unfortunately had to withdraw at the last minute. However, she will be Chair of the Tournament Judge Commission at the Indoor World Cup event in Sydney in January 2020.

#### 2.4 Regional Competition

##### World Archery pick up Archery New Zealand live stream

The Local Organising Committee of the Archery New Zealand National Championships took the initiative to live stream the Finals day across a range of Facebook pages and being taken up by World Archery on their YouTube page as well. This is the first time World Archery has allowed this to occur from the Oceania region and also shows the quality of the production, as WA try and ensure that the production level is high to keep with their branding and sponsor appeal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YegctCpBqil>

#### Australian Open 2019

At the end of February, the city of Victor Harbour hosted the Australian Open as well as the final of the Australian National Matchplay Series. These events are amongst the largest Open Matchplay events in our region and were attended by competitors from Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji.

#### 2019 Pacific Games: the best yet

The archery event at the Pacific Games in Samoa was one of the best to have been conducted in the region. We saw a very diverse number of nations, bow types, and genders, and we believe this is set to grow in the following Games.

Additionally, the addition of AUS and NZL to the Continental Qualifying Tournament for Mixed Teams for the 2020 Olympic Games brought a new level of competition and importance to the Games. WA and WAO have been actively pushing for the inclusion of all nations to see the games take on higher importance in the region.

The event presented some challenges. There were some issues with field direction and targets. Also, heavy rain made for some tough going for the archers and field crews, but solutions were found and the event finished successfully.

WAO has already been in discussions with the Pacific Games Council post-event to discuss improvements and additions that will develop the archery event even more in upcoming Games.

#### New collaboration with Australian defence force

Archery Australia announced its new program "Vets into archery", a collaboration with Veteran Sport Australia and Archery ACT. Connecting with Vets and their families is a great way to showcase our very inclusive sport and we hope to see more of this program into the future.

## 2.5 International Competition

### International season extremely busy

The WA 3D World Championships brought to an end one of the busiest outdoor competition seasons in the northern hemisphere. There were so many events that at some times multiple events were held over the same period.

Events that had attendance from Oceania Archers were:

World Cup 3	TUR
World Para Championships and World Championships	NED
World Cup 4	GER
World Youth Championships	SPA
Universiade	ITA
Trans- Tasman	NZL
Pacific Games	SAM
Tokyo Test Event	JAP
Asia Cup 2 and 3	TPE and PHI
World Archery 3D champs	CAN

As usual for our region, attending international events can be difficult given our geographical position and level of competition. Yet more and more of our Member Associations put in serious effort to attend these events.

### Australia and New Zealand secure quota spots for Tokyo 2020

Two Oceania nations earned the first quota places for the 2020 Olympic Games this past international season.

**Australia** won a full men's team quota at the World Championships by finishing a credible 5th. The Australian men showed they are again a team to watch going into the Games by winning the very stressful 1/8 round in a dramatic shoot-off against the higher-ranked Turkish team. This hopefully bodes well for the AUS team who won Bronze in Rio in 2016.

**New Zealand** also won a mixed pair 2020 Olympic position dramatically. They took the 2 spots (one male, one female) in a shoot-off against their Trans-Tasman rivals AUS at the Pacific Games. The see-sawing match saw NZL take their first Olympic Quota spots with a near-perfect shoot-off since 2004.

### Archery Australia earn first 2020 Paralympic quota position

At the Para World Championships, **Archery Australia** brought one of the strongest Para teams in its history. The event showed that Para archery results worldwide continue to grow with some very high scores and tough competition.



Australian Women's Recurve Team – Taipei

Rio Paralympic Games Bronze medallist **Jonathon Milne** shot very well across the event and was able to secure a men's compound place for Australia.

### Australian youth come away with World Youth Champs medal

At the World Youth Archery Championships held in Madrid, Spain **Australian** Compound Cadet Duo consisting of **Rory Blake** and **Alyssa Mollema** won a fantastic Bronze medal against the heavily favoured Danish team.

### Australia win medals in Asia Cup

In the past few years, Archery Australia and other nations have been sending teams to compete in the Asia Cup series. This series is a great idea for our Member Associations to consider as they take place much closer to our region and this reduces the costs for our nations. The level of competition can be of a very high calibre as well.

In both Taipei and Philippines **Archery Australia** was able to secure medals in the Women's recurve team event (Taipei) and men's team compound (Philippines).

### Barnes and Van Tonder: good start to Indoor World Cup series

**David Barnes** (one of 10 Australians who competed in the event) came away from the Macau indoor event in November with a well-earned bronze medal. In 2018 David made it to the bronze final but lost to a Korean professional archer. This year saw David again meet a Korean pro-shooter but come away with the bronze.

**Riku Van Tonder**, the sole NZL archer, and strong indoor shooter finished a credible 8th place at the event. His first event of the season, Riku plans to attend a series of indoor events

aiming to go even better than his amazing 3rd place in Vegas early this year.

### 2021 World Youth Championships in Perth, AUS

In extremely exciting news for WAO nations, World Archery announced that Archery Australia was successful in bidding on the 2021 World Youth Archery Championships. This will be the first youth event of its kind in the region as well as the first World Championships (Target) held in Australia since the 1987 Adelaide World Archery Championships.

The youth event is extremely large (as it has Cadet and Junior age groups in both Compound and Recurve), and we hope to see a good attendance from youth across the region.

## 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As always, I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the World Archery Oceania Executive Committee and World Archery Development Director **Mr. Pascal Colmaire** for their expertise and professionalism, which has contributed to the success of the World Archery Oceania in 2019.

A special mention must go to our outgoing World Archery Development Officer **Mr. Robert Turner** who has taken up a new role with Archery Australia Inc in their High-Performance Team. I thank Robert for his work over the past two years and wish him well all the best in his new role.

We are looking forward to further developing the sport of archery in this region together with our Member Associations.

**Susanne Womersley**  
President



# Athletics



Tom Walsh NZL 1 World Champs photo credit Alisha Lovrich

## OAA COUNCIL

The Oceania Athletics Association Council was elected in 2019 for the 2019-2023 period:

- Mr. Geoff Gardner - (President)
  - Norfolk Island (NFI)
- Mr. Trevor Spittle - (Vice President)
  - New Zealand (NZL)
- Ms. Titaua Juventin - (Treasurer)
  - French Polynesia (PYF)
- Mr. Robin Eugenio
  - Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)
- Mr. Matthew Mahon
  - Australia (AUS)
- Mr. Joseph Rodan Jnr
  - Fiji (FIJ)
- Mr. Anthony Green
  - Papua New Guinea (PNG)
- Lord Sebastian Coe
  - Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GBR)

At the end of September, history was made for the Oceania Athletics Association when a member of our Oceania Family was elected to the World Athletics (formally IAAF) Council in their own right. Congratulations to our outgoing President, Mr Geoffrey Gardner on his election as one of 4 Vice-Presidents of World Athletics.

Geoff's election to the World Athletics Council represented a doubling of the Oceania Area's representation on the World Athletics Council. As a Vice-President of World Athletics, Geoff will represent the Oceania Area on the Executive Board, whilst remaining on the OAA Council. A representation that is truly essential in the changing times of our sport. Geoff will continue to be a strong advocate for our Area at the World level.

Following Geoff's appointment, Oceania Athletics were required to conduct an election to fill the

casual vacancy for the position of President. This election was preceded by the election of the World Athletics Athletes' Commission.

In November 2019, Dame Valerie Adams was elected as the Deputy Chair of the World Athletics, Athletes' Commission and confirmed as a member of the World Athletics Council. Dame Valerie will also spearhead the newly established Oceania Athletics Commission which was formed in 2019.

The election for the President of the Oceania Area took place in December 2019 and we are pleased to report that Mr Robin Sapong Eugenio, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) was elected as the President of the Oceania Athletics Association through until the next election in 2023.

For the first time in the history of Oceania Athletics, the Oceania Athletics family have three (3) representatives on the World Athletics Council.

The Oceania Athletics Association has been well represented within World Athletics through the following Commissions and Advisory Committees:

Athletes Commission:

- Dame Valerie Adams (NZL)

Athletes Commission:

- Benita Willis (AUS)

Audit and Finance Commission:

- Geoff Gardner (NFI)

Coaches Commission:

- Debbie Strange (NZL)

Competition Commission:

- Trevor Spittle (NZL)

Development Commission:

- Geoff Gardner (NFI)

Legal Commission:

- Maria Clarke (NZL)

Masters Commission:

- Stan Perkins (AUS)



#### Values Commission:

- Yvonne Mullins (AUS)

#### Youth Commission:

- Titaua Juventin (PYF)

#### Commercial and Marketing:

- Matthew Mahon (AUS)

#### Competition Calendar:

- Yvonne Mullins (AUS)

#### Conflict Resolution:

- Kevan Gosper (AUS)

#### Strategic Communications:

- Joe Rodan Jnr (FIJ)

These Commissions and Advisory Committees have now finalized their terms and will be replaced by three Commission in 2020: Competitions, Development and Governance.

### IAAF AWARDS

In 2019 the IAAF made the following awards to members of the Oceania Athletics Family. The IAAF Veteran Pin was awarded to the following three awardees for their long and meritorious service to the cause of world athletics within the IAAF activities.

Josephine Pinto (Guam)

Robin Spong Eugenio (Northern Mariana Islands)

Daniel Vincente (French Polynesia)

The IAAF Plaque of Merit was awarded to Mr Filimoni Vuli Waqa (Fiji) for his meritorious service to the cause of World Athletics within the Area Association activities.

### CONGRESS

OAA Congress was held in March 2019 on the Gold Coast with all Member Federations represented. The Congress was held alongside the OAA Administration Seminar, conducted over three days. "Quality Competition" was the theme of the Seminar, with several guest speakers covering a variety of topics including, competition organisation and events, OAA Athlete Commission, well-being, athlete performance centre, education and development updates, projects and para-athlete classification, volunteer recruitment and retention, social media and marketing. One of the highlights of the seminar was the Panel conversation on innovative competition. Panel guests included some of Oceania's most decorated athletes, Dame Valerie Adams, Sally Pearson and Tamsyn Lewis-Manou. The athletes were joined by World Athletics President, Lord Sebastian Coe and International Technical Official, Helen Roberts.

The following awards were presented to Oceania's most outstanding Athletes, Technical Officials, Coaches and Administrators:

Women – Maria Clarke (NZL)

Future Women – Genie Gerardo (GUM)

Technical Official - Male – Biu Colati (FIJ)

Technical Official Female – Jenny Boardman (AUS)

Coaches – Male – Eric Brown (AUS)

Coaches – Female – Leslye Muller (AUS)

Emerging Athlete of the Year – Male – Alex Beddoes (COK)

Emerging Athlete of the Year – Female – Ata Ma'ama Tu'utafaiva (TGA)

Emerging Para-Athlete of the Year – Male – Jaryd Clifford (AUS)

Emerging Para-Athlete of the Year – Female – Friana Kwevira (VAN)

Para-Athlete of the Year – Male – Kurt Fearnley (AUS)

Para-Athlete of the Year – Female – Madison De Rozario (AUS)

Athlete of the Year – Male – Tomas Walsh (NZL)

Athlete of the Year – Female – Kathryn Mitchell (AUS)

Junior Athlete of the Year – Male – Ashley Moloney (AUS)

Junior Athlete of the Year – Female – Madison-Lee Wesche (NZL)

### COMPETITIONS

Oceania Athletics conducted its largest ever year in, with over 1000 athletes competing across seven Oceania Championships. Conducted in Townsville, Australia, for the third time over 4 days in late June the Championships proved to be the competition highlight of the year. 700 athletes across all 20 Member Federations, 2 Associate Member Teams and an Australian Invitational Team competed in all athletics disciplines.

There were many stand-out performances that we would like to acknowledge:

- Rellie Kaputin (PNG) winning the senior Long Jump and Triple Jump
- New Zealander's Zoe Hobbs and Eddie Niketa winning competitive 100m races.
- Jeremy Dodson (New Zealand) beating Banuve Tabakaucoro (FIJ) in the Men's 200m
- Hamish Kerr (NZL) jumping 2.30m in the Men's High Jump
- Kelsey Lee Barber (AUS) throwing a 2020 Olympic Qualifier to win the women's javelin
- Liz Parnov (AUS) jumping a personal best of 4.60m in the Women's Pole Vault
- Two 20-year-old athletes on the podium of women's shot put, in Maddison Lee Wesche (NZL) and Atamaama Tu'utafaiva (TGA), is a



R Kaputin Long Jump 2019 Oceania Athletics Championships TOWNSVILLE AUS

terrific sign for the future showing the impact that Dame Valerie Adams continues to have on Women's throws in the Oceania Area

- Our biggest integrated para program - 50 athletes from 4 Member Federations
- Men's decathlon becoming a battle between Australian's Cedric Dubler and Ashley Maloney, with Maloney winning out after an incredible Pole Vault competition.

The Oceania Area Permit Meeting Series witnessed the best athletes from across Oceania compete in one-day meetings across the Area. Three Member Federations hosted the events – Australia, Fiji and New Zealand and provided high level competition for our very best to compete against each other.

The Pacific Games, in Samoa proved to be a test for many athletes with conditions on some of the days challenging, with strong winds and rain. Despite this, the athletes performed at a very high level. Toea Wisil winning an unprecedented 5 gold medals was the standout performer in Athletics and went on to be honoured at the ANOC awards as the Best Female Athlete of Pacific Games Samoa 2019. Whilst in the men's sprints, Jeremy Dodson (Samoa) and Banuve Tabakaucoro (Fiji) showed class both on and off the track in the way they raced and represented their respective Federations. Whilst Banauve came away the victor this time around, the races were crowd favourites.

The introduction of Australia and New Zealand for the first time in Athletics at the Pacific Games saw a mix of elite and development athletes competing. Oceania Athletics is delighted that the inclusion of Australia and New Zealand will continue and hopefully with their inclusion continue to raise the standard of performances.



Kelsey Lee Barber AUS 2019 World Champs GOLD

Including both the Oceania Athletics Championships and Pacific Games, 16 of the 20 Oceania Member Federations have had a Technical Official appointed to the events. This statistic is testament to the fact that Oceania Member Federations are all playing a part in developing not only their athletes but their Technical Officials. With over 180 Technical Officials appointed to our International Events in 2019 and it is pleasing to see so many of our Member Federations now represented at this level.

The final international competition conducted by Oceania Athletics in 2019 was the Oceania Masters Championships which were held in Mackay, Queensland. These Championships saw the largest ever Pacific Island representation to a Masters' Championships. Cook Islands Athletics, winning the island shield, for best-performed federation per head of population.

The Oceania Athletics Area was delighted and proud of the achievement at the IAAF World Championships in Doha, Qatar of Kelsey Lee Barber (Australia). Kelsey Lee won Oceania Area's only World Championships Gold Medal, with a sensational last round throw to put her into the Gold Medal position. Whilst Tom Walsh, of New Zealand, led the entire Men's Shot-Put Final, only to slip to third, on a countback in the final round, in what many believe was the best shot-put competition ever.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

OAA recently received some good news regarding a project application submitted to the IAF (International Athletics Federation). The application focused on health and nutrition in the Pacific, has been approved and OAA will receive USD20,000 to conduct the project throughout the Oceania Region in 2020. OAA will partner

with Griffith University to develop and deliver the content which focuses on improving nutrition knowledge through practical application.

Nutrition Education has been a priority given the high rates of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the Pacific. OAA hope to contribute to some positive change that will ultimately result in a reduction of NCD prevalence. In February 2019, OAA held Sports Nutrition Workshop in Nauru – these will continue to be rolled out across Oceania Member Federations.

### OCEANIA AREA DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The objective of the Oceania Area Development Centre (ADC) is to continue to deliver and facilitate a broad range of education opportunities throughout the region. In 2019 we successfully achieved our objective by conducting ten (10) educational activities available to all Member Federations:

1. Administration Seminar
2. Coaches Education Certification System LI Lecturers Course
3. Member Federation Governance Seminars
4. Women's Leadership Seminar
5. Area Starters Course
6. Youth Activities
7. Technical Managers Seminar
8. Coaches Education Certification System LII Lecturers Course
9. Road Measuring Course Level B
10. Coaches Education Certification System LII Middle Long-Distance Course

In November two (2) Oceania Athletics employees were identified to attend the World Athletics Gender Leadership Seminar in Monaco. The seminar was to help address gender equity in Area Associations, Member Federations and ultimately World Athletics. The participants will

now conduct and facilitate Gender Leadership Seminars in the Oceania region in 2020.

### OCEANIA PERFORMANCE CENTRE

2019 was a busy year for athletics' competition in the Oceania Area. The Oceania Championships in Townsville saw many athletes achieve personal best performances in the biggest ever event fields. Many then went on to compete at the Pacific Games in Samoa or the World Championships in Doha.

Oceania had representatives from 18 Member Federations competing at the World Athletics Championships and a total of 53 athletes from 5 Member Federations in the World Para Athletics Championships. The latter saw 9 x gold medals to Oceania Area, 6 x World Records and 7 x Area Records.

Sally Pearson announced her retirement in 2019 after an incredible career spanning 16 years as an Olympic, World and Commonwealth Champion and will be missed in the Oceania region. Sally is already actively working within the sport at a development level and her experience is highly sought after.

Carlee Beattie, three-time Paralympian long-jumper, World Champion and World Record holder, also retired in 2010 and is now working within the sport with a passion in nutrition and inclusion.

Patricia Taea (Patty) competed for many years for Cook Islands at the highest level. A recipient of IAAF and NOC Scholarships she set numerous National Records and topped her sporting career with a gold medal at the Pacific Mini Games in 2017. Patty has now returned to Rarotonga and is working within the sport and guiding their future champion athletes.

OAA has always believed in a holistic approach to supporting our athletes and to this end, we have now developed educational opportunities for athletes to combine their study and athletics' commitments. OAA has partnered with Ferguson Education who assist athletes in various education placements and recently finalised the inaugural Griffith University Athletics Scholarship for Pacific Island athletes.

OAA takes this opportunity to thank our partners in sport in the Oceania Area for their continued support of Athletics Area. In particular, World Athletics, Oceania National Olympic Committee and the National Olympic Committees of Oceania, Oceania Australia Foundation and Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania.



# Badminton



Geraldines Award 1

2019 was another progressive year with the continued development of existing programmes and the implementation of new initiatives across all key areas. This resulted in significant growth in the number of people experiencing badminton with more opportunities available for Players, Coaches, Technical Officials, and Administrators. Thanks to the BWF Continental Confederations Human Resources programme we now have nine (includes full and part-time) very passionate and committed staff members, based in four countries, working across a wide range of areas with our member countries.

Never before have we had so many people in the region experiencing badminton. Just under 90,000 children participated in Shuttle Time (BWF Schools Programme) during the year; an increase of over 20,000 from 2018; it is no coincidence that this significant increase is aligned with the start of Regional Development Officers based in Fiji and PNG.



Pacific Games - Therese Rivers MC3





Player Development - Pacific Development Squad

## Shuttle Time Statistics 2019:

COUNTRY	No. Tutors trained	No. Teachers trained	No. YLA's trained	No. participants involved	% KPI target	% female participant	% PWD participant	Avg No. sessions per participant
Australia		109		20,264	135	52*	2*	3*
Cook Islands		27		1,628	109	49	2.1	4.1
Fiji	4	55		8,945	447	50	6.0	1.0
Guam		18		625	N/A	48	5.4	9.2
Kiribati		10		606	121	40	12.0	1.7
Nauru					N/A			
New Caledonia					N/A			
New Zealand	3	74	31	40,279	116	49	0.4	5.4
Norfolk Island				50	N/A	50	0	4.1
Northern Marianas					N/A			
Papua New Guinea		140		7,445	248	48	19.0	8.9
Samoa				961	48	52	0	9.4
Solomon Islands		17		45	9**	60	0	5.1
Tahiti		18		2,799	93	43	0.7	7.8
Tonga	1	19	6	5,795	116	48	2.0	5.8
Tuvalu					N/A			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>89,892</b>		<b>49 %</b>	<b>3.4 %</b>	<b>4.2</b>

Tutors train the Teacher/Coaches, Teacher/Coaches deliver to the participants/children

YLA – Youth Leadership Award – teaching young people to coach

\* Estimated figures as Sporting Schools reporting does not provide all data we require

\*\* Implementation of programme delayed until 2020





Shuttle Time Cook Islands 3



Shuttle Time Guam - Special Olympics

## EVENTS

Events are the shop window of our sport and one of the key motivators for many programmes. To have badminton played at the Pacific Games in Samoa was one of the highlights of the year. It was certainly a unique experience for me, being involved for the first time with these Games where we had 8 of our member countries from the Pacific playing. The Games were a resounding success both on and off the court; playing in a brand new venue, training new Umpires and Line Judges, delivering Shuttle Time to the kids in a local village who then helped every day as volunteers and having the opportunity to connect with so many people

involved with sport in the region. Badminton is one of six sports to be included in the mini-Games in Northern Marianas in 2021, our challenge going forward is to find a way for badminton to become a core sport so that we are on the programme for all editions of the Pacific Games.

In February we had the highest number of member countries ever play in the VICTOR Oceania Championships in Melbourne; 8 countries - 50% of our members. The atmosphere in the venue, at the start of the team ties, was really special as teams performed their cultural chants. The Oceania Championships are

an important event as they form part of several of our development programmes as well as providing the opportunity for the top players to gain valuable world ranking points.

BWF sanctioned international events to be held in the region were:

- North Harbour International – Grade 3 Future Series – Auckland, New Zealand
- VICTOR Oceania Men's & Women's Team Championships – Melbourne, Australia
- VICTOR Oceania Championships – (individual competition) – Melbourne, Australia
- BARFOOT & THOMPSON New Zealand Open – World Tour Super 300 – Auckland, New Zealand
- THE CROWN GROUP Australian Open – World Tour Super 300 – Sydney, Australia
- South Australia International – Grade 3 International Challenge – Adelaide, Australia
- Sydney International – Grade 3 International Series – Sydney, Australia
- Australian Junior International – Future Series – Melbourne, Australia

## Player Development

Our Player Development Programme continued to track well with the introduction of the Pacific Development Squad, increased players and countries attending AIMS Games in New Zealand and two players from Kiribati playing in international tournaments in Australia as they strive to secure a tripartite position at the Tokyo Olympic Games. At a high-performance level, 5 players from Australia and New Zealand were given the opportunity to attend the Badminton Europe Centre of Excellence in Denmark for periods of quality training and junior players from Australia and New Zealand attended a two-week training camp in Thailand in December as they focus on the 2021 Youth Olympic Games

2019 saw the introduction of the Oceania Tour; the aim being to incentivise the top players in the region to support events in our region. The Tour included all BWF sanctioned tournaments played in the region in 2019 (8); players could track their Tour ranking on-line with the winners receiving grants to assist with costs to travel internationally. On an international level, we have had several players from both Australia and New Zealand playing in tournaments across all other continents as they strive to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games; it would be fantastic to see at least one Oceania representative in every event at Tokyo. Congratulations to Australian Women's Doubles pair: Gronya Somerville and Setyana Mapasa who won a World Tour 100 (Canada Open) and three International Challenge titles (Nepal, South Australia, and the USA).



Para Badminton Camp

All our events were streamed for the duration with increasing viewer numbers; the introduction of commentary has further enhanced the viewer experience. Another significant step forward was the introduction of Live-Score into two of the Grade 3 tournaments in Australia. This adds value to the presentation of the venue and the spectator experience with the scores showing on TV screens and also allows those not in the venue to follow the matches online in real-time. We will be delivering live-Score at all of our events in the future where possible. Thank you to our Executive Board member and Events Chair, Loke Poh Wong for his time, enthusiasm, drive and assistance with our Grade 3 events and Oceania Championships.

#### Athletes Commission

Early in 2019, an Oceania Athletes Commission was formed with players from four countries led by Australian Granya Somerville. We recognise that it is important for players to have a voice however the group is still finding their feet as to how they can best connect and engage with players, to be able to provide management with useful and realistic feedback to enhance player experiences and opportunities.

#### Coach Education

2019 saw another 40 people qualify as BWF Level 1 Coaches including a course specifically for Pacific Coaches which was held in conjunction with the Pacific Development Squad. The first disability coaching course was held in Australia with 10 invited coaches attending.

#### Technical Officials

Our Technical Officials continue to represent us frequently on the world stage. Congratulations to New Zealand's Sidney Galos who achieved BWF Accredited Umpire status and to Lynne Nixey who was appointed as a BWF semi-professional Referee resulting in moving from a full-time to a part-time role with us as our Administration Manager. National development

continues to be a priority and we need to ensure we have officials coming through the pipeline as it takes many years for people to develop from national to BWF level. It is with great pride that we have 9 people appointed to Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in 2020 as Technical Officials. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contributions that Susan Taylor (AUS) and Richard Bramley (NZ) have made as umpires as they both step down from their BWF duties. They will both continue to work at our events as Oceania Umpires and Umpire Assessors inspiring the next generation of umpires. Thank you to Peter Cocker for his leadership of the Badminton Oceania Technical Officials Committee (BOTOC), the members of this committee and our umpire assessors for their work and commitment to help our technical officials become some of the best in the world.

#### Para Badminton

Para badminton continued to grow across the region with our new staff member, Ian Bridge leading this area. Several new initiatives were implemented including a development camp for players and coaches from 4 countries. The Pacific Sports Partnership programme (PSP) has significantly assisted the development of para-badminton in PNG with Ian visiting twice to oversee their programme. Ian also visited Fiji to help develop their para-badminton programme; we look forward to these players playing in the Oceania Championships in 2020. Six players qualified and played in the World Championships in Switzerland. Several players, predominately from Australia have travelled extensively playing tournaments to qualify for the Tokyo Paralympic Games in 2020; it is hoped that we will be represented by a minimum of one male and one female in Tokyo.

#### Pacific Sports Partnership

The PSP programme in Tonga once again provided us with the opportunity to continue to grow the sport through Shuttle Time, providing

an increasing base of players from which to provide further development programmes.

#### Good Governance

We have been part of a BWF-Continental Confederations Governance Review Project for the past 18 months, with a focus on good governance and better alignment of the rules systems. The result of this programme is several changes to our Constitution which have been approved by our Executive Board and will be put to the Membership at our AGM in February.

It was with great sadness in October that Life Member Heather Robson, aged 91, passed away. Heather was very pivotal in the creation and development of Badminton Oceania; she was our first President from 1987-2000. Heather was an invaluable treasure to the badminton world, bringing her extreme passion and expertise to the sport. Heather was very devoted to Badminton Oceania, always keeping in contact and showing genuine interest in what we were doing getting great delight in seeing the progression of the organisation and members, in particular the Pacific Islands, since our foundation in 1987. The greatest respect we can all pay to Heather is to continue to grow and develop across all areas aspiring to our vision; "to make badminton the leading regional sport accessible to all".

A big thank you to VICTOR Sport for their continued support as our sponsor and exclusive provider of equipment, shuttles, and apparel; being connected with such a quality brand enhances our programmes and organisation across the board.

Congratulations to Geraldine, who in June was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for services to badminton, a very prestigious and well-deserved honour for the many years of voluntary service at all levels of the game. Earlier in the year, Geraldine was also awarded the Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO) Merit Award, also for her services to badminton.

Last but not least thank you to all our Member Associations and the people within those organisations who work tirelessly for the good of badminton. We have some wonderful people in our community who are an absolute pleasure to work with regularly for the common goal of growing our wonderful sport.

#### Julie Carrel

Badminton Oceania Secretary General



# Baseball



This report covers what transpired during the period, January to December 2019 for baseball within the Oceania Region. This report has been prepared in collaboration with assistance from the following;

- American Samoa – Marcus Lankilde, Baseball President
- Australia – Glenn Williams, High-Performance Director
- CNMI – Tony Rogolifoi– Development Officer
- Federated States of Micronesia – Jose Joab, Development Officer
- New Zealand – Communications Officer Baseball New Zealand
- Palau – Atley Kazuma – Development Officer
- Guam – Bob Steffy – President Guam Baseball and Softball Federation

## AMERICAN SAMOA BASEBALL 2019

Baseball and softball had a combined little league program with about 300 kids ranging from 3-18. The games were good with Nick

King, Chris King and about 15 other coaches involved. We did both baseball and softball for the kids and softball for the high school girls. We also had the first annual Tony and Ben Solaita Softball Classic which had 14 teams come out and play.

## Goals and objectives

The goal of this program is to obtain funding that will allow the Summer Little League Baseball/Softball Programs to take place. This program will foster baseball and softball sports development which will help continue to build these athletic extracurricular programs in the schools. This program also brings the different youth around the Territory, and abroad to come together in fellowship in providing friendship and positive social interaction.

## The focus of the program and plan is to:

1. Provide alternatives and choices for students to participate in a successful proven program

that will keep them occupied.

2. Allow for learning, growing physically and mentally, character building, and individual preparation for responsible community living through softball.
3. Provide a foundation through maximum and continuous development for youth who are interested in using baseball as a vehicle for opportunities to further education through athletic scholarships.
4. Prepare youth for national and international baseball competition.

## Particulars of the American Samoa Summer Little League Baseball /Softball Program:

1. To teach and develop the skills of baseball and softball within the early ages of a child. This will set a strong learning foundation for the sport and promote physical and mental fitness.
2. The program will begin registration of players on May 30, 2018. The summer program will cater to Children from 5 years old to 18 years old. The program will be available to both boys and girls.
3. The venue for this program will be the Tony Solaita Baseball Field and the Little League/ Softball Field in Tafuna.
4. The program will run from Monday to Saturday.
5. Registration, student assessment, performance evaluation, and tracking will be tools used for accreditation of the program.
6. There will be different divisions of play in the little league summer program which the baseball clubs will have teams in each of those divisions. Each club will allow for registered youth to join any of the clubs
7. Participated in the Oceania U18 Champions that were held in Guam in January of 2019

## Conclusion

ASBA and the ASSA thanks its members and supporters for all the help it continues to give in





the development of both sports but most of all its members especially the youth.

### AUSTRALIA

#### Baseball Australia Activities and programs for 2019

Australian Youth Championships  
U16 & U18. 8 teams each age group

Women's and Girls Championships  
5 teams each division

Little league Championships 20 teams  
Intermediate league Champs 8 teams  
Junior League champs 12 teams  
Senior league champs 10 teams  
All went to respective World Series events

Cal Ripken Team to CR World Series

Australian Baseball League 6 teams  
Expanded league to 8 teams including NZ and Korea for this season

Participated in the U18 Oceania Tournament that was held in Guam, won the championship and represented Oceania in the World U18 Championships that were held in Korea

BA trip to the US with the best 15-18-year-olds, 30 players in the USA for 10 days.

MLB college showcase with 12 athletes for 10 days.

14U MLB showcase for 68 players in Lismore for 6 days.

Showcase events in 6 different states. 500 players attended.

#### Softball Australia Activities for 2019

Softball Australia launches the first-ever Summer Slam Fully Loaded competition which all games were televised through Fox sport. Players from Australia, Italy, Chinese Taipei, Japan, and New Zealand competed in the first Summer Slam event.

Asia Pacific Cup (APC) second year of competition was conducted with the final being televised and Japan, Italy, Chinese Taipei and China's national teams all competing. China won the series.

Softball Australia successfully conducted 12 national championships and regional events between January and July which included the Men's and Women's (Open, U23s, U19, U15) and International Friendship Series.

The Diamonds pathway program involved six underage teams travelling to Japan, New Zealand, and the US for competition and training. Over 150 junior players and coaches were exposed to a higher level of competition and training through this program.

Our National Sports School and social softball programs had over 200,00 participants this past year. The Softball Batter Up and Social 7's, Master and Indigenous softball competitions and program yielded a very positive participation return.

The Open Women's squad had the opportunity once again to compete in the National Women's Pro League in the US leading up to the Olympic Qualification event in Shanghai which was great preparation for the team.

The Australia Open Women's team successfully achieve the last Olympic qualification sport for 2020 through the Asia/Oceania qualification event in Shanghai. With an impressive five winnings and no losses and scoring a total of 37 runs and only allowing 4, this was an outstanding achievement.

### CNMI

#### 2019 Saipan Baseball League Inc. Activity Report

##### 2019

- SBL Regular Season
  - 10 Teams
  - March to October. Delayed 5 months due to constant rain and the onslaught of Super

Typhoon Yutu, which hit the islands on October 24th. Ballfield suffered major damages as a result of the storm.

- Incomplete Champions Series. Pennant champions CK Bears won Game 1 of the best of 5 series during the latter part of October. However, because of the unplayable condition of the field as a result of the damages to the baseball facility from the strong winds of Typhoon Yutu, SBL decided to forego all games and awarded the championship to CK Bears.
- 9th Micronesian Games
  - The ninth edition of the Micronesian Games was held in Colonia, Yap, in the Federated States of Micronesia from July 16 to July 24, 2019.
  - Participants – CNMI, Palau, Yap, Pohnpei, and Kosrae. Guam was absent.
  - Playoffs – CNMI cruised through the preliminary round with a clean 4-0 win/loss record and was ranked first. Ranked 2nd, 3rd, and 4th were Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Palau respectively. The tournament utilised the Page System Playoff Format.
  - Championship – After a loss to the CNMI nationals in their first meet in the playoffs, Team Pohnpei faced Kosrae in their elimination matchup with Pohnpei prevailing over Kosrae to advance to the championship and squared off against CNMI for the second time. Pohnpei, composed mostly of high school players, exhibited outstanding defensive skills on all corners of the field and held their grounds against the powerful CNMI contingent, who were considered the favorite to win the Gold. It was a historic win for Pohnpei, as this is their first championship since the inauguration of the Micronesian Games in 1969.
- Little League Baseball/Tee-Ball
  - The Saipan Little League Baseball continued to promote its annual youth baseball program for youth ages 9 to 16. The main field was the annual baseball games that were held suffered damages from Typhoon Yutu and the organisers had to come up with alternate plans at least to accommodate the 9 to 12-year-olds. The League was able to inspect the Capitol Hill Softball
  - The field as a backup field. After minor renovations, games were then held there. All-star players were selected to represent the CNMI in the Asia/Pacific Regional Little League Tournament in Asia.
  - The 13 to 16 years (Junior & Senior League) were not able to hold a league due to the damages. There were no all-stars as a result.



## 2019

- SBL Regular Season Part 2
  - Six Teams
  - League Playoffs Ongoing
- Coaches Clinics
  - Saipan Baseball League Development Officer will hold a Coaches Course in November this year and participants will include the Micronesian Baseball Classic coaching staff and other interested coaches.
- Umpires Clinic
  - Saipan Baseball League Development Officer will conduct a one-week BCO Level 1 Umpires Certification Course in December. Active umpires will also be taking the course for updates.
- Micronesian Baseball Classic
  - National Team is selected and will represent the CNMI in the 3rd Micronesian Baseball Classic to be held in Guam in January 2020. The tournament starts on January 6 and will culminate with the championship on January 12. All games will be played at the Paseo Stadium in Agana.
  - Participants: CNMI, Guam, Palau, Kosrae & Pohnpei
  - 4th MBC will be held in Pohnpei in the summer of 2020.

## FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (FSM)

The baseball highlights for 2019 were significant for the development for FSM Baseball because for the first time the FSM won the Micronesian Games competition that was hosted in Yap. Below is some of what took place for youth development in Pohnpei.

On June 26th to 30th, Pohnpei hosted a little league goodwill game between youth players from Kosrae and Pohnpei. Team Kosrae along with 3 other baseball clubs from Pohnpei made the 4 team competition.

- Kosrae

- Young Knights
- KomwadKomwad
- Ihoang.

The final ranking after a week of competition is as follows:

- 1st Place- Kosrae
- 2nd Place- Young Knights
- 3rd Place- KomwadKomwad

Over 80 youth baseball players participated in the Little League Goodwill Games.

Pohnpei Sports Commission Office with joint collaboration from the Central Union for Young Adult (CUYA) has concluded its annual Pohnpei Little League Baseball during summer break. A total of 7 teams participated in the 2017 Little League Tournament with an overestimation of 150 youth players participated in this annual event. The following teams are:

- Young Knight
- KomwadKomwad,
- Ihoang,
- Sluggers,
- TSPYO
- Planters.

The final ranking after three weeks of competition is as follows:

- 1st Place- Die Breaker
- 2nd Place- Ihoang
- 3rd Place- KomwadKomwad.

Finally, the Liberation Day Games Baseball Competition was held from August to September 2019. Over 100 plus players participated in the Liberation Day Baseball Competition. Five municipalities participated in the competition which includes:

- Madolenihmw
- U
- Nett

- Kolonia
- Kitt.

The final classification of the baseball competition is as follows:

- 1st Place- Nett
- 2nd Place- Kolonia
- 3rd Place- Kitt.

## NEW ZEALAND

### Baseball New Zealand 2019 Highlights Report

Baseball New Zealand was able to add a team to the Australian Baseball League. The league is a professional baseball league and marks the first time that New Zealand will have a professional baseball team, the first game was held at McCloud Field on November 23rd with over 500 fans attending.

Locals also performed with distinction on the world stage in 2019, with the U13 All-Star team winning the first-ever tournament in the United States by taking out the Back to School Bash 12U competition against top US regional travel teams, prior to playing at their fourth Cal Ripken World Series in Branson, Missouri.

### Biggest Ever National Tournaments

2019's National U13 Ripken Tournament broke new ground in multiple ways. Hosting 13 teams from all over the country, the tournament represented a 40% leap in numbers on 2016 with games spread over four days at Rosedale Park in Albany, while national television channel SKY Sports 1 televised the final day's championship games (3rd place play-off & final) live to a nationwide audience, while highlights packages followed in the week after the tournament on SKY.

2019 also saw larger fields of teams at all age grades with eight teams at U16 level, five at U19





and eight teams competing for the Senior Men's Championship.

#### Silo Park Baseball Cages

Baseball was centre stage in Auckland for over a month in January and February, when Baseball New Zealand was invited to set up batting and pitching cages on the city's waterfront. Over 2,000 people tried out the cages and were prompted to sign up to play at a local club across the city and nation.

#### Coaching Conference/Clinic

The coaches shared experiences and learned valuable tools from the all-star coaching staff with a second event being planned for 2018 following the success of the 2017 sessions—a key fixture on Baseball New Zealand's annual calendar that is proving to be a valuable educational event for baseball coaches in the country.

#### 3rd Annual Baseball Weekend

In May, the Baseball New Zealand family came together for a weekend of celebration and strategizing. Baseball officials and players from all over the country joined together for a night of celebration at the Baseball New Zealand Awards Dinner and a brainstorming session to map out the future of the game here in New Zealand.

The weekend was another huge success and Saturday evening lit up with the 3rd Baseball New Zealand Awards Dinner.

#### Club Growth Continues

In 2019 a host of new clubs across New Zealand have been formed as baseball becomes more popular in the country. With eight clubs spread across Auckland and Hamilton, with the (Hamilton) Raiders developing age grade and college baseball in the greater Waikato area after having just a senior team in 2016. The past twelve months also saw the Tauranga City

Baseball Club grow in strength and send a U13 team to play at the national tournament, and Hamilton and Tauranga also joined with a team from the Waikato town of Huntly to create the Midlands U13 Baseball League and by the end of 2019, this competition was proving hugely popular.

Christchurch has also seen a huge growth in playing numbers, with four permanent clubs now playing regular competition in the region, following the implementation of new club Selwyn, based just south of Christchurch in Rolleston. Christchurch clubs have also had games against the new Nelson region teams, with over 1,000 children and youth playing baseball through the region's Kiwi-ball and school programs.

The Wellington region has shown the biggest growth across the country with new clubs Levin Hustle and Wairarapa Spitfires now playing regular games against established clubs Porirua Bombers and Hutt Valley Hornets, while a number of softball clubs in the region (PK Pirates, Miramar, Island Bay, Central, and Kapiti) have begun to offer baseball, giving the region a proper competition at U13, U16 and men's level for the first time.

A new administration is also growing the game in the Hawkes Bay, with a U13 team joining the national tournament for the first time in April.

#### Overseas Opportunities

Over 20 young Kiwi men are now playing at the collegiate or semi-professional level in the USA, Australia, and Germany in 2018. Five New Zealanders have been playing in Australia's Baseball League (Boss & Moko Moanaroa and Scott Cone—Canberra, Connor O'Gorman & Max Brown—Adelaide).

Diamondbacks third baseman Daniel Lamb-Hunt had an excellent year with the Bonn Capitals,

his 6th playing in the German Bundesliga and finished the season winning the batting award. College baseball in the United States is proving popular amongst kiwis with Jason Matthews, Jarome McKenzie, Matthew Boyce, Ben Thompson (was drafted and signed a professional baseball contract with an MBL team), Joseph Kohlhasse, Matt Reeves, Ben Hughlon, Brad Morris, Jacob Curry, Jimmy Boyce, Charlie Beilenson, Matt Mercier, Ryan McLennan, and Matt Thomas, with Duncan Izaaks, Luke Hansen, Beau Bishop, Tim Auty and Ben Cone playing semi-pro club baseball in Australia.

New Zealand also attended the BCO U18 Championships that were held in Guam and finished 3rd.

#### PALAU

2019 Local and Regional Competitions

- 2019 Palau Major League Season
- 2019 Palau National Baseball League
- Summer Baseball Camp
- Taiwan/Korea Goodwill Tournament
- 2019 Youth Belau Games & Festival
- 2019 Micronesia Games In Yap

#### 2019 Event Programs And Activities

- Coaching & Umpiring Course/Refreshing Course
- School Visit
- States Outreach
- Youth Baseball Camp
- Goodwill Tournaments In Taiwan & Korea
- Palau Major League Season
- Palau National Baseball League Season

#### GUAM

Guam once again was host to the U18 Oceania Championships that was held in early

January. The countries of American Samoa, Australia, Palau, New Zealand, and Guam participate. Australia was the eventual winner beating Am. Samoa in the final.

Brought in Ray Brown to be U18 Tournament Director and also had him conduct a level 1 and 2 coaching course and a level 1 umpiring course. 8 individuals were accredited with their level 1 coaching accreditation, 2 with their level 2. 6 individuals were accredited with their level 1 umpiring accreditation and 1 with his level 2.

We completed another successful Guam Major League season and put together a women's baseball team to compete in the Asian Games.



# Basketball



## INTRODUCTION:

FIBA, the International Basketball Federation, is the world governing body for basketball.

Founded by eight nations in 1932, we now bring together 213 National Federations from all over the world.

FIBA's regional office in Oceania supports 22 National Federations in the region.

FIBA's vision is for basketball to be the most popular sports community, we want to bring people together and unite communities through our sport. We are the governing body of the sport, but we are more than just basketball. FIBA Oceania uses basketball as a tool to improve the quality of people's lives throughout the zone.

## (1) ACTIVITIES IN 2019

### FIBA Oceania Zone Assembly

FIBA Oceania held its Zone Assembly on the 4th of May of 2019, in Gold Coast, Australia with a total of 19 out of the 22 National Federation Members in attendance.

The Assembly re-elected Mr. Burton Shipley of New Zealand as President for a second term and Board Members - Frank Cruz of Guam, Nick Daroa of Papua New Guinea, Jubilee Kuartei of Palau, David Reid of Australia and Greg Williamson of New Zealand.

The Assembly was graced by FIBA President Horacio Muratore, FIBA Vice President Hamane Niang, FIBA Treasurer Ingo Weiss, FIBA Secretary General Andreas Zagklis, former FIBA President Bob Elphinston, and former FIBA Oceania President Barbara Wheadon.

### Pacific Games Basketball and 3x3

The 2019 Pacific Games basketball event in Apia, Samoa held from 8-20 of July 2019 had a phenomenal performance in terms of competition quality, presentation, and media coverage.

The competition featured a historic all-female technical crew officiating the Women's game match-up between American Samoa and Papua New Guinea in the Group phase of the competition.

The basketball event was commended by Pacific Games Council President, Vidya Laxhan and ONOC Secretary General Ricardo Blas for the innovative approach of the competition with the sub-regional qualifiers and excellent delivery of the game respectively.

### FIBA U17 Oceania Championship

New Caledonia successfully hosted their first-ever FIBA Youth Qualifying tournament featuring 16 teams and eight nations in the biennial meet. The competition also featured the Cook Islands historic first participation in a FIBA Oceania Youth event.

FIBA organised an Elite Development Camp, the second iteration of the program invited coaches and players from the teams that played in the Classification Phase to a series of basketball camps to further develop the skills and knowledge of the Pacific countries.

### FIBA Women's Pre-Olympic Qualifying Tournament - New Zealand

New Zealand hosted China, Korea and the Philippines in the first step of the qualification process to the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics held in Auckland New Zealand from 14 to 17 of November 2019.

The historic qualifier ushered in the new Olympic qualifiers under the new FIBA Women's Competition system.



### Basketball For Good Programs

FIBA's Basketball For Good (B4G) strategy aims to empower our National Federations in developing high-quality basketball programs which increase participation and enable participants to become healthy, contributing members of their communities.

The B4G programs are organised year-round in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Timor Leste, Vanuatu, Tahiti, Solomon Islands and Guam.

A total 52,474 recorded participants in Basketball For Good programs including Hoops For Health, Twilight Basketball, Pikinini Hoops, Mum's A Hero and Youth Leadership Cup

### (2) OUTCOMES IN 2019

#### Pacific Games Basketball

##### Final Standings

Men	Place	Women
Guam	1	American Samoa
Tahiti	2	Fiji
Fiji	3	Samoa
PNG	4	Guam
New Caledonia	5	Tahiti
Samoa	6	Cook Islands
Tonga	7	PNG
Solomon Islands	8	New Caledonia

#### Pacific Games 3x3

##### Final Standings

Men	Place	Women
Guam	1	Fiji
Fiji	2	Cook Islands
Samoa	3	Tahiti
Marshall Islands	4	New Caledonia
Tahiti	5	Solomon Islands
New Caledonia	6	Samoa
Vanuatu	7	Marshall Islands
Solomon Islands	8	PNG
Cook Islands	9	Vanuatu
American Samoa	10	Nauru
Nauru	11	Guam
PNG	12	Kiribati
	13	American Samoa

#### FIBAU17 Oceania Championship

##### Final Standings

Men	Place	Women
Australia	1	Australia
New Zealand	2	New Zealand
Samoa	3	Tahiti
Tahiti	4	Samoa
Guam	5	Guam
New Caledonia	6	New Caledonia
PNG	7	PNG
Cook Islands	8	Cook Islands

### (3) MILESTONES AND BEST PRACTICE ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Participation Numbers

The participation numbers in 2019 have seen a significant **41.34%** increase compared to 2018 (130,372 from 92,237) with a significant increase in competition by 130.03%.

Female participation recorded a historic **49,730** numbers including junior and senior participants.

#### Basketball For Good Program

The Basketball For Good (B4G) program of Papua New Guinea gained recognition for its efforts in the 2019 FIBA World Congress taking home third place award in the Best Basketball for Good Project Award.

Papua New Guinea partnered with Marie Stopes International and Papua New Guinea Sports Foundation to run their programs while Fiji established a partnership with Homes For Hope for their Mum's A Hero program.

FIBA's inclusive pathways provide unique opportunities for athletes, coaches and referees from the Indo-Pacific region to promote sport as a contributor to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

B4G continued its expansion in 2019 namely in the Solomon Islands, Tahiti and Samoa.



### New Competition System

FIBA's New Competition System paved a pathway for the Pacific nations to qualify for World events which helped increase the importance of regional competitions in Oceania. The innovation of partnering with the Pacific Games Council to hold sub-regional qualifiers for the Pacific Games was lauded by PGC President Vidya Lakhan.

### 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup

The FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 is the premier Men's basketball event of FIBA that featured 32 countries, 384 players and 92 games played in front of 800,000+ spectators across 8 cities in China. Australia and New Zealand participated in the landmark event which also achieved record-breaking results with a TV audience reach of over 3 billion and generated a further 1.5 billion video views on social media.

### All-Female Technical crew at the Pacific Games

The final day of the Group Phase of the Women's Pacific Games Basketball tournament between American Samoa and Papua New Guinea featured a game officiated by an all-female technical crew.

The Pacific Games volunteers of the Samoa Basketball Federation had more than 90 percent females in their crew of table officials, statisticians, and technical officials.

### New Zealand's Greg Williamson honoured with the President's Award

FIBA Oceania Board Member Greg Williamson was awarded the President's Award during the World Congress.

The President's award is awarded to an individual in a leading position of their National Federation from each region for their positive impact on basketball and their commitment and contribution to the region and is selected by former FIBA President, Horacio Muratore.

### David Reid (AUS) and Karo Lelai (PNG) join FIBA Central Board

Delegates from 156 National Federations in attendance at the XXI FIBA Congress in Beijing, China elected a new President and new Central Board members for the 2019-2023 term of office.

FIBA Oceania Board Members David Reid and Karo Lelai were elected to the FIBA Central Board.



### New Caledonia successfully host FIBA U17 Oceania Championship

New Caledonia successfully hosted their first-ever FIBA Youth Qualifying tournament featuring 16 teams and eight nations in the biennial meet.

### New Zealand delivered a world-class event at the FIBA Women's OQT

New Zealand hosted China, Korea and the Philippines in the first step of the qualification process to the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics.

Basketball New Zealand is one of the Federations that has successfully promoted Women's Basketball with the effective staging of the competition and the promotion of their Girls Got Game program.

### (4) CHALLENGES IN 2019

Competitions calendar provides more games pushing the National Federations in expediting their preparation logistically, competitively and personnel in their contingents for FIBA competitions.

With the increased participation numbers in basketball – facilities and resources are tougher to find and the supply for the demand will need to be enhanced.

### (5) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

FIBA Oceania (FIO) would like to acknowledge its National Federation members in their cooperation and coordination in organising Developmental

Programs and Competitions in their respective countries.

FIO would also like to thank our partners the Australian Government's AusAid program and the International Basketball Foundation for their support to facilitate programs in Papua New Guinea and Fiji.

The Pacific Games Council, with the successful staging of the Basketball event in the quadrennial sporting conclave.

The New Caledonia Basketball Federation and Basketball New Zealand in hosting the FIBA U17 Oceania Championship and the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournament respectively.

### (6) CONCLUSION

2019 was a momentous year for the FIBA Oceania family, highlighted by successful competitions, the continued excellence of its Basketball For Good programs, 3x3's rising popularity and various technical and development programs administered for National Federation members.

The continued growth of the Federation members in 2019 will serve as a springboard for future achievements and the ongoing development of basketball in the region.





# Canoeing



The Oceania Canoe Association (OCA) is responsible for the delivery of continental canoeing championships and development initiatives in the region for the disciplines of canoe slalom, canoe sprint, canoe polo, canoe marathon, ocean racing, and freestyle canoeing. Oceania canoeing highlights for 2019 are reported below.

## COMPETITION

### Asia Pacific Regatta

The inaugural Asia Pacific Canoe Sprint Regatta was held over 12 & 13 May 2018 in Adelaide, Australia. This regatta has been instigated to provide international competition for U16, U18, and U21 athletes within the region at a lower cost than travelling to Europe. Athletes from six nations competed at the inaugural event. An athlete development camp was run by OCA in conjunction with the regatta to provide coaching support for athletes from Oceania developing nations.

An agreement between Australia, New Zealand and Japan will see this initiative taking place each year. New Zealand hosted the event from 10 – 12 May 2019 on Lake Karapiro, and Japan will be hosting the 3rd edition from 15 – 17 May 2020.

### 2019 Continental Championships

Each year continental championships are held for the Olympic canoeing disciplines of canoe sprint and canoe slalom. Non-Olympic discipline championships are held bi-annually (in odd years), so the continental championship programme in 2019 was large including the following events:

OCA Canoe Slalom Championships, 21 – 24 February were conducted at the Penrith White-Water course, Sydney (AUS), and well supported with athletes competing from 19 nations.

OCA Canoe Freestyle Championships, 21 – 24 February run in conjunction with the slalom championships in Penrith, Sydney (AUS).

OCA Canoe Sprint Championships, 15 – 17 February were held at Lake Karapiro (NZL), with participation from five nations.

OCA Canoe Polo Championships, 25 – 27 April held in Penrith, Sydney (AUS).

OCA Canoe Marathon Championships, 17 – 10 May conducted in Perth (AUS).

OCA Ocean Racing Championships, 16 – 17 November in Auckland (NZL).



### Tokyo Olympic Games – Olympic Qualification

The first round of qualification for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games was during the 2019 World Championships held for canoe sprint and slalom in Szeged, Hungary and La Seu d'Urgell, Spain respectively.

Australia, Cook Islands, New Zealand, Palau, Samoa, and Tonga contested the canoe sprint event, and in doing so, became eligible to enter the second round continental qualification event to be held in February 2020 in Sydney. Australia, Cook Islands, and New Zealand competed in the canoe slalom event. The continental qualification event for slalom will be contested in Auckland in February 2020.

Athletes from Oceania nations earned their National Olympic Committees (NOC) quotas in the following events through the global qualification round:

#### Canoe Sprint

WK1 200 – NZL  
WK1 500 – NZL  
WK4 500 – AUS & NZL  
MK2 1000 – AUS  
MK4 500 – AUS

#### Canoe Slalom

WK1 – AUS & NZL  
MK1 – AUS & NZL  
WC1 – AUS, COK, NZL

Athletes from four Oceania nations (Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu, and Tahiti (for France)) contested qualification for Paralympic events. Five athlete quota for Tokyo were qualified with a further opportunity for para canoe qualification in early 2020.

### World Champions from Oceania

Oceania's top athletes continued to demonstrate the strength of canoeing in our region. We congratulate the following athletes who succeeded at the highest level to become world champions.

- Lisa Carrington (NZL) – WK1 200 & WK1 500 canoe sprint
- Jessica Fox, Rosalyn Lawrence, Noemie Fox (AUS) – WC1 Team canoe slalom
- Curtis McGrath (AUS) – KL2 & VL3 para canoe
- Danielle MacKenzie (NZL) – Open Women Ocean Racing
- Tom Green (AUS) – U23 MK1 1000
- Riley Fitzsimmons, Tom Green, Jackson Collins, Jean van der Westhuyzen (AUS) –



#### U23 MK4 500

- Jemma Smith (AUS) – U23 Women Ocean Racing

### DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

#### Oceania Canoe Slalom Continental Training Programme

The opening of the WERO White-water facility represents an exciting opportunity for the development of canoe slalom in Oceania, with several Pacific Island nations having large populations based in South Auckland – the immediate vicinity of the white-water venue.

OCA has entered into an agreement with Canoe Slalom New Zealand (CSNZ) to provide coaching support for a development programme targeting these Pacific Island communities. Canoe slalom boats have been supplied thanks to an equipment grant from the International Canoe Federation (ICF) and Youth Olympic Games (YOG) equipment has been funded through an Olympic Solidarity grant. Key milestones of the new programme include the following:

- The Tamaki Paddle Sports Club was established in 2018. This club is the vehicle for delivering the early stages of the Oceania Development Programme. Previously coaching support was provided by the CSNZ coaching team but significantly a dedicated coach has been appointed in 2019.
- A recruitment programme has been introduced targeting paddlers from South Auckland schools with culturally diverse backgrounds to attract new slalom paddlers. Currently, 20 athletes are involved in this programme with a further 20 to be recruited in early 2020. These new paddlers participate in the CSNZ Paddle Passport Programme.
- Dedicated sessions with coaching and water time are provided for beginner and

development paddlers.

- Training sessions are offered five times per week for targeted Oceania athletes eligible to participate in the ICF development programme for athletes from developing nations.
- Support for current elite Oceania athletes (COK) is provided as they prepare for Olympic participation in 2020.
- This project links closely with the legacy aspects of the Junior & U23 World Championships being held at the WERO venue in 2021.

### National Federation Activity

Fostering local programmes in our island nations is an important priority for the Oceania development programme. National federations (NF) are invited to request support for equipment donations, as well as athlete, coach, and officials development. OCA meets these requests as funding allows.

During the reporting period, OCA has continued to support the Cook Islands NF locally-based programme. It has been pleasing to see athletes from this programme showing excellent development and regularly participating in New Zealand regattas in addition to the Oceania Champs. OCA has supported the programme with a grant towards regatta attendance and purchase of a K4 and K2. The NF's commitment to growing the programme and working towards successfully funding their international competition is to be commended.

OCA have assisted the Samoan and American Samoan NFs with start-up equipment packages funded through an ICF equipment grant. These packages include surf-skis and paddles that provide the ideal introduction for new paddlers in the island environment. We look forward

to working with both of these federations to establish locally-based programmes.

Special thanks to Andy Wheatley from Samoa for assisting with the logistics relating to this equipment donation.

### Athlete Support

The following Oceania athletes have been supported by OCA to participate in the International Canoe Federation's (ICF) Talent Identification Programme – Anne Cairns (Samoa), Jimmy Jonas (Palau), Pita Taufatofua (Tonga), and Leon Mussell (Cook Islands). This programme includes coaching support, a training camp with athletes from other developing nations in advance of the 2019 World Championships, equipment provision, and coaching assistance throughout the World Champs regatta.

Oceania athletes being supported by Olympic Solidarity athlete scholarships in preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games include Ella Nicholas (Slalom, Cook Islands), Leon Mussell (Sprint, Cook Islands), and Callum Gilbert (Slalom, New Zealand).

### Paracanoe

OCA encourages all our members to identify potential athletes with a disability who are interested in participating in Kayak or Va'a sprint events, and we can provide support with athlete/coach support where needed.

Recent initiatives to support para canoe development in the region have included:

- Interactive Webinars run by the ICF Para canoe Committee for Oceania participants covered general information/introduction, coaching basics, and classification in April 2019.
- Paracanoe athlete Maxwell Nasak and his coach from Vanuatu were supported to attend the ICF Paracanoe Talent Identification Programme camp held in conjunction with the 2019 World Championships.
- John Edwards (Chair, ICF Paracanoe Committee) visited Tahiti as a guest of the Tahitian Handisport organisation to discuss projects to move the para canoe forward in the Oceania Region. Discussions were held on how to promote the use of para canoe as an entry-level foundation activity for para-activity and para-sport in the island nations. A regional conference to progress this concept is tentatively planned for 2021.

### Pacific Games

During July 2019, we attended the Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa. This provided a



valuable opportunity to observe how the Va'a competition is run and foster relationships with the International Va'a Federation (IVF), Oceania NOCs, and the 2023 games organisers from the Solomon Islands.

The Pacific Games Council has confirmed that canoe sprint will be included on the programme of the 2023 Pacific Games. The canoe sprint events will be run in conjunction with the existing Va'a competition. Providing equipment and establishing a locally-based canoeing programme in the Solomon Islands will be a priority for OCA in advance of the next edition of the Pacific Games.

### MEMBERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Any national canoeing federation that is an affiliated member of the ICF receives automatic membership to OCA. Currently, 14 national federations are members including American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, New Caledonia (Associate member), New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, and Vanuatu. The Solomon Islands is in the process of affiliating and should have their membership confirmed at the ICF Congress later in 2020.

During the 6th OCA Congress held in Adelaide, Australia during May 2018, Matt Warren (NZL), Sue Natoli (AUS), Phillip Le Poul (NCL), Charles Villerme (TAH), and Ron Rolleston (COK) were elected as members of the OCA board. To achieve a staggered board election cycle, Congress determined these board members would serve an extraordinary two-year term. For this reason, these board positions will be up for re-election at the OCA Congress in February 2020. Much of the activity in the region is

due to the efforts of these people and OCA is fortunate to have their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm for canoeing in Oceania.

Danielle Woodward was elected to the position of Secretary-General in 2018 and has ably taken on the duties of this office. Despite being an honorary position, the commitment required to deliver in this role is significant and OCA is fortunate to benefit from Danielle's extensive knowledge of the sport, enthusiasm, and work ethic.

In 2018 Paddle Australia offered to provide administrative support for OCA to make the workload of our key officers more manageable. In addition to thanking Paddle Australia for this support, the OCA Board acknowledges the work of Paddle Australia staff member Courtney McMillan.

Finally, on behalf of the OCA Board, we acknowledge the ongoing support OCA receives from the ICF Executive and Board, Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC), and Olympic Solidarity. The general encouragement and financial assistance offered by these organisations underpin the work of the OCA. This, coupled with great collaboration from our NFs and their NOCs, has enabled us to continue meaningful development of canoeing in the Oceania Region.

**Maree Burnett**  
President

**Danielle Woodward**  
Secretary-General





# Cycling



Tuhoto-Ariki Pene NZL Junior MTB Oceania Champion

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

As at 31 December 2019, the OCC Executive comprised of:

- Ms. Tracey Gaudry (AUS) – President
- Mr. Tony Mitchell (NZL) – Vice President
- Mr. Eric Tydingco (GUA) – Vice President
- Mr. Patrick Keenan (FIJ) – Executive Member
- Mr. Glen Pearsall (AUS) – Executive Member

## MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Samoa, Tahiti and Vanuatu.

## MANAGEMENT

The OCC administration is supported by the following contracted individuals and organisations:

- Executive Officer – Lyriane Beuzeville
- Strategic and Development Consultant – Graham Fredericks
- Communications Manager – Ross Willox
- Accounting and Financial Services – Cycling Australia

## STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

The OCC established a new three-year Strategic Plan 2019-2021, embarking upon an ambitious agenda. In summary, achievements in 2019 against the Plan's six strategic pillars include:

- **Governance** – effective Oceania representation on the International Cycling Union (UCI) Management Committee, UCI Commissions and Committees; continual improvements to Corporate Governance principles and practice including Pacific region solidarity development program governance; governance support underpinning the affiliation of Samoa to the UCI and OCC; launching a new three-year Strategic Plan 2019-2021.
- **Finance** – comprehensive financial management and administration; cost-effective investment in organisational capacity and capability; strategic investment in development programs and initiatives; maintenance of healthy cash reserves with a break-even result for the year; receipt and acquittal of UCI continental and National Federation solidarity funding against multiple projects; and the development of a strategic financial position paper identifying assets, challenges, and opportunities.
- **Organisation** – robust OCC administration across all facets of operations, with priority focus on planning and monitoring progress against the Strategic Plan, sport development, communications, and financial management and administration.







Australia Womens Team Pursuit Gold Track World Cup Brisbane

- **Membership and Engagement** – affiliation of Samoa as a Full Member and the finalisation of the Northern Mariana Islands, an Associate Member, bringing the OCC's membership to ten affiliated National Federations; expansion of the OCC website and digital channels, amplifying both coverage and reach of UCI, Oceania and National events across the continent; continued effective collaboration between Members, the OCC and UCI.
- **Sport** – continued advocacy in support of National Federations' bids for hosting rights for UCI World Championship, World Cup and other major UCI events in Oceania; growth in UCI teams registered in Oceania National Federations; improved Oceania Championships governance with implementation of the Host Agreement; improved promotion and delivery of national events by Pacific Members; staging of the inaugural Oceania BMX Freestyle Championships.
- **Development** – launch of a new multi-nation Group 4 BMX Pacific strategy underpinned by UCI National Federation Solidarity funding; commenced advocacy for the inclusion of cycling in the sport program of the Pacific Games; establishment of a Pacific Scholarship Program assisting the Pacific athlete pathway; publishing of the growing Pacific Calendar; and group 1 development through funding for BMX Freestyle officiating courses.

#### ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION

OCC continues to be a highly engaged confederation in the world of cycling with the UCI through two representatives on the UCI Management Committee and representation on



Seti Afoa Samoa receives membership from UCI President David Lappartient

at least 12 UCI Commissions and Committees. Significant events in Oceania in 2019 included;

- The 2019 OCC Congress was held in Hamilton New Zealand in January 2019 in conjunction with the UCI Track World Cup in Cambridge and the OCC BMX Championships in Te Awamutu.
- The UCI Women's Commission held its annual meeting in Melbourne Australia in January 2019
- OCC was represented at the 2019 Pacific Games Council, OSFO and ONOC annual meetings
- UCI President David Lappartient attended the 2019 Sport Accord convention in Australia in April.
- Vice President Eric Tydingco represented Oceania at the annual UCI Solidarity Commission.
- Tony Mitchell was President of the UCI Mass Participation and Advocacy Commission

#### SPORT

Oceania cyclists enjoyed a resurgence on the world stage with riders crowned world champions in track, road, BMX racing, BMX Freestyle, Mountain Bike, and Paracycling.



Fiji Road Champion Jone Takapi

Riders from Oceania won a total of 74 World Championships medals, comprising 37 gold, 19 silver and 18 bronze across junior U23 and elite level. Australia's Caleb Ewan was the overall winner of the 2019 Oceania Tour, with Team Bridgelane and Australia winning the team and nation categories respectively.

The Oceania continental calendar continues to grow with 13 major UCI events held in Oceania in 2019. The Oceania Pacific Calendar included successful national tours of Guam, Fiji, Samoa, and Tahiti, as the calendar grew to nine events across seven countries. The introduction of the Oceania BMX Freestyle Championships grew the number of Oceania Championships held in 2019 to five, covering all Olympic disciplines. In 2020, Oceania will boast a record ten UCI registered teams, registered in three National Federations including Guam for the first time. There will be eight men's and two women's Teams:

#### APPRECIATION

The OCC acknowledges the support of the UCI, our member federations, personnel, event organisers, sponsors, teams, athletes and fans for their contribution in 2019.



# Fencing



IOC President Mr Thomas Bach with OFC Development Officer and Members of Fencing PNG



Introduction to Fencing Class in Suva, Fiji

## (1) INTRODUCTION

The Oceania Fencing Confederation (OFC) is a not-for-profit organisation responsible for the promotion and development of the sport of fencing in the Oceania Zone.

The OFC is affiliated to the International Fencing Federation - the Fédération Internationale d'Escrime (FIE). The OFC has six Member countries (Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, American Samoa, and Guam) and two Associate Members (New Caledonia and French Polynesia).

### Board of Directors

President - Ms. Helen Smith AM (AUS)  
 Vice President - Mr. Ken Claridge (NZL)  
 Secretary - Ms. Carol Bond (AUS)  
 Director - Ms. Andrea Chaplin (AUS)  
 Director - Mr. Anthony Comacho (GUM)

### Staff

Regional Sports Director (RSD) – Mr. Peter Creese  
 Regional Development Officer (RDO) – Mr. Leon Thomas

## (2) ACTIVITIES IN 2019

ACTIVITY	DATE	DESCRIPTION	PARTNERS	HIGHLIGHTS
Development Visits to American Samoa, Guam, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji	Various	Regional Development Officer visited Papua New Guinea (February, May & August), American Samoa & Samoa (April), Guam (May-June) and Fiji (October)	FIE, Fencing Papua New Guinea, American Samoa National Fencing Federation, Samoa Fencing Association, Guam Fencing Federation	Level 1(Group) Coaching Course completed to train ten new coaches for PNG; Demonstration for IOC President and at PNG Olympic Day; Training for athletes attending Oceania Championships; Demonstration events and learn to fence courses run in Suva, Fiji for the first time.
All Samoan Championships 2019 (Apia, Samoa)	25-30 March	Regional Sports Director and Regional Development Officer travelled to Apia, Samoa for a combined training camp for junior athletes from Samoa and American Samoa, culminating in the inaugural All Samoa Championships with 11 athletes competing in team and individual Foil events.	Samoa Fencing Association; American Samoa National Fencing Association	Inaugural international competition held in Samoa. Basic refereeing training was also provided to athletes and coaches attending the camp.
Oceania Cadet (U17) Championships (Wellington, New Zealand)	25-27 April	115 participants from American Samoa, Australia, New Zealand, Guam and French Polynesia competing across 10 events.	Fencing New Zealand	
Oceania Senior Championships (Canberra, Australia)	22-26 November	239 participants from Australia, New Zealand, Guam, French Polynesia and New Caledonia competing across 9 events.	Australian Fencing Federation	

## (3) OUTCOMES IN 2019

ACTIVITY	DATE	DESCRIPTION	OUTCOMES	IMPACT
Level 1(Group) Coaching Course in Papua New Guinea	February	Regional Development Officer delivered Level 1 (Group) Coaching Course during Development Visit to Port Moresby	10 candidates were successful in attaining Level 1(Group) accreditation	10 local coaches available to support development activities and introduce fencing to other groups
All Samoan Championships	March	Regional Sports Director and Regional Development Officer travelled to Apia, Samoa for a combined training camp for junior athletes from Samoa and American Samoa, culminating in the inaugural All Samoa Championships	11 junior athletes from Samoa and American Samoa participated in individual and team Foil events. Refereeing training provided to athletes and officials attending the camp.	Inaugural international competition held in Samoa. Increased capacity to organise events with participants gaining experience in competition management and refereeing.
Oceania Championships	April and November	OFC hosted Championships for Cadets (U17) in New Zealand and Seniors in Australia	354 participants from 6 countries competed across the two events	Increased participation in Oceania competitions and increased representation from OFC Member Countries
FIE Executive Visit to Papua New Guinea	August	Members of the FIE Executive travelled to Port Moresby to review growth and development of Fencing in Papua New Guinea	Following successful review by FIE Executive, Papua New Guinea was granted membership to the International Fencing Federation.	The additional federation is eligible for membership in Oceania Fencing Confederation, increasing numbers of members to eight.
Referee Development	October	Referees from Oceania supported to attain international accreditation	Three referees attained FIE Accreditation at the Examinations in Bangkok.	There are now 13 Referees with FIE accreditation from Oceania countries. Referees from Oceania were invited to officiate in Oceania and Asian Zone Championships.





Team American Samoa with President of ASA Fencing Ms Irene Kane at the Oceania Cadet Championships

#### (4) MILESTONE AND BEST PRACTICE ACHIEVEMENTS

Oceania Fencing Confederation continues to expand by introducing the sport to new countries and assisting with developing national federations. Following development activities in 2017 and 2018 and with support from the Oceania Fencing Confederation, Fencing Papua New Guinea was recognized as a National Federation by the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee and became an affiliated member of the International Fencing Federation in 2019. A similar model will be followed as the OFC introduces fencing to new countries, with development activities introduced in Fiji.

#### (5) FINANCIALS

FIE Annual Grant (Administration)	AUD 35,000	USD 24,500
FIE subsidy – Presidents to Congress	AUD 15,000	USD 10,500
FIE subsidy for athletes to Zone/World Championships	AUD 9,000	USD 6,300
FIE subsidy to OFMA/Coaching	AUD 14,000	USD 9,800
FIE funding Regional Development Officer/Sport Director	AUD 33,000	USD 23,000
Grant for athletes from FIE President's charity fund	AUD 85,000	USD 59,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AUD 191,000</b>	<b>USD 133,600</b>



Fencers competing in the inaugural All Samoa Championships

#### (6) CHALLENGES IN 2019

New federations need a high level of support and continued guidance to further develop and expand. The Oceania Fencing Confederation has somewhat limited capacity to provide development activities and demand for support and resources is high.

#### (7) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Oceania Fencing Confederation receives significant support from the International Fencing Federation to support activities within the

Oceania region. The OFC also acknowledges the support of the National Federations and National Olympic Committees of our Member countries.

#### (8) CONCLUSION

2019 has been another successful year for the Oceania Fencing Confederation with the continued growth of the sport in the Oceania region. With an additional member and increased participation in competitions, the OFC continues to expand in the Oceania Zone.



# Gymnastics



Team Fiji & Tonga Gymnaestrada Austria

## Oceania Gymnastics Union (OGU) Board

### Members:

President - Kitty Chiller (AUS)  
 Secretary General - Brooke Kneebush (AUS),  
 Vice President - Raukura Ellison (COK)  
 Executive Committee Member - Zena Iese (ASA),  
 Directors - Clare Hanlon (AUS)  
     - Darlene Underwood (FIJ)  
     - Denis Mowbray (NZL)  
     - Suzie Lepani (PNG)  
     - Rose Fangupo (TGA)

## OCEANIA GYMNASTICS UNION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Introduction

In its first year as a ratified Continental Union of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), Oceania Gymnastics Union (OGU) has continued working diligently towards its purpose – Grow the sport, make it exciting and secure the future.

The new board of OGU had an opportunity to come together in September on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia for an Executive Committee, Board and Special General Meeting. The meetings were combined with a judge course and observation at Gymnastics Australia's National Clubs Carnival.

### Activities in 2019

- In March, the ONOC / OSFO Annual General Assemblies in Nadi, Fiji were attended by OGU President and Gymnastics Australia (GA) CEO Kitty Chiller, Gymnastics Federation of American Samoa (GFAS) Secretary General Zena Iese, Gymnastics New Zealand (GNZ) President Denis Mowbray and OGU Secretary General Brooke Kneebush. At this time Brooke Kneebush was elected to the Executive Committee of OSFO, an honour recognizing her potential to contribute to the development of sport in our region.

- OGU was honoured with a visit by FIG President Watanabe to the Pacific Games in Samoa in July. It is a strategic priority of the OGU to become recognized as a sport for inclusion in the Games in the near future.
- OGU partnered with Gymnastics Australia on Australian Government-funded Pacific Sports Partnerships projects in Fiji and Papua New Guinea. AeroGym Fiji aims to improve health-related behaviours through participation in regular exercise, build leadership capacity of women and improve attitudes to disability inclusion. Inclusive activities in PNG are in partnership with Badminton Oceania and Badminton Papua New Guinea.
- 12 development visits were facilitated across the year, with experienced gymnastics experts conducting coach and judge training, gymnast clinics, schools activities and event management mentoring. OGU appreciates the contributions of the experts, many of whom volunteered their time toward the growth of OGU's developing federations.

### Outcomes in 2019

In May, the first Oceania Continental Championships of the new Union were held in Men's Artistic Gymnastics during the Australian Gymnastics Championships. Australia and New Zealand competed and, in a finish that had the audience on the edge of their seats, Australia claimed a narrow victory, along with the opportunity to compete in the World Championships later in the year.

### Milestone and Best Practice Achievements

- In July, a key OGU strategic priority was achieved, under the pillar of Excel – to develop pathways that enable international representation at key events of athletes from the developing countries. A combined Tongan and Fijian team performed at the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG)'s World Gymnaestrada in Dornbirn, Austria.

The team faced seemingly insurmountable challenges in the lead up to the event, but with support from across the globe, managed to overcome all obstacles and perform to packed audiences and receive standing ovations—including recognition from FIG President Watanabe. The team appreciated joining Australia's largest ever Gymnastrada team at a training camp prior and in the school accommodation.

- In September we were thrilled to announce that at a Special General Meeting of the Oceania Gymnastics Union, the Guam Gymnastics Federation (GGF) was officially accepted as a member of OGU. This followed the FIG granting provisional membership to GGF in May. This brings the total of OGU member Federations to eight, with development activities also conducted in Samoa and Vanuatu, both of which will work towards FIG and OGU membership in the coming year.
- Also in September, OGU proudly welcomed AMCO Gymnastics as Official Partner for the next 5 Years. AMCO is the official supplier of the world-class SPIETH gymnastics equipment in Australia and Director/CEO Pascal Ulrich said that he looks forward to assisting the developing federations and seeing the sport of gymnastics grow in the region in the years to come.
- In keeping with one of OGU's 2020 strategic definitions of success—to be leaders in the safeguarding of children in Oceania, OGU member Federation Presidents signed a Child Safe Commitment Statement and approved a Child Safe Policy which has been recognized as an example of best practice.

### Challenges in 2019

Whilst a limited budget is an ongoing challenge for OGU in its infancy, we continue to optimize the development funding provided by the FIG through careful planning and leveraging off alternative funding sources and opportunities.

### Acknowledgement

Oceania Gymnastics Union wishes to acknowledge our partners: The International Gymnastics Federation for providing development grant funding, The Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for providing Pacific Sports Partnerships grant funding for projects in partnership with The Gymnastics Federation of Fiji, The Papua New Guinea Gymnastics Federation, Badminton Oceania and Badminton Papua New Guinea and in 2019 OGU was proud to welcome AMCO Gymnastics as Official Partner.

### Conclusion

In 2020, OGU looks forward to introducing the Solomon Islands as a "Commencing Country" with development activities to be conducted in partnership with the High-Performance Program at the new Solomon Islands Sports and Leadership Institute.



OGU President Kitty Chiller

### MEMBER FEDERATIONS

#### Gymnastics Federation of American Samoa

#### Gymnastics Federation of American Samoa (GFAS) Board Members:

President - Leilani Tuamoheloa-Tilo  
 Secretary General - Zena Iese  
 Vice President - Bella Asiata,  
 Treasurer - Robert Gebauer

2019 brought the Gymnastics Federation of American Samoa (GFAS)'s inaugural Strategic Plan to an end. This provided an opportunity to reflect, refresh and reset, continuing on the Mission "To promote gymnastics as the foundation for all sport and develop future champions."

### Activities in 2019

- In March GFAS Secretary General Zena Iese attended the OSFO and ONOC Annual General Assemblies in Fiji. This visit was combined with OGU Executive Committee and Board meetings and professional development opportunities.
- In July, Gymnastics Australia's FreeG and GfA expert Chloe Kerr visited American Samoa conducting coach certification education, professional development and gymnast training clinics.
- For the Third Quarter of 2019, the Program Activate initiative was conducted by GFAS in collaboration with the Department of Youth and Women's Affairs with 3 rounds of the program hosted at the DYWA Gym. Over 30 children aged 4 to 17 successfully completed the program and gained certificates of completion.
- In September, GFAS Secretary General Zena Iese attended Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) Judge training, an OGU Executive Committee Meeting, Board Meeting and Special General Meeting on the Gold Coast in Queensland. These events were held in conjunction with the Australian Gymnastics National Clubs Carnival providing the opportunity to observe an event incorporating

seven gymnastics disciplines with over 4000 participants.

- Level 2 Coach June Maeva participated in a five-day immersion coaching experience at GymCity Papatoetoe in Auckland New Zealand. Mentored by experienced coaches, June participated in shadow coaching and training for classes ranging from preschoolers through to adults. The club has been operating for over 30 years and sees nearly 10,000 people through its doors each year. This opportunity has created a club to club relationship that will last for years to come and enabled June to bring back many ideas to implement in American Samoa.

### Outcomes in 2019

- Under the strategic pillar of Engage and Enthuse and with a priority to "see five clubs conducting regular gymnastics programs with 300 registered athlete members", a FreeG club, Cheerleading club, and Gymnastics for All (GfA) club were officially recognised as members of GFAS.
- Under the strategic pillar of Enable and strategic initiative to "Build the capacity and quality of the coaching workforce," coaches have been encouraged to undertake online training to lay a foundation for the practical application. GFAS President Leilani Tuamoheloa-Tilo and Vice President Bella Asiata are also upskilling themselves.
- Through Program Activate four adults gained their Level 1 GFAS Coaches Certification and three adults gained their Level 2 certifications.
- Increased participation and coaching certifications led to the planning of a mini display at the DYWA Gym to showcase participants' skills.
- Zena Iese became the first American Samoan to gain an Intermediate WAG Judges Accreditation.

### Milestone and Best Practice Achievements

In 2019, the GFAS board revised and reset the strategic plan, setting the goals of the Federation for the next five years and a plan to achieve them. In addition, a major achievement has been the development and implementation of the GFAS Child Safe Policy providing key elements of the GFAS approach for providing child-safe environments and protecting children from harm.

### Challenges in 2019

Unfortunately, due to a measles outbreak declared for American Samoa, in the fourth quarter of 2019, GFAS was unable to host functions, training, or events. Instead, the focus was on completing Gymnastics Australia online certifications, developing policies and procedures refinement.





Gymnastics Australia Georgia Godwin qualifier for 2020 Olympic Games



Gymnastics Australia - Tyson Bull

### Acknowledgement

GFAS appreciates the support of the Oceania Gymnastics Union (via FIG development funding), the American Samoa National Olympic Committee and Department of Youth and Women's Affairs. Special thanks go to Gymnastics New Zealand's Rowena Deadman and GymCity Papatoetoe for hosting a coach immersion experience.

### GYMNASTICS AUSTRALIA

#### Gymnastics Australia (GA) Board Members:

President - Sam McKay  
 Secretary General/CEO - Kitty Chiller  
 Director - Russell D'Costa (High Performance)  
 Elected Directors - Dr. Clare Hanlon (Sports Governance), Ben Heap, Anna O'Shea (Legal), Nicki Page, Appointed Director - Nicole Adamson.

In 2019 Gymnastics Australia (GA) celebrated its 70th Anniversary. To recognise this momentous occasion the stories of Australia's past and present gymnasts were shared on social media and a birthday party was held during the National Clubs Carnival on the Gold Coast in September. The popularity of gymnastics as a sport for all ages and abilities was demonstrated with a 5% increase in attendance at the Clubs Carnival with over 4200 gymnasts participating, the biggest gymnastics event ever in the southern hemisphere.

#### Activities in 2019

- The largest Australian team ever travelled to Austria in July for the World Gymnaestrada. 340 gymnasts performed alongside over 18,000 representatives from more than 60 countries at the largest event on the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG)

calendar, the World Gymnaestrada. The Australian Gymaroos team from Taree PCYC had the honour of performing in the FIG Gala along with the best performance teams in the world.

- For the third consecutive year, GA hosted the Australian leg of the FIG's Individual Apparatus World Cup Series in February. Gymnasts from 32 countries were represented including Olympians, Commonwealth Games medalists and World Championship competitors, all eyeing podium positions and qualifying points for Tokyo 2020.
- 2019 saw the introduction of FIG Junior World Championships in Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics, aiming to bring together the best athletes in their age groups and put on a first-class event while helping the development of the sport. Australia was represented in each discipline with highlights being Men's Artistic gymnasts Jesse Moore and James Hardy making apparatus finals.
- Gymnasts represented Australia at World Championships, with highlights including Men's Artistic gymnast Tyson Bull finishing 7th on Horizontal Bar, and Women's Artistic gymnast Georgia Godwin qualifying for the All-Around final – and both also securing 2020 Olympic Games quota places. The Rhythmic gymnasts received some of Australia's best-ever international scores and two synchronised pairs, two tumbling individuals and the Men's tumbling team qualified for finals at the World Trampoline Championships in Tokyo.

#### Outcomes in 2019

- Team Australia saw great success at the Special Olympic World Games in Abu Dhabi in March.

A team of 3 female and 3 male Artistic Gymnasts competed across Levels 1-3 with each finishing on the podium.

- In May, the Men's Artistic Gymnastics Oceania Continental Championships were held during the Australian Gymnastics Championships. Trans-Tasman rivals Australia and New Zealand competed and, in a fight to the finish, Australia claimed Gold along with the opportunity to qualify for the World Championships later in the year.
- One Men's Artistic Gymnast (Tyson Bull) and one Women's Artistic Gymnast (Georgia Godwin) qualified with named quota spots for the 2020 Olympic Games.

#### Milestone and Best Practice Achievements

- Under the Strategic Pillar of Engage and Enthuse, and the objective for our sport to be valued as a driver of physical literacy and the leader in fundamental movement, GA continued in 2019 to rate amongst the top three sports in the Sport Australia funded Sporting Schools program with close to 140,000 participants.
- With a strategic objective to be recognised as an industry leader for child safety and member protection, GA launched a new stand-alone Child Safe Policy (CSP) alongside a comprehensively reviewed and updated Member Protection Policy (MPP). Taking another positive step for Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement, GA announced its new Body Positive Guidelines, aiming to set clear boundaries and guidelines on acceptable language and behaviour in relation to body image.



Cook Islands Gymnastics Federation GymSchools program

### Financials

The focus for 2019 was on implementing a more robust and comprehensive financial reporting framework to ensure the Gymnastics Australia Board and the Financial Risk and Audit Committee had all the information they needed in a timely manner to ensure the organisation remained in a strong financial position.

### Challenges in 2019

- By just one position and 1.076 points, the Australian Women's Artistic Gymnastics team missed out on qualifying for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. However, opportunities still exist for Australia to qualify further individual Olympic quota positions through the Individual Apparatus World Cup series and the Oceania Continental Championships in April 2020.
- For the first time in 17 years, membership did not increase although significant increases in coach and judge memberships were achieved, proving that we are on track to meet targets under our strategic pillar of Enable: Establish ourselves as a leading developer of our workforce – coaches, judges, volunteers and administrators.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Gymnastics Australia wishes to acknowledge our partners:

- Governance bodies: Sport Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport, the International Gymnastics Federation, the Australian Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Australia;
- Equipment partners: AMCO Gymnastics, Spieth Gymnastic, Euro Tramp;
- Government partners: Tourism and Events Queensland and the City of Gold Coast partnering in the delivery of the National Clubs

Carnival and the Victorian State Government partnering in hosting the Australian Championships at Melbourne Arena;

- Sponsors and suppliers: SEM, Puma, Mantra, SportsLink Travel, GK, Make It Cheaper, Ray White and Winkipop Media; and Fox Sports exclusive broadcaster of GA and FIG events in Australia.

### Conclusion

With the Tokyo Olympic Games and World Championships in the non-Olympic disciplines of Acrobatic and Aerobic Gymnastics all occurring in 2020 the year ahead is set to be a big one for Gymnastics Australia.

### COOK ISLANDS

#### Cook Islands Gymnastics Federation (CIGF) Board Members:

President – Raukura Ellison, Secretary General – Teina Taulu, Vice President – Twila Reuther, Treasurer – Samantha Ellison, Committee Members – Kirsten Ashcroft, Rachel Dun, Tamsyn Dearlove.

### Introduction & Overview of 2019

This year has been a year of growth for the Cook Islands Gymnastics Federation. We have not only increased our club gymnast numbers and interest in the sport but also work has been done to support the training of emerging coaches. CIGF has had two development visits from Gymnastics Australia this year. The first visit in September was focused on the FreeG programme at Tereora College. This is our second year in the college and the level of skill seen has improved dramatically since last year. We are scheduled for another programme in 2020 and aim to get into one other College. We were able to take 5 Tereora College students

that have participated in the last two years of FreeG programmes and train them as Beginner Coaches.

At the end of Term 4 this year we hosted our annual competition, with over 40 participants. The afternoon was a huge success. We received positive feedback from the participants, parents and community members. The event was held at the Tupapa Community Centre which we have secured for our 2020 classes at no cost to the Federation.

### Activities in 2019

There were several activities taken up this year which have all contributed to our success and growth.

- Beginner Coach Training Course with 5 Tereora College Students
- Annual Gymnastics Competition held at the Tupapa Maraerenga Centre
- Coach Development training
- FreeG at Tereora College
- Judge Training prior to our competition
- Apiti Rutaki come try sessions x 2
- KinderGym training with Tas Evans from New Zealand
- CIGF President Raukura Ellison participated in an OSEP MISO course in-country
- India Grant funding for van with tow bar - Our application is still under consideration and has passed the first two stages. The decision is expected at the end of March 2020.

### Outcomes in 2019

Following our second year at Tereora College, we were able to generate interest with students who participated in the programme to participate in the Beginner Coach Training Course which was fantastic to see. It also demonstrates that the interest is growing and the hard work over the past two years in programme-delivery is starting to pay off and the impact that it has had is evident.

Through the Tereora College FreeG programme our coaches have been able to see the results and have made adjustments to their teaching and structure based on their previous experiences. They were also given the opportunity to have another coach from GA come and assist the delivery of the programme which enabled them to see other coaching practices and approaches in action.

### Milestone and Achievements

There were several notable milestones for CIGF. The first would be another successful annual competition held in term 4 and the second would be the Beginner Coach Course that was



Gymnastics Federation of Fiji Gymnaestrada

held which will generate 5 new, young and enthusiastic gymnastics coaches. The other Milestone was securing a permanent indoor space to run all our classes at no cost to the Federation. Another great achievement was securing the AusAid grant which allowed us to purchase a lockable trailer to store and transport our equipment. These great milestones were due to the hard work and commitment our coaches have and without them, we wouldn't have been able to achieve these.

#### Challenges in 2019

- Transportation of our new trailer (only one coach has a vehicle that is suitable for towing however it is not always available and running)
- Securing an indoor venue in term 4
- Coach to gymnast ratio not always ideal this is due to the growing number of gymnasts

#### Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge Hannah who provided coaching assistance while she was in the Cook Islands. Another huge 'meitaki maata' to Kirsten Ashcroft who has run her club all on her own for the last 2 years, she is experienced and passionate about gymnastics and will be sorely missed.

CIGF would like to also acknowledge GA and OGU for their ongoing support and our donors CISNOC, AusAid and various clubs in Australia and New Zealand for donating leotards to CIGF. All these parties help in the development of gymnastics in the Cook Islands and play a vital part in the successful operation of our organization. Meitaki Maata.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, after a long, exciting and awesome 2019 we look forward to 2020 and continuing

to develop the sport of gymnastics in the Cook Islands.

#### FIJI

##### Gymnastics Federation of Fiji (GFF) Board Members:

President - Darlene Underwood, Secretary General - Mherina Ahmed, Treasurer - Shivnesh Prasad, Directors - Robert Yeal, Tessa Eastgate, Kunjal Nair.

#### Introduction & Overview of 2019

2019 was another great year of achievements for GFF, each bringing us closer to our vision "Gymnastics – positively changing lives through fundamental movement, promoting lifelong health and wellbeing for all communities and abilities." Under the strategic pillar of Endure, the federation continues to strive to be recognised as a leader in sport governance. After an extensive recruitment campaign, three new members joined the GFF board, bringing the total to 6, enabling the federation to run effectively and driving it towards the achievement of its strategic priorities. Each of the performance measures under the Endure pillar have been met with the achievement of these goals thanks to attendance at the Fiji National Sports Commission NSO Conference, FASANOC Safeguard Athlete Policy training, Pacific Sports Partnerships Transition Planning workshop, and participation in Sports Commission outreach activities.

Under the strategic pillar of Engage and Enthuse and at the core of what we do, clubs have continued conducting quality programs, including holiday activities with increasing participation numbers and sports awareness.



Gymnastics Federation of Fiji DFAT PSP AeroGym Showcase

#### Activities in 2019

Throughout the year, GFF benefited from three OGU Development visits, beginning in March with a visit from OGU Secretary General Brooke Kneebush which included club visits, coach training and mentoring. In July Debbs Van Hagen conducted coach and presenter mentoring and in September Australians Tim and Rebecca Robertson conducted Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) Intermediate Coach and Judge training, producing the first Intermediate qualified judges in a developing federation of Oceania. 14 participants attended the training with 9 participating in both courses.

In September, GFF President Darlene Underwood also attended WAG Judge training, an OGU Board Meeting and Special General Meeting on the Gold Coast in Queensland. These events were held in conjunction with the Australian Gymnastics National Clubs Carnival providing the opportunity to observe an event incorporating seven gymnastics disciplines with over 4000 participants.

During 2019, approximately 2,000 people (largely women) participated in ongoing Australian Government Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP) AeroGym activities. Targeting women and people with disabilities in communities across Fiji and with the objectives of: increasing levels of regular participation in quality sport activities, improving health-related behaviours and improving attitudes towards increased inclusion of people with a disability, GFF Sport Development Officers conducted 6-week programs and mentored leaders to combine gymnastics skills with dance in fast-paced, fun and energetic routines. In July, Australian Aerobic Gymnastics expert Debbs Van Hagen and Cook Islands Gymnastics Federation





Gymnastics Federation of Fiji WAG gymnast Robyn Eastgate

President Raukura Ellison joined GFF Secretary General Mherina Ahmed conducting a three Day PSP Building Leadership Capacity of Women in Sport Workshop Series. 30 AeroGym community leaders came together for the training. Using Aerobic Gymnastics as a conduit, the presenters worked with participants with the goal to empower them as leaders in sport and other aspects of their lives. It was an honour to have Deputy High Commissioner, Anna Dorney and Third Secretary Mark Tamsitt present certificates recognising skills and the completion of training. Following the workshops, the leaders took their newly acquired skills back to their communities, to prepare their teams to perform at the 3rd Annual AeroGym Showcase in September. FASANOC Vice President Ms. Cathy Wong gave an opening address at the event which saw 150 women, men, girls and boys of all abilities vying for awards.

Fijian Women's Artistic Gymnast Robyn Eastgate from Gymnastics Fiji club participated in two Australian training opportunities. In January, Robyn attended a camp at Premier Gymnastics Academy in Brisbane. The camp was by special invitation to gymnasts who show potential in national and international competitions. In July, she trained at the NSW Academy of Gymnastics under Australian Sports awarder, coach Bill Parsons. Robyn has been rewarded for her achievements with a 2020 Fiji National Sports Commission scholarship to attend training and competition in Australia.

#### Outcomes in 2019

A donation of Men's and Women's Artistic apparatus by Christchurch School of Gymnastics Incorporated was received in July. Thanks to a massive collaborative effort bringing the equipment to Fiji, this will enable programs to be

expanded and the skill level of existing gymnasts to increase.

GFF has received Fiji National Sports Commission grant funding approval for over FJD\$120,000. This funding supports the federation to engage a Sports Development Officer to conduct club development and community outreach activities, support Fijian gymnasts to train and compete internationally and to manage a Danish Performance team tour in July 2020.

#### Milestone and Achievements

In July GFF, joined with Tonga Gymnastics Federation to become the first developing Oceania gymnastics federations to be represented at an event of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG). A team of seven from VOU Dance (and Gymnastics) travelled to Dornbirn Austria to perform at World Gymnaestrada, an event attended by 65 nations and over 18,000 participants. This achievement was made possible thanks to a Fiji National Sports Commission grant, funding support from FIG via OGU and extensive fundraising in Australia and Fiji. A FIG Continental Meeting of Gymnastics for All Committee was held in conjunction with Gymnaestrada where GFF Head of Delegation Michelle Fink Lassen represented Fiji – another first for GFF.

#### Challenges in 2019

A major challenge faced by GFF was in the process of securing Schengen visas for the Gymnaestrada team. At the time of application, an office for collecting biometrics from applicants was not available in Fiji and the process would involve travelling first to Australia. GFF was fortunate to receive support from the Gymnaestrada Organising Committee, Austrian Embassy in Australia and VFS Global, all working

together to eventually secure visas in Fiji at the last minute.

#### Acknowledgements

The Gymnastics Federation of Fiji wishes to acknowledge the support of our partners: The International Gymnastics Federation, Oceania Gymnastics Union, Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee, Fiji National Sports Commission. Kudos to the Australian High Commission in Fiji, the Australian Government's Pacific Sports Partnerships program, managing contractors GHD and partners Gymnastics Australia, Oceania Gymnastics Union and HART (Housing Assistance and Relief Trust) for their ongoing support of AeroGym Fiji. Thank you to Fiji Water, via its sponsorship of FASANOC in the supply of water to AeroGym Showcase entrants. We appreciate the contributions of Christchurch Gymnastics Inc., Gymnastics New Zealand and President Denis Mowbray, the New Zealand Defence Force, Williams & Goslings and Greenscape all for their involvement in equipment-donation and transport logistics. Thank you to our clubs, Board members and volunteers for their continued efforts to develop gymnastics in Fiji.

#### Conclusion

With three new, proactive members joining the board and planning well underway, GFF looks forward to another year of big achievements in 2020, including Fijian coaches and gymnasts attending training in Australia and the Fiji National Sports Commission funded Danish Performance Team tour.



## GUAM

### Guam Gymnastics Federation (GGF) Board Members:

President - Jayne Flores

Secretary General - Natasha Francisco

Vice President - Cesar Medina

Treasurer - Gener Deliquina.

### Introduction & Overview of 2019

2019 was a year of achievement and milestones for Guam Gymnastics Federation. FIG provisional membership was finally achieved, GGF board members participated in training in Guam and internationally and most importantly our gymnasts continued training to a very high standard, competed off island and performed at Micronesia Mall thanks to their dedicated coaches.

### Activities in 2019

In May GGF President Jayne Flores and Treasurer Gener Deliquina attended the Oceania Sports Education Program (OSEP) Management in Sporting Organizations (MISO) Course.

In September, GGF Secretary General Natasha Francisco attended an OGU Special General Meeting at which GGF was formally accepted as a member. The meeting was held in Gold Coast, Queensland and included an opportunity to attend WAG Judge training at which Natasha gained Intermediate qualification. These events were held in conjunction with the Australian Gymnastics National Clubs Carnival providing the opportunity to observe an event incorporating seven gymnastics disciplines with over 4000 participants.

A development visit was conducted in October by Australian volunteer expert Natalie Roberts. Activities included coach training and gymnast

clinics at Island Twisters Gymnastics, clinics with dance schools Fusion and Danzjazz and cheerleading groups from Tiyan High School. Upon conclusion of the visit, Natalie said "All of the gymnasts, cheerleaders and dancers that I had the privilege of working with, showed a willingness to learn and improve. Their coaches were hard-working and passionate."

### Outcomes in 2019

Four gymnasts from Island Twisters Gymnastics Club attended the Magical Classic Gymnastics Meet in Florida in February producing the following outstanding results: Kate Hartley 5th all around, Helena Nuqui 6th all around, Maria Calvo 11th all around, Lorin Lesh 16th on bars, 17th on beam.

Coaches Rick and Melinda Heath are to be commended for their ongoing dedication and commitment to training these gymnasts and providing opportunities to compete off-island.

In June, Island Twisters Gymnastics had its 2019 Micronesia Mall Gymnastics Demonstration. More than 120 gymnasts participated, performing gymnastics routines and demonstrating their flexibility and tumbling skills. Medals and awards were given out according to gymnastics level, which ranged from Level 1 through Level 6. Gymnasts also participated in an obstacle course, which included vaulting over a trapezoid vault and jumping in the air off a mini trampoline, demonstrating different kinds of jumps and flips. Advanced gymnasts ended the performance with a team gymnastics dance.

### Milestone and Achievements

On 3rd May 2019, Guam Gymnastics Federation was officially endorsed as a provisional affiliated member of the International Gymnastics Federation. This endorsement came after the federation was accepted as an associate member of the Guam National Olympic Committee in February. GGF has been working toward this goal for several years in order to create a platform to make the sport more empowering for Guam's gymnasts, dancers and cheerleaders. It will provide GGF access to regional and international training, coaching, and funding opportunities. The next step is to work towards full FIG membership at the next FIG Congress in 2020.

Another milestone occurred in May, with GGF President Jayne Flores and Vice President Cesar Medina attending a reception for IOC President Thomas Bach.

### Acknowledgements

GGF acknowledges our member clubs for whom we work towards our purpose "to support participation in gymnastics exhibitions, competitions, educational clinics and camps for athletes and coaches. Thank you also to FIG, OGU, Guam NOC, supporters of fundraising activities to send gymnasts to the Magical Classic Gymnastics Meet in Florida and special thanks go to Gymnastics Australia's Natalie Roberts for volunteering her time to visit Guam, sharing her knowledge and expertise.

### Conclusion

With GNOC, FIG, and OGU membership now secured, GGF looks forward to a prosperous future. Our gymnasts aspire to compete at FIG events including World Championships and Olympic Games in the not too distant future.

## NEW ZEALAND

### Gymnastics New Zealand (GNZ) Board Members:

Chairman - Denis Mowbray,

Secretary General/CEO - Tony Compier

Elected Members - Quinton Hall, Angie Dougal,

Louise Chapman, Pete Elderkin, Appointed

Members - Mark Figgitt, Lisa De Coek.

### Kiaorakoutoukatoa (Greetings to you all)

The 2019 year has continued the theme from 2018, busy. As I review our achievements, I am both excited and proud of the progress we have made. While reflecting on the past year, I reviewed our progress against the core purpose that governs all Gymnastics NZ's actions; "Growing Great New Zealanders through Gymnastics."

Central to the purpose of Gymnastics NZ is the recognition and advancement of athlete welfare and the adherence to our values of integrity and ethical behaviour in every decision and action undertaken. Our belief is, these responsibilities are implicit in our organisational purpose, and that we must do whatever is necessary to make sure we fulfil them. While we have made progress in many areas of athlete welfare, there is more to do.

The second component that enables achievement of Gymnastics NZ's purpose is the provision of opportunities for our member clubs to reach their desired level of performance; this is different for everyone. Leading this effort is the continued implementation of our project 2020 project which will see a dramatic change to the calendar of events for 2020, with our Gymnastics NZ National Competition shifting from its normal





Gymnastics New Zealand Bronwyn Dibb Photo credit FIG International Gymnastics Federation

slot in the last quarter of the year to July in 2020 and the development and implementation of a GfA event in either Sept or Oct of 2020. In 2020, we will hold two GfA events, one each in the North and South Islands. From 2021 onwards the event will become a Gymnastics NZ National GfA event. This GfA event will provide an opportunity for other OGU federations to take part in a GfA event closer to home. More details will be provided once the planning is complete.

New Zealand has continued to see exceptional growth in our member numbers, up 5% on last year and a steady growth in the number of clubs. We welcomed three new clubs into Gymnastics NZ in 2019. This growth reflects the continued hard work of Gymnastics NZ staff and member clubs in growing the reach of our sport through mechanisms such as our Regional Action Plans and programs such as Tumbling and Team Gym to attract and keep participants. Maintaining that growth is a key priority for us in the coming 2020 year.

NZ Athletes took part in many overseas events, including World Championships in all the codes. One outstanding performance was that of Bronwyn Dibb, who performed superbly at the Tokyo Trampoline World Championships in the double-mini-trampoline (DMT) event, securing a silver medal and missing out on gold by only 0.2. Congratulations to Bronwyn and every other athlete who competed in overseas events during the year.

On the domestic front, we held our National Championships in Auckland with over 1000 athletes competing across the four days of fantastic competition. The event is gathering a much wider audience than just those attending with 50,000 live stream views alongside a total



Papua New Guinea Gymnastics Federation DFAT PSP Inclusive Program

reach of over 700,000 across Facebook and Instagram.

Next year will be another busy year for New Zealand on the competitive front with NZ hosting the Pacific-Rim Championships for the first time in over 20 years. We are very proud to be hosting this event and are looking forward to welcoming the Pacific Rim countries to NZ and Tauranga, which is where the event will be held. Those countries taking part include USA, Canada, China, Russia, Australia, Korea, Singapore and many more. This will be a fantastic event and will be well worth attending as the standard of gymnastics will be exceptional.

Alongside the Pac-Rim event, NZ is hosting the first ever full Oceania Gymnastics Union Continental Championships. New Zealand is very proud to be hosting this event, as it signals to the gymnastics' world that Oceania has arrived as a competitive Union. This event will have extra meaning for both Australia and New Zealand as it doubles up as an Olympic qualifying event for some codes.

Earlier in 2019, the Christchurch School of Gymnastics made a kind donation of excess equipment to the Gymnastics Federation of Fiji. The gift included crash mats, pommel horse and a set of uneven and parallel bars. The only problem was transporting this heavy equipment; the combined weight was one ton, from Christchurch to Fiji. After a few calls, it was the NZ Airforce, who came to our rescue and freighted the equipment, free of cost, aboard one of their regular flights that visit Pacific Nations before landing in Fiji. This gift of transporting the equipment meant that aside from a few local costs, GFF has been the beneficiary of a generous gift from both the Christchurch School

of Gymnastics (Avril Enslow and team) and the NZ Airforce.

This identifies one of the great strengths of the nations that form the Oceania Gymnastics Union, our willingness to support and give generously in our pursuit of growing the sport of Gymnastics. This generosity of spirit is a strength that all Pacific Nations have, which allows us to achieve so much from such a small base.

**Dr Denis Mowbray,**  
FCGFGNZ Chair,  
Gymnastics NZ

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

##### **Papua New Guinea Gymnastics Federation (PNGGF) Board Members:**

President - Hannah McManus  
Secretary General - Suzie Tongia-Lepani  
Treasurer - vacant since November 2019, Vice  
Secretary - Lynette Baratai-Pokas  
Committee Members - Timothy Ward, Jude Addis.

#### **Introduction & Overview**

2019 has seen the first full year of operations for PNGGF after becoming an official member of the International Gymnastics Federation in late 2018. Our focus has been to grow the sport through delivery of gymnastics programs at youth and school levels and to continue to develop our coaching capacity, with a focus on building a strong foundation for gymnastics in PNG.

#### **Activities in 2019**

- PNGGF President, Hannah McManus attended the FIG World Cup and VIP function in Melbourne in February.
- Papua New Guinean coaches Linda Pulsan, Hannah Ilave and Eddie Memafu attended





an Immersion Program in Cairns in October coordinated by Oceania Gymnastics. Hosted by Baron Valley Gymnastics Club (sister club to POM Gymnastics) in Cairns QLD and focusing on transfer of skills to benefit their regular gymnastics classes/ inclusion activities at home in PNG.

- PNGGF Secretary General, Suzie Tongia-Lepani received Women's Artistic Gymnastics Beginner/ Intermediate judge accreditation after completing a 3-day course on Australia's Gold Coast in September 2019. She also attended a local Gymnastics for All competition in QLD.
- PNGGF Secretary General and OGU Board Member Suzie Tongia-Lepani attended the Oceania Gymnastics Union (OGU) Board meeting in QLD in September.
- School gymnastics collaboration with Paradise School - Classes are delivered three times a week over the course of the school year to students from grades prep to 6. Paradise School Principal Safak Deliismail said "Students have enjoyed (the classes) a lot. It is helping them build self-confidence and controlling their body."
- Pacific Sports Partnership funded program led by Oceania Badminton in partnership with PNGGF continued its "#GymBad" Program, providing inclusive activities for people with disabilities. Gymnastics coaches are key to delivering this program. Weekly sessions have been held in Port Moresby, Kokopo and the Highlands region since July. Participants come from organisations focused on improving the lives of people with disabilities. Sessions focus on social interaction/combined inclusive adapted programs and have seen up to 70 people per session taking part.
- Federation member POM Gymnastics continues their regular after school

gymnastics program twice a week which has a focus on beginners. Children learn the basics of fundamental body movement.

- PNG was grateful to host three Oceania Gymnastics Development Visits from Brooke Kneebrush throughout the year in February, May and October. Focus was on developing coaching skills and building the confidence of volunteers. Sessions were delivered to approximately thirty coaches and volunteers from the PNG gymnastics community.
- PNG Gymnastics Federation Secretary General Suzie Lepani attended a PNG Olympic Committee function for visiting International Olympic Committee President, Thomas Bach.
- PNG Gymnastics Federation President Hannah McManus graduated from the Managing Olympic Sports Organisations MOSO diploma course in October.
- PNG Gymnastics Federation President Hannah McManus received a British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honors for her services to Gymnastics.

#### Outcomes in 2019

- Increased capacity to deliver gymnastics activities through the up-skilling of coaches and judges as seen through the Coaching Immersion program, development visits of OGU and attainment of judging certification for the first time by a Papua New Guinean.
- Increased administrative capacity with the creation of a PNGGF page on the PNGOC's NF Hub platform, the opening of PNGGF bank account and PNGGF President receiving her MOSO certification. PNGGF is also fully compliant with the PNG Olympic Committee's annual good governance compliance requirements and was congratulated by the PNGOC Secretary General Ms. Auvita Rapilla.
- Greater engagement through social media with a 24% increase in PNG Gymnastics Federation Facebook likes.
- Australian Volunteer Program application completed for the position of a 'Gymnastic Program Development Mentor' to commence in May 2020. This is a joint application between PNGGF and PNG High Performance with Gymnastics Australia as the Australian based organization.

#### Milestone and Achievements

- Opening of PNGGF Bank Account.
- PNGGF Secretary General Suzie Tongia-Lepani became first Papua New Guinean to receive gymnastics judging certification.
- PNGGF President Hannah McManus received Queens British Empire Medal for contribution to Gymnastics

- Collaboration with Oceania Badminton to deliver inclusive programs for persons with disabilities.
- Collaboration with PNGOC to establish PNGGF National Federation Hub site.

#### Challenges in 2019

- Filling Treasurer Board member position.
- Installation of essential equipment at Taurama Aquatic and Indoor Centre in Port Moresby.

#### Acknowledgement

Papua New Guinea Gymnastics Federation appreciates support from: Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee; Oceania Gymnastics Union and in particular Brooke Kneebrush; Gymnastics Australia; PNG High Performance and Manager Mr. Cornelius Papau; the Australian Volunteer Program; the Australian Government's Pacific Sports Partnerships program and managing contractors GHD, with special thanks to Badminton PNG and Oceania Badminton, particularly Kinivanagi Karo for his lead work on the Inclusive Pacific Sports Partnership program "#GymBad"; Paradise School gymnastics programs for supporting PNGGF coach run programs; Thank you to POM Gymnastics Club for active involvement and growth of the sport through their activities at Taurama Aquatic and Indoor Centre; Thank you to Baron Valley Gymnastics Club in particular Manager Bede Campbell for hosting, Karen Hansor and Kerry Taylor for accommodation and logistics for the immersion visit to Cairns; Thank you to all of our Board members and volunteers for their continued efforts to develop gymnastics in PNG..

#### Conclusion

2019 has been a foundational year for PNGGF. We were glad to see an increase in our activities through partnerships with our regional body, the OGU and fellow national federation Badminton PNG.

We were grateful for the opportunities presented to our coaches, volunteers and board members to develop their capacity.

In 2020 our focus is on increasing our reach and delivery of Gymnastics. We look forward to receiving our first Australian Volunteer in 2020, in the position of Gymnastic Program Development Mentor.

All of this will help progress the PNGGF towards the achievement of our vision: A cohesive and diverse delivery network, providing quality gymnastics activities across PNG.



Tonga Gymnastics Federation - International Gymnastics Federation President Watanabe

## TONGA

### Tonga Gymnastics Federation (TGF) Board Members:

President - Rose Fangupo

Secretary General - Kathryn Smith-Tupou

Treasurer - Amy Halapua

Board Member - Soana Kaitapu.

### Introduction & Overview

2019 proved to be an exciting year for Tonga Gymnastics Federation. The sport is growing slowly but surely on the local front and has begun to incorporate FreeG into the current Gymnastics for All programs. The highlight of the year was participating in World Gymnaestrada, a major milestone for the growth & awareness of gymnastics in Tonga; and an unforgettable experience for the participants.

### Activities in 2019

Tonga Gymnastics Federation hosted activities for a group of kindergartens' annual Sports Day competition, alongside some other local sporting groups who also participated. TGF head coach Amy Halapua & several volunteers enjoyed a lively day introducing basic gymnastics to young children aged 3-5. The gymnastics circuit proved to be one of the favourite stations of the day!

2019's most notable activity was participating in World Gymnaestrada in July, held in Dornbirn, Austria. Two young ladies, Aiona Prescott and Aniselina Nishi were honoured to represent Tonga on the world stage, who also teamed up with the Fiji team in a joint performance to collectively represent Oceania. Coming from a dance background of both traditional Tongan and contemporary styles, the girls choreographed their own unique routine blending the two styles of dance. "The concept of our piece is inspired by the bible verse Colossians 3: 13-14, which

talks about unity and coming together. Our piece is about how different all of us are, in everything we do; yet our culture and heritage unites us as one." This was an overall amazing experience for these young athletes, which they will treasure forever.

In August, we welcomed Tonga FreeG expert, David Eggleton. He ran an intensive two day coaches workshop with several participants, including TGF's existing head coach, as well as other potential coaches with and without prior experience in Parkour-style gymnastics. All participants found the training worthwhile, and are working to incorporate this type of gymnastics into their existing clubs and activities geared towards kids.

### Outcomes in 2019

Following the FreeG training in August, many elements of freestyle gymnastics and Parkour have been introduced and incorporated into the ongoing kid's classes offered through TGF by head coach, Amy Halapua. Luckily, we were able to do this without requiring any additional equipment. Since FreeG can usually be implemented in any environment with minimal specialized equipment, we have seen a huge potential to grow and promote this discipline of gymnastics here in Tonga.

After Team Tonga returned from World Gymnaestrada, those athletes returned with a renewed excitement and vision to help grow & promote gymnastics on the local front. The young ladies have since assisted in the ongoing kid's classes offered through TGF, which helps provide a variety of activities based on the coach/assistant coaches background, strengths & preferences.

### Milestone and Achievements

This year's most notable milestone was attending World Gymnaestrada - a huge feat for a young federation. Team Tonga was privileged to have FIG President Watanabe and OGU President Kitty Chiller in the audience in which their performance received a standing ovation. Besides witnessing other stunning performances, one of Team Tonga's highlights of the week was a personal invitation to have lunch with President Watanabe.

### Challenges in 2019

A recent challenge was that our end-of-year Exhibition, which was to be put on by the participants in the ongoing classes offered through TGF, was unfortunately cancelled due to a measles outbreak. All primary schools in Tongatapu were cancelled for the last 2+ weeks of the school year, and after-school activities and programs were urged to follow suit. Although this was an unexpected & unforeseen closure, it was more important that our children were not put into any unnecessary risk.

Challenges are constant in a young sporting federation such as in Tonga. One of the biggest challenges is a lack of manpower needed to grow the program. The current board of directors are stretched thin, and in need of additional reliable coaches and perhaps a sports development officer. However, funding is also a challenge, which further hinders efforts to grow the program. Despite that, gymnastics is slowly gaining popularity amongst the locals and we have managed to maintain offering ongoing after-school programs for three years now, with several dedicated children who have been growing with us since day one.

### Acknowledgement

TGF would like to acknowledge the continued support of GA and OGU. A special mention to those who provided financial assistance for Team Tonga to attend World Gymnaestrada including FIG, Gymnaestrada Organizing Committee Support, Australian Gymnaestrada Team donations, Australian Fundraising Online Auction; and not forgetting our local supporters including the Australian High Commission in Tonga and all businesses & individuals involved in our local fundraising efforts.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, after an exciting year that included attending World Gymnaestrada and introducing FreeG into our current programs, we look forward to welcoming 2020 and aim for another year of growth & awareness of gymnastics in Tonga.





Samoa Gymnastics Federation National University of Samoa Faculty of Education students AeroGym training



Gymnastics Federation of American Samoa

SGF launched a Facebook page and attracted significant media attention throughout the year including internet, broadcast and print media. Key messages promoted Aerobic Gymnastics leading to healthy bodies and minds, and gymnastics for life.

A highlight for SGF came in the form of a visit from FIG President Watanabe during the Pacific Games. Although Gymnastics is not yet a sport included in the Games, it is a goal that OGU is striving for.

Unfortunately regular after school classes and the AeroGym Showcase event were understandably postponed, however, the Federation is determined to continue and expand programs in the new year, aiming towards seeking FIG membership in the near future.

#### **“COMMENCING” OGU FEDERATIONS SAMOA**

Despite facing some challenges in 2019, the Samoa Gymnastics Federation (SGF) managed several excellent achievements, helping to drive them towards their goal to grow the sport of gymnastics in Samoa. Stemming from the 2018 Australian Government funded Pacific Sports Partnerships Women's Leadership Workshops, SGF President Puna Mua'itau introduced the AeroGym (Aerobic Gymnastics) program to trainee teachers in the Faculty of Education at the National University of Samoa. The student teachers then introduced the program into Primary Schools through their HPE lessons sharing Fun, Fitness, Fundamentals and Friendship.

#### **VANUATU**

The first Gymnastics Development visit was conducted to Vanuatu in October with three organisations involved in coach/teacher education and gymnast clinics. Programs ranging from KinderGym for under five year olds through to FreeG & Parkour for youth and adults are being developed.

A dedicated group will work towards establishing a Federation with the goal being to seek FIG membership in the not too distant future





# Handball



Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Kia Ora, Giday and Malawi to you all

It has been a busy year for our OCHF member countries at the grassroots level but also at the regional and international levels as well.

It is not easy to align our member country calendars to regional and international championships and events. The process is tiresome, frustrating and voluntary for most of us but never the less rewarding when we understand the pathway for our athletes, whether they are Youth, Juniors or Seniors. What counts is that we are represented from within our Oceania Region and hoisting our member country flag.

The new Oceania Continent Handball Federation Executive as elected at our annual general meeting in Sweden July 2019 we would like to confirm are as follows for 2019 to 2022.

## Executive Members

*President* - Mr. Ricardo Blas

*Vice President* - Mr. Carl Sagapolutele Floor.

*Secretary-General* - Mrs. Makiroa Mitchell-John

*Treasurer* - Ms. Johanna Roche

*Executive Member* - Ms. Joanne Aquino

## Chairpersons of each Commission.

*Chairman Beach Handball* - Mr. Daniel Babich

*Chairman of CCM* - Mr. Paul Luiz Van Eijk

*Chairman of PRC* – Mr. Guston Fuso  
Chairperson of Commission of Organising and Competitions - Mrs. Erin Roxburgh-Makea.



We would like to acknowledge the assistance and support of two members who have been previous executive members on this Executive and who have passed on. They are Mr. Ishmael Norry from the Solomon Islands who was the previous President of Solomon Islands and was a former national coach and referee during his time of service in revitalising handball in the Solomons.



The other is Uritaua I Tai - Mrs. Keu Patu Mitchell, MBE. who was the founding member of Handball in the Cook Islands and served as a President (2004 to 2008) and Patron for Cook Islands Handball from 2008 till 2019. She also served as Patron of Oceania Handball Federation in early 2006 to 2008. We acknowledge, remember and respect all that you have both contributed towards handball in your countries and the region. May you both rest in peace.

## IHF AND IOC REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



OCHF 2019 Beach Handball / 2019 ANOC Beach Games Qualifiers / 2020 IHF Beach Handball Qualifiers - 21 to 24 February 2019, Glenelg Beach, Adelaide, S.A

Six member countries participated in this event they were American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Kiribati, and New Zealand. It was very competitive as Australia won both the men and women's divisions. In the men's 2nd NZ, 3rd CI, 4th American Samoa 5th Kiribati. In the women's 2nd American Samoa, 3rd NZ, 4th CI, 5th Kiribati. The scores were close in all games and the competition was of a higher standard than last year. The IHF expert in attendance was Mr. Ioannis Meridas who also held coaching and referee courses. Our appreciation to Daniel Babich and the South Australian Handball Association.

IHF coaching course held in Japan from 12 to 17 March 2019 had participants who are coaches from New Zealand Mr. Eoin Murry and Ludovic Galliegue and Australia Mr. Ante Jelacic. As a result, congratulations to Mr. Eoin Murry who now has a Class A License recognised with the International Handball Federation.



IHF Inter-continental trophy held in Pristina, Kosovo from the 10th to 14th April 2019. This tournament is part of the International Handball Federation development programme of which assists nations that are still developing in handball a chance to challenge and play against other countries from other continents at this level. New Zealand represented Oceania in the Youth Men's division while Australia represented us in the Junior Men's division.



Handball Cook Islands fully participated 21st June 2019 in the OLYMPIC FUN RUN programme held annually by the Cook Islands Sports and National Olympic Committee. They are pictured here with Ms. Edith Nicholas from CISNOC Athletes Commission. A totally enjoyable day with family and enjoying their run with our IOC Olympic family.



International Handball Federation Congress 3rd to 7th July 2019 in Gothenburg, Sweden. A majority of our full members made it to Sweden for our Oceania Continent Handball Federation Congress also and the Commonwealth Handball Federation meeting with IHF Officials.



Handball Cook Islands celebrating 21 years of existence during the Cook Islands Constitution Celebrations 27th July to 4th August 2019.



Coaching session at the IHF Trophy u17s and u20s women's championship held in Patia, New Caledonia during August 2019. Winners for the Youth were New Caledonia and Juniors



IHF Trophy for Youth and Women's held in Patia, New Caledonia in August 2020

#### Results

##### Youth Division

- 1st place New Caledonia
- 2nd place New Zealand
- 3rd place Tahiti

##### Juniors Division

- 1st place New Caledonia
- 2nd place Australia
- 3rd place New Zealand

Also competing at these competitions were American Samoa and Fiji.

IHF Superglobe was hosted in Saudi Arabia held during the last week of August to the first week of September 2019 and the University of Sydney were our representatives and they made it to the quarter-finals. This is the top club in indoor handball for Senior men throughout the world.



Our OCHF representatives and history-making team Australian Senior Women's and Men's Teams to the first-ever World Beach Games in Doha 2019.



24th IHF Senior Women's World Championships in Japan 28th November to 5th December and our region was represented by the Australia Senior Women's Team.

The standard of handball throughout our region is progressing steadily and it is quite difficult to bring everyone together but we would like to extend our appreciation to all our member country executive and board members all team managers, coaches and referees also our appreciation to all our athletes who continue to represent us and play our beautiful sport of handball. We pray and wish you all the best in 2020. Let's keep working for the betterment of our athletes.

Meitaki Maata

from **Mrs. Makiroa Mitchell-John**  
Secretary General Oceania Continent Handball Federation 2019





# Oceania Hockey Federation



## 1. INTRODUCTION

### Overview

The AGM was held in Nadi on Saturday, April 13th 2019. Executive members are: Clare Prideaux, President (AUS), Bob Claxton, Secretary General (AUS), Nihal Seneviratne, Vice President (SOL) and David Peebles (AUS). The Executive held 4 meetings in 2019 - April, June, September and October.

OHF decided at the AGM to review its Constitution in order to reflect the increased number of members and the gender balance. There are two existing committees, Officiating and Competition, and in 2019 a Development and Education Committee was established.

## 2. ACTIVITIES 2019

### Development And Participation Activities

Youth participation programmes in Pacific Island member countries showed that we continue to have made a large impact by providing 15,399 primary and secondary school children with hockey opportunities in 2019. The outreach village programmes continue to expand the geographic reach of hockey and the disabilities

programmes successfully continue in New Zealand, Tonga and Vanuatu. The link that the Hockey Development Officers have created with the NOCs was demonstrated by seven member countries (Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu) all participating in 'Olympic Day', UNICEF Children's Day and Disabilities Day promotions. To meet the need for increase in participation, OHF made the upskilling of coaches and umpires a priority with six Level 1 Coach Courses, and four Community Umpire Courses delivered. At the Olympic Qualifier in September, two courses were delivered, a Level 3 Coach course and a Coach Educator workshop.

OHF's 'Champions Give Back' Programme utilising donations from the senior countries of Australia and New Zealand, continues to provide the Pacific Islands with much needed and appreciated used and new equipment, clothing and resources. Hockey Australia provided 200 school packs to assist the roll-out of school visit programme.

## 3. OUTCOMES

**TOURNAMENTS:** The highlights were as follows:

### FIH & International

*2019 FIH Pro League (Men) Various Venues*

Australia 1st, New Zealand 8th

*2019 FIH Pro League (Women) Various Venues*

Australia 3rd, New Zealand 6th

*2019 FIH Sultan of Johor Cup Men (Under 21), Johor Bahru, Malaysia 6 - 13 October*

Australia 5th, New Zealand 6th

*2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers (Women)*

Australia defeated Russia to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

*2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers (Men)*

Australia and New Zealand qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

### Continental

*2019 Oceania Cup (Women) Olympic Qualifier, Rockhampton, Australia 5 - 8 September*

New Zealand 1, Australia 2 (New Zealand Qualified for the 2020 Olympics)

*2019 Oceania Cup (Men) Olympic Qualifier, Rockhampton, Australia 5 - 8 September*

Australia 1, New Zealand 2

*2019 Oceania Intercontinental Hockey 5s (Women) Rockhampton, Australia 4 - 8 September*

Papua New Guinea 1, Solomon Islands 2, Tonga 3

*2019 Oceania Intercontinental Hockey 5s (Men) Rockhampton, Australia 4 - 8 September*

Papua New Guinea 1, Solomon Islands 2, Tonga 3





#### Appointment of Oceania Officials to International Tournaments

The calibre of umpires and technical officials from the Oceania region continues its stellar progress. In 2019 we increased our numbers with 44 Umpires recognised on FIH lists, as seen in Table below. There were 52 appointments for Oceania Umpires to FIH events.

FIH UMPIRES	MEN	WOMEN
<b>OUTDOOR</b>		
1. Pro-League Panel	4 (1 AUS, 3 NZL)	5 (1 AUS, 4 NZL)
2. International Elite Panel	3 (3 AUS)	1 (1 AUS)
3. Advancement Panel	3 (1 AUS, 2 NZL)	3 (1 AUS, 2 NZL)
4. International Panel	9 (6 AUS, 1 FIJI, 2 NZL)	10 (7 AUS, 3 NZL)
5. Talent Development Panel	1 (1 NZL)	
<b>INDOOR</b>		
1. International Elite Panel	1 (1 AUS)	
2. Advancement Panel		1 (1 AUS)
3. International Panel	2 (2 AUS)	1 (1 AUS)

**Technical Officials** – (Tournament Directors, Umpire Managers, Technical Officers, Judges, Medical Officers)

Oceania has 10 Umpire Managers on FIH lists

Oceania had 106 appointments for FIH technical official positions during 2019.

UMPIRE MANAGERS	MEN	WOMEN
<b>OUTDOOR</b>		
1. Pro League Panel	1 (1 NZ)	1 (1 NZ)
2. Advancement panel	1 (1 AUS)	2 (1 AUS, 1 NZ)
3. International Panel	2 (1 AUS, 1 NZ)	1 (1 AUS)
<b>INDOOR</b>		
1. International Panel	1 (1 AUS)	
2. Talent Development Panel		1 (1 AUS)
<b>FIH TECHNICAL OFFICIALS</b>		
Pro League Panel	3 (2 AUS, 1 NZ)	3 (2 AUS, 1 NZ)
International Elite Panel	3 (2 AUS, 1 NZ)	2 (1 AUS, 1 NZ)
Advancement Panel	1 (1 FIJI)	2 (1 AUS, 1 NZ)
International Panel		3 (2 NZL, 1 FIJ)
Medical Officers	2 (NZ)	

The notable feature is the gender balance Umpires: Male 23 Female 21  
Technical Officials: (incl Umpire Managers)  
Male 14 Female 15

#### Coaching, Umpiring And Development Workshops

*OHF Strategic Planning Workshop 14th April, Nadi, Fiji*

18 delegates from all OHF member countries attended.

*FIH Level 1 Coaching Course, 25th - 26th May, Port Vila, Vanuatu*

7 participants from Port Vila and Tanoliu were accredited.

*FIH Foundation Umpiring Course, May 24th Port Vila, Vanuatu*

10 participants from Port Vila and Tanoliu were accredited.

*FIH Level 1 Coaching Course, 8th - 9th July, Nuku'alofa, Tonga*

18 participants from Tonga Hockey Federation were accredited.

*FIH Foundation Umpiring Course, 10th July, Nuku'alofa, Tonga*

16 participants from Tonga Hockey Federation were accredited.

*FIH Level 1 Coaching Course, 18th - 19th July, Honiara, Solomon Islands*

18 participants from Solomon Islands Hockey Federation were accredited.

*FIH Foundation Umpiring Course, 20th July, Honiara, Solomon Islands*

11 participants from Solomon Islands Hockey Federation were accredited.

*FIH Coach Educators, Rockhampton, Australia*

19 participants from Australia, New Zealand and Singapore were accredited.

2 participants were accredited as an FIH Trainer, while 12 were recommended to do the FIH Trainer Course in 2020-21.



Tonga Primary Boys Championships

*FIH Level 3 Coach, 3rd - 6th Sept,  
Rockhampton, Australia*

14 Participants from Australia, New Zealand and Pakistan were accredited. 8 participants received a recommendation to go to a Level Four in 2020-21.

*FIH Level One Coaching Course, 3rd Nov,  
Stratford, New Zealand*

30 Participants from New Zealand were accredited.

*OHF Level One Coaching Course - Youth, 30th  
Nov - 1st Dec, Port Moresby*

52 participants from Port Moresby, Lae, Kokopo, Kimbe and Manus were accredited.

*OHF Foundation and Level One Technical  
Officials Course, 1st Dec, Port Moresby*

7 Technical Officials were accredited with Foundation and 2 with Level One after practical assessments.

#### 4. MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Pro League: Australia Men Champions
- Australia and New Zealand Men's and Women's teams have all qualified for Tokyo Olympic 2020
- Papua New Guinea won gold medals in Oceania Intercontinental Hockey 5s Championships, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia
- Education - Significant increase in delivery opportunities in 2019.



PNG Youth

#### 5. CHALLENGES IN 2019

Cost of freight to Pacific Islands continues to be a major issue. Oceania Hockey Federation has a very well established exchange programme 'Champions Give Back' where Australian and New Zealand Federations, Associations, clubs, schools and individuals donate both uniforms and equipment, however, this is often stockpiled awaiting cost-effective transportation options. Hockey Australia donated 200 youth packs to the Pacific nations but only Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea could afford the transport to their countries.

#### 6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OHF recognised Pam Elgar's contribution to both regional and international hockey by awarding her an Oceania Life Membership in April 2019. Pam was President from 2008 until 2019. Pam still plays a vital role by sitting on the FIH Women in Sports Committee.

Just Hockey Australia (Eagle Sports) is recognised with appreciation as a key partner for their ongoing support in supplying equipment in the Pacific region

#### 7. CONCLUSION

The focus for 2020 will be to improve capabilities by offering assistance in developing more robust governance and leadership by providing appropriate models for policy and process development. This will enable a consistent planned approach and understanding of both Governance and Leadership expectations over all the OHF Pacific Federations. OHF's focus will also be on increasing the numbers and involvement of females throughout the pathways offered

**Gill Gemming**

OHF Continental Development Officer





# Oceania Judo Union



IJF Referee Seminar Mittersill 2019



PG Samoa

The OJU is composed of 15 National Federations of Oceania countries (Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, American Samoa, Samoa, Tonga, Tahiti, Guam, Nauru, Palau and Kiribati).

OJU is one of the 5 continental Unions recognised by the International Judo Federation (IJF).

To date, OJU has around 13 700 judokas, an increase of more than 12% since December 2017.

A new OJU Executive Board was elected in November 2019 in Perth during the OJU Congress. Members are:

**President:**

Rehia DAVIO (TAH)

**1st VP:**

Nick PAPADIMITROPOULOS (AUS) newly elected

**2nd VP:**

Travis LAMB (SAM)

**Secretary General:**

Robert IVERS (AUS) reelected

**Treasurer:**

Myriam BEAUMONT (NCL) reelected

**Technical Director:**

Josateki NAULU (FIJ) newly elected

And commissions :

Sports: Josateki NAULU (FIJ)

Refereeing: Arek ZYGMUNT (AUS)

Development: Nick PAPADIMITROPOULOS (AUS)

Katas: Bill VINCENT (NZ)

Veterans: Kevin MURPHY (AUS)

Medical: Dr. John AZOURY (AUS)

Communications: Abédias TRINDADE DE ABREU (NCL)

**SPORTS COMMISSION :**

The commission focused on the organization of OJU events and the application of the IJF rules and requirements, which is a very big task.





OJU Referee Seminar Sydney 2019

In April 2019, the 1st Asia Pacific Championships was held in Fujairah (UAE) where only 5 OJU nations could attend.

In July 2019, Samoa Organizing Committee of the PG requested the assistance of the OJU for the organization of the Judo competition.

OJU provided referees, commissioners and care system.

In November 2019, OJU organized the competition held in Oceania since the 2000 Sydney Olympics, with more than 380 competitors from 66 countries.

Parallel to the OJU events, OJU also organized a one-month training camp in Ryugasaki City (Japan) with Ryutsu Keizai University, for athletes preparing for the Tokyo World Championships.

5 athletes (Fiji 2, NZ 1, GUAM 1, Nauru 1) participated under the supervision of Jo Naulu. (OJU TD)

Also in August, the 1st Edition of Oceania Japan Judo Kids Exchange was held in Ryutsu Keizai University.

This program focuses on 10-15yrs old, and we had 30 kids from 5 OJU countries (Australia, NZ, Fiji, Vanuatu, Tahiti).

Since the success of this exchange program, all stakeholders have decided to reconduct this program next year.

#### REFEREEING COMMISSION :

OJU has currently :

- 11 active International Referee (IJFA)
- 8 active Continental Referee (IJFB)

Lubomir PETR (AUS) is ranked 9 on World Ranked referees.



PG Samoa



Marius Metois (Vanuatu) doing a randori with former -81kg World Champion Takanori NAGASE (Japan)

In January 2019, 6 OJU members participated at the IJF Referee and Coaching Seminar, in Mittersil (Austria).

In February 2019, OJU organized a referee seminar in Sydney with 40 participants from 7 countries.  
OJU provided airfare assistance for one representative per country.

In April 2019, OJU sent 2 referees to the Asia Pacific Championships seniors in Fujairah (UAE) - Mr. Lubomir PETR (AUS) and Craig BARTLET (NZ).

In June 2019, OJU sent 2 referees to the Asia Pacific Championships cadets & juniors in Taipei - Ms. Diane LIMBREY (NZ) and David BROWNE (NZ).

In November 2019, 10 referees from the IJF and 8 from OJU officiated during the OJU Open in Perth. OJU provided accommodation, meals and transportation.

#### DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION :

##### Solomon Islands :

In June 2019, OJU commissioner (Nick P.) lent his help and support to the Solomon Islands Judo Association (SIJA).

His mission was :

- Attend and Observe the National Congress.
- Facilitate the Governance Review.
- Assist and coordinate the Judo for the World Program visit.

##### Nauru:

OJU assisted Nauru with the transportation of tatamis that were blocked in the Marshall Islands for many years.

##### Tokelau:

OJU has been liaising with Tokelau to establish a Judo Federation in Tokelau.

##### Pacific Games Forum:

After the PG Judo events, OJU held a seminar for the small nations and was well-attended (13 countries).

The topics were :

- Governance
- Refereeing basics
- Facilities and equipment
- Development policies and procedures
- Judo for Children
- Olympic qualification
- IJF Funding requirements



IJF for the World Program in Solomon Islands 2



New Executive Board (Robert IVERS (AUS), Travis Lamb (SAM), Ra'i DAVIO (TAH), Myriam BEAUMONT (NCL), Nick PAPADIMITROPOULOS (AUS), Josateki NAULU (FIJ))



OJU Seminar during PG 1

##### Gi's rescue Program :

During the PG seminar and the World Championships, a number of Gi's were provided to OJU nations..

##### IJF ACADEMY :

In December, practical skills and examination for the IJF Academy was held in Melbourne.

OJU provided technical assistance to the IJF staff.

##### MEDICAL COMMISSION :

OJU sent Dr. John AZOURY to the IJF Medical Symposium in Tokyo (Japan) and in Budapest (Hungary).

##### COMMUNICATION COMMISSION :

In 2019, OJU decided to review communication systems (website, OJU FB, and Twitter) to make them more attractive and efficient.

This action will continue in 2020.

Thank you for your attention.

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# Oceania Rugby



Oceania Rugby Media 'Talanoa' Workshop

## (1) INTRODUCTION

2019 saw an increase of international rugby participation, with Nauru stepping out for their first Men's XV test match and more teams hitting the field than ever despite the Webb Ellis Cup leaving Oceania for the first time in eight years.

Constitutional reform work continued to be a focus off the field with Papua New Guinea, Cook Islands and the Solomon Islands commencing the process with new constitutions prepared for adoption at upcoming meetings.

Meanwhile, a restructuring of Oceania Rugby's Executive Committee led to the election of three new General Members, Dr. Berlin Kafoa (Fiji), Dr. Kieren Keke (Nauru), the Hon. Namulauulu Papalii Sami Leota (Samoa) and appointment of Mr. Craig Meagher (Independent Director) who join Mr. James Selbey (AUS), Mr. Steve Lancaster (NZL) and Ms. Cathy Wong (Women's Director) headed by Mr. Richard Sapias (PNG) who was re-elected as president.



Solomon Islands hold their first Get into Rugby Festival



## (2) ACTIVITIES IN 2019

Activity	Date	Description	Partnerships	Highlights	Other
Oceania Rugby Under 20s Championship	26 April – 04 May, 2019	The 2019 Oceania Rugby U20 Championship was held from 26 April – 4 May on the Gold Coast, Australia featuring, Australia, Fiji, Japan, and New Zealand.	Rugby Australia, Bond University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first time Australia won the regional U20 title ever in the competition's 5-year history.</li> <li>Australia went on to the World Rugby U20 Championship where they played and lost out in the final to France by 24-23.</li> </ul>	
Oceania Rugby Cup	23 – 31 August, 2019	This year marked a return to test rugby after a four-year hiatus for Papua New Guinea, Niue and the Solomon Islands, with international newcomers Nauru also competing for the Oceania Rugby Cup.	Papua New Guinea Rugby Union, Papua New Guinea Government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nauru's Myer Temaki had a tournament to remember scoring his nation's first try at test level.</li> <li>The tournament was held in Port Moresby from 23-31 August with the home ground advantage proving too strong and with the Pukpuks unbeaten and crowned champions on home soil.</li> </ul>	
Oceania Rugby Sevens Championships	7-9 November, 2019	The 2019 Oceania Rugby Sevens Championships were staged in Suva, Fiji over 7-9 November and featured a record high twelve women's teams and fifteen men's teams. This edition of the tournament also included for the first time an Oceania Rugby Deaf 7's competition with teams from Fiji, Samoa, and Papua New Guinea.	Fiji Government and Fiji Rugby.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games a key focus in 2019, Canada Women's and Japan Men's and Women's joined the tournament in the international pool with pre-qualified regional teams.</li> <li>Australia's Men and Women claimed the Championship titles during a competition that saw Vanuatu's Women make their international debut.</li> <li>Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia will represent Oceania in both the Men's and Women's competitions at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with the possibility of either Papua New Guinea or Samoa joining them in the Women's event and Samoa or Tonga in the Men's if they win the 2020 global repechage.</li> </ul>	
Oceania Rugby Women's Championships		This year's tournament offered a qualifying spot for the 2021 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand. Teams featured: Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Australia, and New Zealand.	Fiji Government and Fiji Rugby.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tournament saw the greatest number of teams to ever compete including the New Zealand Development XV's and Australia A who joined Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and hosts Fiji for the first time at a regional women's XV event.</li> <li>In a reflection on rugby's commitment to player welfare and the devastating measles outbreak that consumed the end of 2019 in the Pacific, Tonga was unfortunately withdrawn from the tournament in the collaborative decision and the best interest of the player and public welfare.</li> <li>The tournament continued with New Zealand claiming the Championship and the Fijiana securing their place in New Zealand 2021. Due to the withdrawal of Tonga, the regional recharge place will be determined in 2020 in a one-off tournament between Papua New Guinea, Tonga, and Samoa.</li> </ul>	
Training and Education	11 – 17 August	The Biennial Training & Education Superweek was held in Nadi, Fiji.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Superweek saw over 150 people from around the region come together to attend World Rugby education courses across Match Officiating, Strength and Conditioning, Coaching, Medical and ACTIVATE.</li> <li>Player welfare continues to be the catalyst for all Training within rugby.</li> </ul>	

Women's Rugby	12-14 August 2019	The inaugural Oceania Rugby Women's Leadership Workshop was held in conjunction with the Training & Education Superweek. The workshop had a total of 25 participants from across Oceania and cross-regional scholarship holders from Uganda and Ukraine. The workshop discussed the growth of and recent changes to women's rugby within the region, looked at best practice case studies and developed regional connections for women leading the game across the region.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2018 World Rugby announced initiatives, approved by Council, to accelerate the Global Development of Women in Rugby. As a part of this initiative, each region was able to offer four scholarships and hold a Leadership Workshop.</li> <li>• Ahead of International Women's Day, the Oceania scholarships were awarded to Cybele Druma (PNG), Adi Vela Naucukidi (Fiji), Cate Sexton (New Zealand) and Jane Schmitt (Australia).</li> </ul>	
Participation		<p>Get Into Rugby take-up reached an all-time high in 2019.</p> <p>Get Into Rugby PLUS, part of a broader regional initiative using rugby to promote gender equality and the prevention of violence against women, girls, and boys, has also played an important role in teaching youths vital life skills in Fiji, and it is now being rolled out to the Solomon Islands.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of the 100,000 plus participants across the region, the greatest number came from Fiji, where a signed agreement between the Fiji Rugby Union and the Ministry of Education and Fiji Primary Schools' Rugby Union will ensure the continued delivery of the Try, Stay and Play stages of the scheme.</li> </ul>	

**(3) OUTCOMES IN 2019**

Activity	Date	Description	Outcomes	Impact
Oceania Rugby Competitions	Across the year	Increase the competitiveness of Unions through regional competitions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceania Rugby Under 20s Championship</li> <li>• Oceania Rugby Cup</li> <li>• Oceania Rugby Men's Sevens Championship</li> <li>• Oceania Rugby Women's Sevens Championship</li> <li>• Oceania Rugby Women's Championships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nauru debuting at the Oceania Rugby Cup</li> <li>• Vanuatu debuting at the Oceania Rugby Women's 7s Championships</li> <li>• The first time an international team from Canada and Japan were included in the Oceania Rugby Women's 7s Championships.</li> </ul>
Training and Education Courses	Across the year	Maximise strategic delivery of a range of training and education programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20% increase of Face to face courses across all strand, Coach, Strength and Conditioning, Match Official and Medical</li> <li>• 57% increase in first aid pitchside accreditations</li> <li>• Introduction of regional Judicial Officer and Citing Commissioner training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player welfare continues to be the catalyst for all Training and Education within Oceania</li> <li>• The resulting outcomes have seen an increase in accreditations and competency across the region.</li> </ul>



Rugby Super Week	11 – 17 August.	The Biennial Training & Education Superweek was held in Nadi.	World Rugby Education Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Aid In Rugby</li> <li>• Immediate Care In Rugby</li> <li>• Medical Educator</li> <li>• Activate</li> <li>• Match Official Level 2 and Level 3</li> <li>• Coach Match Official Level 1 and Level 2</li> <li>• Coach Level 2 and Level 3</li> <li>• Strength and Conditioning Level 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in level 2 and level 3 course competition for regional participants</li> </ul>
Women's Leadership Workshop	12-14 August	Provide a sustainable environment to grow the Women's game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship holder presentations</li> <li>• Case study reviews</li> <li>• A part of the World Rugby initiative to accelerate the Global Development of Women in Rugby.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female leaders within rugby from across the region were able to share successes, challenges, and hopes for rugby within their countries and across the region</li> <li>• Outcomes from this meeting assisted in the development of the Women's strategy in the 2020-2023 Oceania Rugby Strategic Plan</li> </ul>
Rugby and Media Forum	4 November	Using a gender an equal, rights-based approach to news reporting together for an #EqualPlayingField	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situational analysis of Women's Rugby</li> <li>• Understanding Gender</li> <li>• Importance of equal reportage of women in sport</li> <li>• Planning Oceania 7s stories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journalists were enlightened to the realities of women's coverage in sports</li> <li>• Oceania 7s stories for media organisations were planned to feature more women in their editorial line up.</li> </ul>





Australian Men qualify for Tokyo2020 by winning the 2019 Oceania Rugby Sevens Championship



Australia enters the race for the regional title in their first appearance in the Oceania Rugby Women's Championship



Fiji Women join Australia and New Zealand by qualifying for Tokyo2020 at the 2019 Oceania Rugby Sevens Championship



Nauru v Papua New Guinea in their first test outing at the 2019 Oceania Rugby Cup

#### (4) MILESTONE & BEST PRACTICE ACHIEVEMENTS

Get into Rugby PLUS is an intervention program targeting girls and boys aged 10-14 years with distinct development and sport development objectives. The program builds upon the World Rugby Get Into Rugby development program which introduces the skills, rules, and strategies of rugby union in a safe, non-contact playing environment (tag rugby). Additional life skills components are embedded with the Get into Rugby curriculum to promote positive behaviour and gender equality.

The program develops high-quality male and female rugby coaches and in turn, provides a positive, safe, dynamic and fun entry point and pathway for boys and girls playing tag rugby. This is a long-term approach to shifting attitudes and beliefs around gender, power, violence and respectful relationships. This approach aims to challenge gender stereotypes and contributes to reducing violence against women and girls.

Get Into Rugby PLUS is a flagship Sport for Development program developed out of the partnership between Oceania Rugby and UN Women Fiji Multi-Country Office (MCO). In addition, to Get Into Rugby PLUS, the regional partnership between Oceania Rugby and UN Women Fiji MCO includes a focus on women's equal participation in community rugby 7s events

and planned research in Fiji and Samoa to better understand the interaction between violence against women, girls, and sport in the Pacific

World Rugby has had Player Welfare as its number one strategy for some years now. The increased medical education capacity has resulted in an increase in competency in pitchside medical personnel throughout the region. This led to a consideration of the tournaments run in the Oceania region and the development of the Oceania Rugby minimum medical standard for each tournament.

#### (5) FINANCIALS

With Fiji and Australia winning gold in Rio 2016, the Olympic Games have had a massive influence on rugby in the region and Olympic Solidarity funding has enabled more technical coaching courses to be held to support the growth of the game. Oceania Rugby does not receive Olympic Solidarity funding directly but works with member unions to maximise the reach of their funding.

#### (6) CHALLENGES IN 2019

Crisis Management for Competitions:

- Venue change in Samoa for the delivery of the 7s game at the Pacific Games in Apia
- Measles threat resulting in the withdrawal of the Tonga Women's team at the Oceania Rugby Women's Championship.

#### (7) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Oceania Rugby would like to acknowledge all its partners in the delivery of all key events in the year 2019. Considering that 2019 featured the highest numbers of participation across the various competitions, the delivery of these events was impacted by the partnerships on the ground through the local unions and the key stakeholders. A special mention of such partnership was between Oceania Rugby, the Fiji Rugby Union and the Fijian Government in the third year of its partnership for the Oceania Rugby Sevens Championships held in Suva.

#### (8) CONCLUSION

2019 saw the current Oceania Rugby Strategic Plan come to an end and the development of the 2020-2023 Oceania Rugby Strategic Plan. Player welfare initiatives will continue to shape the needs of the region in light of the increased level of rugby being played. On the field focus will move from RWC2019 to Tokyo2020 with Australia, Fiji and New Zealand carrying the hopes of a region to retain the Olympic 7s Gold Medals.

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# Sailing



## (1) INTRODUCTION

The Oceania Sailing Federation (OSAF) is a federation of the national sport organisations governing sailing and is responsible for the development and promotion of sailing in Oceania.

OSAF is completely run by volunteers. The current board includes Tony Philp (Fiji) as president, Daniel Belcher (Australia), Raema Von Reiche (Samoa), Tau Matapere (Papua New Guinea), Martin Rara (Solomon Islands), and Tamatoa Audouin (Tahiti).

The 17 members of OSAF include American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Guam, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Marianas, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Wallis & Futuna.

## (2) ACTIVITIES IN 2019

Olympic Solidarity Funding grants were used to successfully implement development and coaching programs in the Cook Islands with support from Australia's national sport organisation Australian Sailing.

The Oceania 2019 Development Workshop considered high-level strategy & development topics along with the development budget for 2020-2024. This workshop was held in conjunction with the Pacific Games in Samoa, July 2019.

The sailing competition of the Pacific Games was successful with 6 nations entering many sailors, supported by family and friends. The Samoan Sailing Association played its role in organising the event very well. Paul Davies and Raema von Reiche were key volunteers in the sailing competition's delivery.

Also held in conjunction with the 2019 Pacific Games' sailing competition were the Oceania Parasailing Clinic and Parasailing Championships. The clinic was held to train new parasailors and national sport organisation's volunteers. The main coaches were Robert Hielkeme, appointed by the international federation World Sailing, and Darryl Smith appointed by OSAF, supported by race official Ray Manning. Sailability in Auckland kindly loaned six Hansa 303 dinghies for the clinic and championship. The shipping was courtesy of Pacific Direct Line.

The Australian Laser Championship served as the Oceania continental championship and was one of the largest and most competitive Olympic class sailing events globally in 2019. New Zealand hosted Oceania continental, and world championships for 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 Olympic class sailing events. These events were very well attended with Olympic sailors from all over the world competing.

## (3) MILESTONE AND BEST PRACTICE ACHIEVEMENTS

A major milestone for OSAF was the Annual Congress held in Samoa during July 2019. This congress saw the end of the Executive Board members' four-year term and the election of new people. Over 40 interested stakeholders attended demonstrating the sincere interest in how OSAF is managed and governed.

OSAF was also well represented at the Annual Conference for World Sailing, with American Samoa, Cook Islands, New Zealand and Australia having people present representing on committees. The conference was held in Bermuda in October 2019.

## (4) CHALLENGES IN 2019

The major challenges for 2019 included athletes travelling to sailing competitions, and the development of sailing in pacific nations. Sailing





is an equipment-based sport and the costs and logistics of travelling to events are significant. The Oceania region presents challenges to sailing athletes that the North American or European continents' sailors or athletes from non-equipment sports in the Oceania region do not experience. Increasing the coaching capacity of pacific nations' sailing programs continues to be a priority as it is a direct link to more and better-skilled competitors. Volunteer-run organisations in relatively low population bases require support to achieve this.

#### (5) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OSAF would like to acknowledge the contribution and commitment from long-standing Secretary-General John Tierney from the Cook Islands. John has played a role in the building and sustainability of OSAF for decades. The sport of sailing in Oceania and the OSAF organisation would be very different without John's volunteer efforts, care and drive to make it a better sport. John stood down from the role at the Annual Congress held in July in Samoa. There are no words or actions that can properly capture the debt to John and his commitment.

John continues to serve as Councillor in the international federation, World Sailing, representing Oceania's interests.

#### (6) CONCLUSION

OSAF has a bright future ahead of it with building members' interest in future participation in the Pacific Games and other international sailing competitions. We look forward to supporting further Olympic Solidarity Funding grants to support the growth of sailing and the ability to develop coaches in the region.







# Softball



## INTRODUCTION

Oceania Softball works with World Baseball and Softball Confederation (WBSC), WBSC Softball Division (WBSC – SD), member federations and ONOC to develop softball in the region through the various initiatives

According to the WBSC website, the following national softball federations are members of the WBSC Oceania

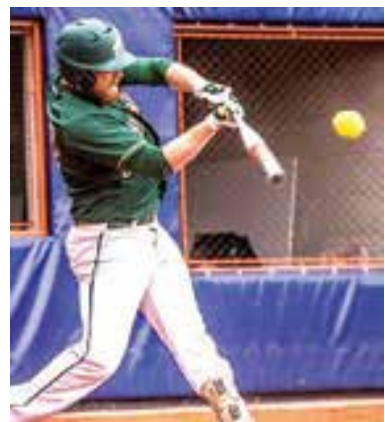
- American Samoa
- Australia
- Guam
- CNMI
- The Marshall Islands\*
- Federation States of Micronesia
- New Zealand
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea\*
- The Solomon Islands\*

- Fiji\*
  - New Caledonia\*
- \* Represents combined Baseball/ Softball National Federations*

## Events:

Several events involving National Teams from Oceania in 2019 included:-

- In 2019 – the WBSC – Softball Division
  - Open Men's World Cup was held in the Chez Republic - Australia finished 7th and NZ finished 4th
  - U19 Women's World Cup was held in Irvine California - Australia finished 4th and NZ 9th.
  - Open Women's Olympic qualification event Shanghai, China – Australia finished 1st and achieved Olympic qualification and NZ finished 5th



## WBSC – SD WORLD RANKINGS

WBSC has initiated a world rankings system – for both Baseball and Softball. As at 1 December 2019 on the WBSC website - Oceania National Federation representation stood at

## Women

Australia - 8th  
New Zealand - 16th

## Men

New Zealand - 3rd  
Australia - 5th

## Oceania Softball Confederation Administration combined with Baseball Confederation of Oceania

ONOC/OSFO Assemblies continue to provide opportunities for OSC member federations to participate in associated workshops to review development programs in the Region. Communication is the biggest challenge for softball in the Oceania region.

A significant breakthrough occurred this past year with the combined Congress with BCO and OSC held in New Caledonia as part of a joint OSC BCO initiative. This joint OSC BCO Congresses ratified the Articles of Association to established WBSC - Oceania with the support of the WBSC.



# Oceania Squash Federation



## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Oceania Squash Federation (OSF) continues to assist the World Squash Federation (WSF) and Member Countries to coordinate and promote squash throughout the Oceania Region.

Squash is played in over 150 countries throughout the world, with 10 of these being in the Oceania Region. Our membership is not expected to increase as the lack of squash facilities in many of the Oceania countries remains a major obstacle. Oceania has a strong history of World Squash Champions, in both senior and junior ranks, and squash enthusiasts continue to work tirelessly to attract new players to our sport.

Throughout the Region, there are 700+ squash facilities with more than 37,000 registered players competing in regular competitions. In addition, it is estimated that a further 173,000+

play our sport as a social activity with family and friends.

Our sport is largely run by volunteers and while Australia and New Zealand's national bodies employ full-time staff, all other Member Countries and the Federation rely heavily on volunteers. The Federation is run by a small committed Board made up of a President, two Vice Presidents, and our Executive Officer.

## 2. ACTIVITIES IN 2019

### Major Events

OSF continues to promote squash activities across the Region and encourages all Members to participate where possible. Some of the major events held and/or contested by Members during 2019 were:

- World Doubles Championships – Gold Coast – July 2019

- Oceania Junior Championships – Tauranga – New Zealand – April 2019
- Trans-Tasman Tests
- Pacific Games Samoa
- Men's World Teams Championships – Washington USA – November 2019

### Development

Coach and Referee Education continues to be the Federation's main focus. The lack of qualified coaches and officials in the smaller Member Countries remains a major challenge. OSF is focusing its resources to provide development opportunities within these countries. New Zealand and Australia have established development programs and continue to provide opportunities to their members. Development programs funded by OSF were:

- World Squash Coaching Level 1 Accreditation Course in Fiji
- Oceania Club Referee Course in Samoa

## 3. OUTCOMES IN 2019

### Major Events

- *World Doubles Championships* - A major highlight for 2019, with some of the best players in the world competing together and against each other in the Women, Men and Mixed Events. Australia dominated across the tournament winning Gold medals in all three events.
- *Oceania Junior Championships* - This event, hosted by Squash NZ, attracted 150 junior players, aged U11 to U19, attracting players from across the region and beyond.
- *Trans-Tasman Tests* - Australia & New Zealand battled it out in test matches in both masters and Junior ranks. The junior event, held annually since 2014, was once again won by New Zealand. The Trans-Tasman Masters Event was reinstated after a hiatus of several years and won by Australia.



- **Pacific Games Samoa** - The squash event was a resounding success with Team, Individual and Doubles events held for both Men and Women. Six (6) of the eight (8) Member Countries eligible to participate competed, meeting the requirements of Pacific Games Charter for non-compulsory sports. New Caledonia proved too strong winning all 7 gold medals. The Oceania Closed Championships were held in conjunction with the Pacific Games.
- **Men's World Teams Championships** - Overall 23 countries contested the 2019 Championships with Australia & New Zealand representing the Oceania Region. Congratulations to New Zealand on their 5th placing and Australia who finished in 10th place.

#### Development

- **Coaching** - OSF is now utilising 'World Squash Coaching', a Coach Education Program introduced to unify and standardize the squash coaching structure internationally. Several coaches have gained their WSF tutor status and are successfully implementing the program within our Region.

#### WSF Coaching Level 1 Accreditation Course - Fiji

Under the direction of the OSF Regional Course Manager, a WSF Coaching Course

was held in Fiji with 15 participants. All 15 participants completed the Level 1 Accreditation Course and are working with Squash Fiji to develop the sport in their country and enlarge the playing population.

- **Officiating** - OSF has a structured Officiating Course based on the Australian Referee Course Prospectus and conducts courses as requested.

**Oceania Club Referee Course in Samoa**  
OSF conducted an Oceania Club Level Referee course in Samoa in preparation for the Pacific Games. The course theory component was held before the Games by an NZ Course Presenter. The practical assessments were undertaken during the Games under the guidance of the Tournament Referee, an accredited World Level Referee. 4 Samoans attained their Oceania Club Referee Certificates.

#### Other Initiatives by Member Countries

- **Squash Girls Can** - A pilot program to encourage more women and girls playing squash was launched at Parliament House in Canberra in October. The program is aimed at females attending or involved within universities. 2020 will see an increase in programs across Australia. As this program is funded by Sport Australia it will not be spread across the Region, however, if it proves

successful, similar programs may be run in other countries in the future.

- **Wheelchair Squash** - The first 'Come & Try' Wheelchair Squash Day was held on the Gold Coast, Australia, attracting regular wheelchair tennis players. This is a new initiative for squash with players experimenting with the types of racquets and balls and adapting the rules to suit wheelchair-bound players. A regular weekly Wheelchair Squash League has been established as a result of this initiative. The scope of such an initiative needs to be explored with the vision of expanding.
- **World Squash Day** - AWSF program to encourage squash clubs across the world to open their doors to the public in a bid to attract 1 million new squash players to the sport over the next 10 years. Member Countries participated in encouraging the public to come to the squash centers and try out the sport. Members will be encouraged to support the 2020 World Squash Day when details are published.

## 4. CHALLENGES

### Funding

It was with huge disappointment earlier this year that the squash world learned of our exclusion from the Paris Olympics in 2024. After many years of trying, and massive investment by the squash enthusiasts across the world, the bid to have squash in the Olympics appears to be over. Without Olympic status funding opportunities remain very restrictive and cause major challenges across the sport.

### Facilities

The lack of, or the upkeep of existing squash facilities, continues to be a major concern. It is encouraging to see new courts being built in Australia & New Zealand and refurbishment programs underway across the region, however, there is little likelihood that the Member base of the Federation will increase.

### Development

The lack of facilities also means that squash will not be included in the Pacific Games for the foreseeable future. Given that funding priority by Government Sports Authorities is for Olympic based sports this will restrict the opportunities for squash to secure development funding. The bi-annual Oceania Closed Championships will be hosted by Member Countries putting a financial strain on Members if they are unable to source Government funding, and likewise for those countries participating.





## 5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OSF acknowledges the support of WSF and their continued sponsorship agreement with Dunlop Slazenger International which provides a squash ball allocation to our Region to be utilised by our Member Countries in conducting junior and senior development programs.

We would also like to acknowledge Australia and New Zealand for their ongoing support of the Federation and assistance in development opportunities for other Member Countries.

## 6. CONCLUSION

Oceania Squash remains committed to supporting the objectives of OSFO and ONC and in playing an active role to foster and promote the sport in the region, and supporting the World Squash Federation in the governing and development of squash throughout the world.

The Federation is looking forward to WSF launching its new international online Officiating Course in 2020. This online program will allow interested persons to gain their Level 1 accreditation solely online. This will alleviate the need for participants to have to attend lengthy courses and travel to complete their practical assessments. It is anticipated that this will increase the number of officials in Member Countries, and with the implementation of the WSF Coaching program, the development of the sport in our Region will continue.

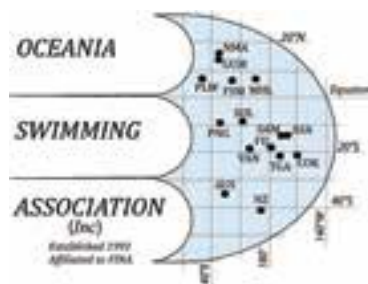
Many of the world's best junior athletes will converge on the Gold Coast in July for the 2020 WSF World Junior Championships. The National Squash Centre in Carrara will play host to more than 150 talented athletes across Singles and Teams event for the honour to be crowned Junior World Champions.

In 2021 World Team squash returns to the Region when New Zealand will host the WSF Men's World Team Championships in Tauranga.

The disappointment of the exclusion of squash from the Olympics has been a huge setback for the sport and has had a negative impact on the sports ability to grow and attract much-needed sponsorship.

OSF will continue to work closely with our Member Countries to grow our sport and support them in their endeavours to showcase our sport as a vibrant and exciting sport.

**Jim O'Grady**  
President



# Swimming



OSA Workshop Participants Fiji 2019

2019 has been another very busy year for the Oceania Swimming Association (OSA) and its Member Federations. It has also been a very sad year with the passing of our President Mr Dennis Miller. Dennis was a friend of so many throughout the Oceania sporting community and a true advocate for the development of aquatics within our region and the world at large. Many of the initiatives he was championing at FINA level will be his lasting legacy and a great platform for OSA to continue to prosper from.

## GOVERNANCE

The OSA Board organised a Strategic Planning Workshop in Fiji in mid-June with representatives from all OSA Member Federations and members of the newly formed OSA Athletes and Coaches Commissions in attendance.

Summary of the outcomes of the workshop:  
The 2-day workshop was designed to allow ample time for:

- A) The Athletes and Coaches Commission members to get to know each other, adopt their charters and to determine their next steps.
- B) The OSA Board and National Federation (NF) representatives to review the results of the Member Survey against OSA's draft

4 pillar strategic plan and prioritise goals and next steps.

*While the 2-day agenda and activities were planned in advance, we were able to accommodate a memorial service for the late Dennis Miller whose passing occurred only weeks prior to the workshop.*

*The facilitated workshop with NF representatives, the Athletes Commission and the Coaches Commission resulted in:*

- An updated OSA Strategic Plan for 2019-20, with recommended priorities.
- Commitments and action plans from the Board, NFs, the Athletes Commission and the Coaches Commission.
- Recommendations for improving child protection policies at the NF and ONOC level.

*Feedback from participants highlighted great appreciation for the opportunity to build relationships and share information that will help them to deliver against FINA's four pillars. The workshop facilitated the alignment and understanding of OSA's*

*Strategic Plan and the various NF strategies and activities.*

After the workshop, the 2019 OSA AGM was held, where Mr Matthew Dunn was confirmed as President of OSA and nominated as FINA Vice President.

Subsequently, elections were held for the positions Matt vacated, FINA Bureau Member for "world at large" and OSA Director. The successful candidates were Romani Katoa for FINA Bureau Member and Kerrie Punivalu as OSA Director.

All nominated FINA positions were endorsed by a vote of the FINA General Congress during the FINA World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea.

## DEVELOPMENT

OSA has continued its partnership with the Australian Government and Swimming Australia with the Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP) program. OSA and Swimming Australia have published a Let's Swim training toolkit which includes a standard learn to swim curriculum, an instructor training curriculum, an Assessor



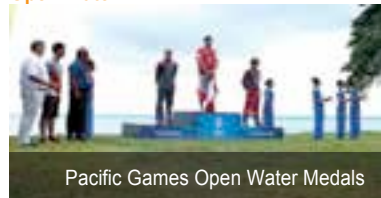
training curriculum and a Presenter training curriculum to build local capacity to train the next generation of in-country service providers. This has reached over 20,000 people regionally across Fiji and Vanuatu in the last financial year. OSA and Swimming Australia have also created an introductory water polo program called *Spiderball*, which helps teenagers transition from learn to swim to water polo as well as addressing gender inequality and leadership in young people. This has been piloted and launched in Vanuatu with nearly 90% of participants showing strengthened leadership skills and more inclusive behaviour, alongside a health program using aqua aerobics to engage women in aquatic sport called *Aqua Mamas – Helti Mamas*. OSA will continue “Let’s Swim” in Vanuatu/Fiji in 2020 through PSP. OSA and Swimming Australia are working on making this available across the region. OSA and Swimming Australia, in partnership with OSEP and Cricket Australia and the International Cricket Council, developed an e-learning platform to increase access to educational material on governance called *Building Better Management*.

#### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Oceania athletes competed at several International competitions during 2019 including:

The Pacific Games 8 -13 July in Samoa

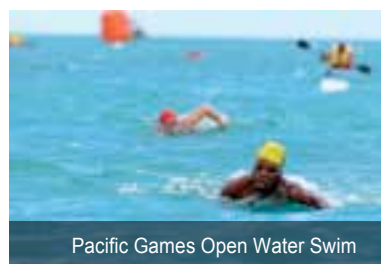
##### Open Water:



Pacific Games Open Water Medals



Pacific Games Open Water Start



Pacific Games Open Water Swim



Pacific Games Pool Medal presentation

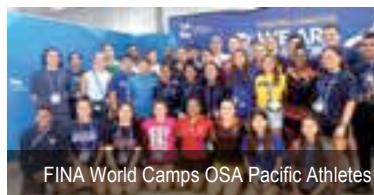


Pacific Games Pool Race Start



Pacific Games Pool Spectators

18th FINA World Championships 12th -28th July in Gwangju, South Korea.



FINA World Camps OSA Pacific Athletes

Seventh FINA World Junior Championships 20-25 August in Budapest, Hungary.



Technical officials at the world juniors

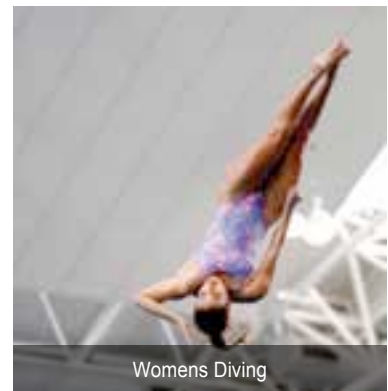
Oceania Diving Championships 13-15 December 2019 in Auckland, New Zealand.



Diving Medal Presentation



Mens Diving



Womens Diving

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 will be another busy year for OSA member Federations.

Oceania Championships in Suva Fiji 15th-21st July 2020 Open Water and Pool.

OSA AGM in Suva 15th July 2020.

Olympic Games in Tokyo 24 July –9 August 2020

FINA World Short Course Swimming Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in December 2020.

**Matthew Dunn**  
OSA President





# Table Tennis



Xu Xin makes history at the 2019 ITTF Australian Open

2019 has been a busy year for ITTF-Oceania, with a full year of tournaments, programs, and events. As we prepare for 2020, we would like to recognise some of the accomplishments and changes from 2019. Here are just a few highlights from this year.

ITTF-Oceania continued to develop the sport by providing 18 technical courses to 327 athletes, coaches and officials. Furthermore, our participation programme engaged with over 1,700 Pacific islanders and employed 15 development officers and administrators in Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Palau.

The pinnacle of Oceania table tennis in 2019 was undoubtedly the Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Platinum Australian Open held in Geelong, with record entries and ticket sales. Nearly 200 of the world's best athletes, including 9 out of the 10 top-ranked players in both the

Men's and Women's Singles flew down under to compete in this premier event. History was made when Xu Xin became the first player to ever win two Australia Open titles.

The 2019 Australian achieved record statistics including:

- 443 hours of TV air time.
- 75 – 80 million unique viewers
- The Facebook reach of 10.7 million
- 4 million views on YouTube

Following the successful debut of the ITTF Oceania Tour in 2018, the 2019 ITTF Oceania Tour capitalised on the lessons learnt and has delivered an even more remarkable tour with more players and more prize money. The pinnacle of the Oceania Tour is to qualify for the Oceania Cup where Oceania's best athletes battle it out for AU\$40,000 in prize money and a spot at the ITTF World Cup. The 2018 ITTF

Oceania Tour culminated in the 2019 Oceania Cup in Tahiti with victory for Australia's Heming Hu and Jian Fang Lay in the Men's and Women's Singles.

The 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa which are hosted only once every four years which included teams, individual and Para events was a major highlight of the year with Vanuatu achieving notable success with Yoshua Shing and Priscilla Tommy winning both the Men's and Women's Singles.

In the Para Division, Australia achieved a clean sweep of gold medals in singles events at the 2019 ITTF-Oceania Para Championships in Darwin, Australia. Later in the year, Australia's Sam von Einem, a 2016 Paralympic medallist, dominated at the 2019 INAS global games, beating the world ranked no.2 and no.3 to claim gold.

In celebration of World Table Tennis Day, ITTF-Oceania has released the newly developed and long-anticipated school program – Bounce it Back. This program has now been successfully launched in both Tonga and Fiji.

In August, Tonga Table Tennis Federation won the prestigious World Health Organisation (WHO) Healthy Islands Best Practice Recognition Award for the Smash Down Barriers program. This program aims to create opportunities and increase the quality of life for people with disabilities through the active participation in table tennis, and also works to change community perceptions of disability and has been one of ITTF Oceania's standout programs since inception. The major improvements in Tonga Table Tennis can also be attested to the creation of the ITTF supported DNA program that assists smaller countries in establishing improvements in its structure, governance, and operations.

Oceania's young stars battled it out in Tonga at the 2019 ITTF Oceania Junior Championships with Australia dominating the event and going home with 13 out of the 14 gold medals available. New Zealand's Nathan Xu was the only non-Australian to win a gold medal, claiming the Junior Boys Singles title.

Our best hopes for the future participated in the World Cadet Challenge in Poland with representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, New Caledonia, and the Cook Islands. Australia's Finn Luu exceeded expectations to come 14th in the Cadet Boys Singles, one of the highest rankings achieved by an Oceania player.

At the recent ZEN-NOH 2019 ITTF Team World Cup Anolyn Lulu, Priscila Tommy and Stephanie Qwea made history by becoming the first-ever players from Vanuatu to compete at the ITTF World Cup.

In preparation for one of the biggest events of the sports calendar next year, qualifications for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics are in full flight with the Teams Qualification showcasing the strength of Australia winning both the Men's and Women's teams. There is one last qualification opportunity for singles and mixed doubles on 19 & 20 April 2020 as part of the Festival of table tennis in Brisbane.

Despite the challenges faced, ITTF Oceania continued to strive for improvements in the governance and financial management of the organisation. We have also commenced our Constitution Review and Strategic Plan Review process to enable us to adopt best practices and align ourselves to the continually changing global table tennis landscape.

We could not achieve all this without the generous support of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), which is our largest funding partner with over AU\$500,000 in support. This enables us to hold high-level events, training camps and a range of programs that help to increase capacity and support our member associations.

We are also grateful for the continued support from the Australian Government through the Pacific Sports Partnership. Funding for the Smash Down Barriers program exceeded AU\$200,000 in 2019, and the Australian Government remains an invaluable partner of our sport-for-development initiatives. This support enables ITTF-Oceania to use table tennis as a means to achieve development outcomes such as promoting social inclusion and healthy lifestyle behaviours.



Australian Women's team secure their spot at the 2020 Tokyo Games



Naomi Tai and Olo Noela representing Solomon Islands at the 2019 ITTF-Oceania Para Championships



Bounce it back launches in Tonga



Heming Hu celebrates his second ITTF-Oceania Cup title

We would also like to thank our various sponsors of events including national, state and local governments for their support towards hosting our various events in 2019.

ITTF-Oceania would like to thank everyone for their support and participation in 2019 and we look forward to an exciting 2020 ahead.

- 12 National Associations actively engaged in development activities
- 327 athletes, coaches, and officials took part in 18 technical courses
- 1,697 Pacific Islanders engaged through

#### *sport-for-development programmes*

- 43% female participation
- 13% of all participants have a disability
- 11 regional events and 3 ITTF World Events
- 13,000 unique visitors to ITTF Oceania.com
- 130k average monthly reach on social media

#### **Anthony Ho**

Continental President: Oceania



# Taekwondo



## OVERVIEW OF 2019

World Taekwondo Oceania (WTO) has been extremely busy in the last 12 months, and it continues to pursue the interests of the WTO, its members, and its athletes.

In 2019, we saw the region play host to 6 major international events: The 2019 President's Cup – G2, Oceania Para Open Championships – G2/ G4, the 2019 Australian Open – G2 and the IR Course and Refresher – Poomsae and Kyorugi – (1-4 July 2019, Gold Coast, Australia) held in the Gold Coast, Australia, and the Pacific Games – G4 and the 9th Oceania Taekwondo Championships - G4, being held in Apia Samoa.

WTO also organised and funded 27 participants from various Oceania MNA's to a regional Olympic Qualification Training Camp that was held in South Korea between 27 November 2019 to 08 December 2019. The initiative is

the commencement of a wider push by the WTO to grow our regional capability in both para and able body athletes with the focus on preparing athletes and coaches for Olympic Qualifications in 2020. Participants in this program included participants from Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

## OUR PEOPLE

### Honourary Board Members

Position	Name	Country	Dates Acted
President	Phil Coles	Australia	2005 - 2017

### Current Board members

Position	Name	Country	Dates Acted
President	Mr. John Kotsifas	Australia	2017-2021
Secretary-General	Mr. Stuart Lee	Australia	2017-2021
Treasurer	Mr. John Cholai	Papua New Guinea	2017-2021
Senior Vice President	Mr. Daniel Trenton	Australia	2017-2021
Vice President	Mr. Henri Jouanno	New Caledonia	2017-2021
Vice President	Mr. Peter Ahhim	Samoa	2017-2021
Technical Director	Mr. Young Youl Oh	Australia	2017-2021
Referee Director	Mr. Rene Leveaux	Australia	2017-2021
Board Member	Mr. Jason Kim	New Zealand	2017-2021
Board Member	Mr. Alfred Lai	French Polynesia	2017-2021
Board Member	Mr. John Alick	Solomon Islands	2017-2021
Board Member	Mr. Maher Magableh	Australia	2018-2021



**Volunteers/Contractors**

Name	Position	Dates acted
Mr. Colby Au	Administration Manager & Oceania Development Coach	2017-2021
Ms. Linda Pace	Poomsae Director  Joint Head of the WTO Para-Taekwondo Committee - Poomsae	2017-2021
Mr. Bren Doorman	Chief Medical Chair	2017-2021
Mr. Denzil Ray	Database and Accreditation Manager  Joint Head of the WTO Para-Taekwondo Committee – Kyorugi  Oceania Accredited/Endorsed Presenter	2017-2021
Ms. Kerry Lister	Oceania Accredited/Endorsed Presenter	2017-2021
Mr. Thierry Coleux	Oceania Accredited/Endorsed Presenter	2017-2021
Mr. Gary Carpenter	Oceania Accredited/Endorsed Presenter	2017-2021
Ms. Angela Thompson	Oceania Accredited/Endorsed Presenter	2017-2021
Mr. Michael Kotsifas	Administration Manager	2013-2017

**ACTIVITIES FOR 2019**

The following major international events took place in 2019:

- 2019 Presidents Cup – G2 (27 June 2019 Gold Coast, Australia)
- 2019 Oceania Open Para – G4/G2 (28 June 2019 Gold Coast, Australia)
- 2019 Australian Open – G2 (28-29 June 2019 Gold Coast, Australia)
- 2019 Oceania Championships – G4 (19 July 2019 Apia, Samoa)
- 2019 Pacific Games – G4 (15-18 July 2019 Apia 77, Samoa)
- IR Course and Refresher – Poomsae and Kyorugi – (1-4 July 2019, Gold Coast, Australia)

**The following regional educational courses were undertaken in 2019:**

In the year 2019, a total of 18 courses, across the Kyorugi and Poomsae disciplines, were conducted which were attended by Referees and Coaches. To date, the statistics of accreditations issued are as follows:

- L1 Kyorugi Coaches total of 303
- WTO Referees 105
- WTO Poomsae Coaches 63
- WTO Poomsae Referees / Field Coordinators 15

The Kyorugi Seminars conducted in 2019 are as follows:

Date	Event	Location	Presenter
February 2019	Kyorugi Coach/Referee Accreditation	NSW, Australia	Denzil Ray
February 2019	Kyorugi Coach/Referee Accreditation	South Australia, Australia	Denzil Ray
March 2019	Kyorugi Coach Accreditation	Western Australia, Australia	Denzil Ray
March 2019	Kyorugi Coach Accreditation	Victoria, Australia	Denzil Ray
April 2019	Kyorugi Coach Accreditation	Tauranga, New Zealand	Angela Caldwell
May 2019	Kyorugi Coach/Referee Accreditation	Victoria, Australia	Denzil Ray
June 2019	Kyorugi Coach/Referee Accreditation	Papeete - Tahiti	Denzil Ray
July 2019	Kyorugi Coach Accreditation	Apia, Samoa	Denzil Ray
August 2019	Kyorugi Coach/Referee Accreditation	Auckland, New Zealand	Denzil Ray
October 2019	Kyorugi Coach/Referee Accreditation	Solomon Islands	Denzil Ray
November 2019	Kyorugi Coach/Referee Accreditation	Papua New Guinea	Denzil Ray
November 2019	Kyorugi Coach/Referee Accreditation	Queensland, Australia	Denzil Ray

The Poomsae Seminars conducted in 2019 are as follows:

Date	Event	Location	Presenter
March 2019	Poomsae Coaching & Field Co-ordinator Accreditation	Queensland, Australia	Linda Pace
April 2019	Poomsae Coaching & Field Co-ordinator Accreditation	Victoria, Australia	Linda Pace
April 2019	Poomsae Referee Accreditation	Tauranga, New Zealand	Gary Carpenter
June 2019	Poomsae Coaching Accreditation	South Australia, Australia	Linda Pace
June 2019	Poomsae Coaching Accreditation	NSW, Australia	Linda Pace

**REGIONAL OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT TRAINING CAMP – SOUTH KOREA**

Between 24 November 2019 and 8 December 2019, a squad of eighteen (18) athletes and six (6) coaches attended the World Taekwondo Oceania Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament Training Camp in Seoul, South Korea.

The Training Camp was intended to aid developing athletes from regional nations within Oceania, in preparation for the Qualification Tournament to be held on 29 February 2020 on the Gold Coast, Australia.

In doing so, the athletes were submerged in an Elite Sports Taekwondo environment that dictated a regimented training schedule comprised of between four (4) and six (6) hours of physical training each day. On any given day, the athletes attended a strength & conditioning session, technical/tactical drills-based session, and a practical sparring session.

Venues attended throughout the Training Camp included:

- Korea National Sports University;
- Yong In University;
- Han Song High School;
- Chang-Dong High School; and
- Seoul IT High School.

Throughout the Training Camp, the athletes had the opportunity to train under the tutelage of several Taekwondo World Champions in addition to training alongside players from each of the Kazakhstani, Japanese, Chinese, El Salvadoran and USA national teams as well as members of a Korean Corporate Team.

## FINANCIALS

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019 are attached and have been audited by the World Taekwondo Oceania's appointed auditors and are for the period, January – December 2019. WTO financials operate on a per calendar year basis.

## OCEANIA TAEKWONDO UNION INC ABN 19 980 021 875

### Detailed Profit and Loss Statement For the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Grants received	258,830.13	128,847.46
Sponsorships	20,887.16	25,894.99
Course Fees	45,252.95	37,947.56
Events Income	12,103.45	48,972.45
<b>Total income</b>	<b>346,173.69</b>	<b>241,662.46</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accountancy	1,760.00	1,650.00
Event Running Costs	203,158.59	103,731.91
Admin Fees	68,885.72	50,297.69
Advertising and promotion	5,376.91	4,592.79
Bank Fees And Charges	1,415.94	2,173.01
General expenses	8,000.98	17,168.70
Insurance	4,499.28	4,202.00
Telephone	1,132.32	484.99
Travel, accom & conference	45,849.54	44,941.12
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>340,079.28</b>	<b>229,242.21</b>
<b>Profit from Ordinary Activities before income tax</b>	<b>6,094.41</b>	<b>12,420.25</b>

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WTO would like to thank the following companies and organisations that have assisted WTO in 2019:

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### OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS:





# Oceania Tennis Federation



The top Girl's Junior player in Pacific Oceania, Carol Lee, not only became the first person from the Northern Mariana Islands to compete in a junior Grand Slam tournament, at the 2019 Australian Open but achieved her highest Junior Singles ranking of 103 on the 3rd June 2019. She won 3 ITF Junior Titles in 2019, the J4 Singles and Doubles Titles in Lautoka, Fiji and the J3 Singles Title in Casablanca, Morocco. She has now won 12 ITF Titles (7 Singles and 5 Doubles).



## OVERVIEW

2019 was another outstanding year for Pacific Oceania in the growth and development of tennis across Pacific Oceania, the largest geographic tennis region of the International Tennis Federation. The number 1 male player in the Pacific, Colin Sinclair (NMI) became the first male tennis player to win an ITF Men's Professional Title when on the 10th February 2019 at Claremont, California he beat Lucas Poullain (FRA) 63, 76(3) to win the Singles Title and reach a career-high world ranking of #410. He subsequently went on to win 3 Gold and 1 Silver Medals at the 2019 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa from 8th-13th July 2019 and lead the Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team at Amman, Jordan.

**Then in May 2019, Abigail Tere-Apisah became the first women from Pacific Oceania to win a Women Singles Event when she won The WTA25 in Singapore beating top seed, Valeria Savinkh (RUS) 63, 63. She followed this up a couple of weeks**

**later winning her 6th Doubles title when she paired with Junri Namigata (JPN) to win the W25 Hong Kong Event. This took her world singles ranking to 276 going into the Pacific Games before surgery and related complication forced her absence from the Tour for 3 months.**



**Two large Senior Tennis Events were hosted in the Pacific in 2019. The Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa and the 2nd Pacific Nations Cup in Lautoka, Fiji. Colin Sinclair (NMI) and Abigail Tere-Apisah (PNG) were the stars of the Pacific Games with each winning 4 Medals (3 Gold + 1 Silver each) with Papua New Guinea topping the medal table with 8 Medals**

**Then in June 2019, the 2nd Pacific Nations Cup, hosted by Tennis Fiji, was held at the Regional Training Centre in Lautoka, Fiji. The top 60 players from 14 member Nations of Pacific Oceania competed in this event which was financed and supported by the ITF and it gave these players from Class C Nations the opportunity to play in a "Davis Cup/Fed Cup" type event for their country; an opportunity they only currently have under the Pacific Oceania Team umbrella. This was an outstanding success and was primarily funded by the ITF as part of the 2019 Pacific Assistance Budget. Tahiti won the Men's Event for the 2nd consecutive year with**





Samoa winning the Women's event. The winners and runners up were:

Men: Tahiti (Winners) and Fiji (Runners Up)  
Women: Samoa (Winners) and Fiji (Runners Up)

#### EXECUTIVE AND AGM

The OTF held its 18th AGM in Melbourne, Australia on Saturday 19th January 2019. There were 19 attendees from 15 OTF Member Nations. Additionally, in attendance were David Haggerty (President of the ITF), Luca Santilli (ITF Executive Director-Tennis Development), Dermot Sweeney (ITF Technical Director- Training Centres and Players), James McGurran (ITF International Relations Manager), Gary Purcell (ITF Development Officer – Pacific Oceania) and for the afternoon session, Aleksei Selivanenko (ITF Board Member)

During the AGM, the OTF Member Nations approved a new Constitution. Three-member Nations were also presented with ITF Awards by the President of the ITF, David Haggerty. The following Nations received Awards:

Excellence in Facilities:	Guam
Excellence in Events:	Fiji
Excellence in Programmes:	Tahiti



This AGM was preceded the day before when the OTF Executive met on Saturday 18th January 2019. The OTF continues to be administered by two Joint Executive Officers with the respective primary responsibilities of each being:

- David Smith: Plans and Policies; Finance; Sponsorship Submissions; Touring Teams/ Events; Governance Management; Communication
- Richard Breen: Development Programme; ITF Junior Pacific Circuit; Regional Tennis Centre; Regional Training Centre

Additionally, Richard Breen manages all the Pacific Oceania Joint ITF/OTF projects on behalf of the ITF. 2019 is the 2nd full year that this has occurred.

From 24-27 September 2019, 10 Pacific Oceania representatives attended the ITF Conference/AGM held at the Epic Sana Hotel in Lisbon, Portugal. Attending were Cyrille Mainguy, Celia Patrick, Julie Paterson, Ernestine Rengiil, Torgun Smith, Baantarawa Ietimeta, Davina Ashford, Vicky Reid, David Smith, Jacquie Mangan (Tennis Australia General Counsel and Company Secretary) and one of our Life Members and former President, Geoff Pollard. This was an excellent opportunity for the OTF Executive to meet formally and informally with the ITF Board, OTF Nations and also key ITF Development Staff. This allowed both ITF Groups the face-to-face opportunity to listen to not only the challenges that we face but equally the opportunities that the continued increased investment in the Region by the ITF that is so critical in producing and assisting the outstanding work that is being done across our whole region in the promotion and development of tennis.



#### FINANCE AND FUNDING SUPPORT

Tennis Australia continues to invest in a very substantial way to tennis, and the development of tennis in the Pacific Oceania Region. This support comes in many forms from cash to equipment, strategic guidance and



advice, and facilitating attendance for OTF Delegates and Juniors during their visits to Melbourne Park. The OTF is particularly grateful for the support from CEO, Craig Tiley, Bruce Osborne and Vicky Reid in the continued support that 9 Pacific Oceania Nations received this year through the Australian Open Pacific Pathway programme. This is the 7th year that member Nations have benefitted from this programme with the following 9 Nations receiving grants in 2019: Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, Northern Marianas Islands, Samoa, Tahiti, and Vanuatu.



Two years ago the OTF signed a MOU with the ITF to manage the ITF/OTF projects in

the Pacific Oceania Region. This agreement will be updated and re-signed by the President of the ITF (David Haggerty) and the President of the OTF (Cyrille Mainguy) at the forthcoming OTF AGM in Port Vila, Vanuatu at the end of April 2020. The ITF Pacific Oceania Assistance Budget continues to increase year-on-year through the combined funding of the GSDF and the ITF. The OTF thanks David Haggerty, President of the ITF, in championing the growing assistance to the Regions and our developing elite players. These projects are managed by Richard Breen and could not be possible without the additional huge financial and logistical support provided by the ITF Development Team of Luca Santilli, (Executive Director Tennis Development), Frank Couraud (Manager-Training Centres and Events), Rachel Woodward (Manager-Tennis Development, Dermot Sweeney) (Technical Director, Training Centre and Players), Mairi Davies (Development Coordinator) and Gary Purcell (Development Officer- Pacific Oceania).

The OTF also thanks David Haggerty for his championing of the emerging elite Professional Players and in particular Colin Sinclair (NMI) and Abigail Tere-Apisah (PNG) whom both received grants from the 2019 International Player Grand Slam Fund financed by the Grand Slam Development Fund (GSDF).

#### Membership

The OTF currently has 20 financial Member Nations

**David Smith**



# Touch



Mixed Division medal presentation to be inserted in Pacific games Report



Rhonda Togipau Oceania Member relations Commissioner for insertion with last article

## (1) INTRODUCTION

In composing this report, I would firstly like to thank the Pacific Games organisers and especially Samoa Government for their hard work in presenting the 2019 Pacific Games

under short time frames and faced with difficult time frame issues, I feel sure the athletes of the Pacific Nations would have appreciated your contribution to those games.

The Federation of International Touch held its Election Year AGM in Malaysia during the latter half of April 2019, the following persons were elected and appointed.

Elected:

Position	Name
<b>President</b>	Mr Erick Acker
<b>Secretary- General</b>	William Ker
<b>Finance Director</b>	Aaron Jones
<b>Sport Development</b>	Peter Topp
<b>Events Director</b>	Gary Reynolds
<b>Appointed:</b>	
<b>Governance</b>	Margaret Hoekstra
<b>Communications</b>	Antony O'Brien

The Federation of International Touch has 47 members spread across the five (5) regions of the World in which Oceania region Touch has the following member nations, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Niue, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, and Tuvalu a total of eleven (11) member nations which equates to 23.4 percent of the overall membership.

The Federation is in negotiations with three other nations which would lift our member nation numbers to 50.

## (2) ACTIVITIES IN 2019

The Federation of International Touch staged a World Cup in Malaysia (117 teams and 26 Nations) as well as assisted the Samoan Touch Rugby Team in hosting the 2019 Pacific Games Touch section.

Oceania members Cook Islands, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and New Zealand were all represented in the final Gold, Silver and

Bronze medallion Games, with the noticeable performance of the Cook Islands returning home with a silver medal in the Mixed 30-year division and a Bronze in the Men's 35 years division.

For the first time in the Federation's history a Workshop was staged in Paris France with nineteen (19) delegates attending representing their respective nations. The workshop was a two-day event which covered many aspects of the sport delivery World Wide. This was a very successful workshop and the outcomes are being or soon will be initiated.

One outcome from the workshop was the introduction of a trial period for draft edition 5 International Rules which if adopted after the trial period would mean that for the first time since the sport's inception, one set of rules would be played at Local, National Regional and International level, this will be a great boost for the games and will hopefully increase the competitive standards of our member nations.

We're excited to announce that the inaugural Pacific Cup Touch Tournament, was played Manurewa on December 1st, 2019!

Our first Pacific Cup was contested between four Island Nations - the Cook Islands, Samoa, Niue, and NZ Maori, over five grades. Open Men's, Open Women's + three kids' grades: Boys & Girls 10's, 12's & 14's.

The Federation of International Touch is also planning on staging an international Pacific Islands event in 2021 as a precursor for the nation's preparations for the 2023 World Cup and Pacific Games.

### (3) OUTCOMES IN 2019

The 2019 Pacific Games saw 19 teams participating representing 7 Nations outside of the effect of the weather the event was a very successful one and congratulation must go to Papua New Guinea winning gold medals in the three divisions on offer at the event.

A very special thank you goes to The President of Samoa Touch Mr. Michael Wulfe and his very enthusiastic and tireless group of workers, as their contribution certainly contributed to the success of the event.

The finals results are as follows:-

Men's Open:							
Bronze Medal	1:30 p.m.	Field 1	Cook Islands	5	vs.	6	Fiji
Gold Medal	3:10 p.m.	Field 1	Samoa	4	vs.	9	Papua New Guinea
Women's Open:							
Bronze Medal	1:30 p.m.	Field 1	Cook Islands	5	vs.	6	Fiji
Gold Medal	3:10 p.m.	Field 1	Samoa	4	vs.	9	Papua New Guinea
Mixed Open:							
Bronze Medal	10:10 a.m.	Field 1	Cook Islands	10	vs.	7	Fiji
Gold Medal	11:00 a.m.	Field 1	Samoa	9	vs.	10	Papua New Guinea

### (4) APPOINTMENT OF OCEANIA MEMBER RELATIONS COMMISSIONER

Last year the Federation of International Touch appointed an Oceania member Relations Commissioner Ms. Rhonda Togipau

Rhonda has played and managed sports teams on a National and International level. She is a member on the Sub Committee of the Federation of International Touch involving 47 countries, for over 2 years. This role has given me a broader understanding of business functionalities, as well as leading and motivating teams to uphold a "can-do" Attitude to make things happen.

Her CV is very impressive as is her performance in carrying out this invaluable Oceania role. Rhonda has been recently been reappointed to the position, and her work with the Oceania nations has been excellent. The Federation looks forward to a long and rewarding relationship with Rhonda and the Member Nations of Oceania

Regards

**William (Bill) Ker**  
Secretary-General  
Federation of International Touch





# Oceania Zonal Volleyball Association



OZVA Member NFs with FIVB President Dr. Ary Graça and the FIVB Development Team in Waikiki, Hawaii where BVB started in front of statue of Olympian Duke Kahanamoku



FIVB President Dr. Graça Addresses OZVA NFs, Honolulu, Hawaii

Oceania Zonal Volleyball Association (OZVA) would first like to recognise its member national federations (NFs) who have been challenged over the decades to develop on their own. We must extend our sincere gratitude to FIVB President Dr. Ary Graça for recognising this and supporting our efforts at every level, from athletes, coaches, and technical officials. It is now up to Oceania to take this opportunity and build a strong and sustainable program that supports a pathway for high performance and national teams. Special thanks to FIVB Sports Development Department's Hitesh Malhotra, FIVB Head of Event Operations Steve Tutton, FIVB Director for Asia and Oceania Luis Alexandre Rodrigues, FIVB expert technical delegate Blair Harrison, and all the FIVB staff, including Ms. Daniela Pirri, Ms. Anna Manuelian, Mr. Pierre-Henri Depallens, for their support, patience, and mentorship as we navigate a new era for Oceania Volleyball. Our deep gratitude to Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) President

Dr. Saleh A. Bin Nasser, Executive Vice President Mr. Essa Hamza, Secretary-General Mr. Shanrit Wongprasert and their professional and dedicated staff. Sincere thanks to Yassine Yousfi and Carina Dragomir of Olympic Solidarity's Coaches Unit for working with us to identify a coaching pathway that works for our region.

2019 has been a busy and aggressive year. In January, the FY2018 year-ending meeting of OZVA's new Board of Administrators (BOA) took place in Honolulu, Hawaii. Agenda items included discussion of the OZVA meeting in Cancun, Mexico, a document review of OZVA and AVC Statutes, the previous OZVA Strategic Development Plan, FIVB Development Platform Grant applications and Olympic Solidarity opportunities. Many hours were spent working on OZVA's Strategic Development Plan with constructive input from the BOA and FIVB's Luis Alexandre. In order to enhance, evaluate,

and maximise the efforts and investments by FIVB, OZVA successfully requested regular participation by an FIVB Development staff to help set targets and goals and to provide a consistent evaluation.

Over the past five years, OZVA has developed financial policies, communications strategies, administrative protocols, and other guidelines to establish good governance, comply with FIVB and AVC and meet the needs of its members. In 2019, OZVA formalised these endeavors by officially incorporating as a legal non-profit organisation, which enables OZVA to seek grants and donors, professionalising its business operations. OZVA liaised with FIVB and AVC's development departments to maximise funding streams from FIVB, AVC and Olympic Solidarity to address gaps in services, ensuring that all resources work together to best support the NFs.

While indoor volleyball remains among the most popular sports in Oceania and will continue to develop, OZVA has emphasised the regional and national development of beach volleyball. OZVA's coaching pathway, in partnership with FIVB development team and Olympic Solidarity, has prioritized and set as goals to qualify up to 5 high-performance coaches delivering 12-month programs; to develop up to 3 regional coaching experts, mentored and qualified by FIVB coaching experts; to maximise all e-learning opportunities and to increase FIVB qualified coaches (L1, L2, L3, High Performance). FIVB recognises the potential for Oceania's proposed training model of islanders teaching islanders and is supporting this through up-skilling and mentoring initiatives.

In terms of athlete development, OZVA is working to establish a talent identification/ talent selection process, organise a team management support system, identify qualified staff and establish a training curriculum with support from the FIVB development team, Olympic Solidarity and Oceania Sports Education Program (OSEP).



Australia vs Argentina - Volleyball Nations League, Brisbane



AVC Course Instructor Mr Shimoyama, Dir. of Chinese Taipei Volleyball Association Mr Jong, Sam Montalvo (ASA), AVC Referees Committee Chair and Course Director Mr. Chareonpong



American Samoa defeats Australia-Pacific Games



Tahiti wins indoor gold at Pacific Games



Vanuatu (gold) vs Tahiti (silver) at the Pacific Games



Pres. Masauvakalo receives IOC Women in Sport trophy for Vanuatu Volleyball

With regards to events, OZVA is increasing national, sub-zonal, and zonal competitions by developing an event schedule that synergises all three levels of competition, by increasing national capacity to host events, with an emphasis on beach volleyball, following FIVB guidelines and by developing a regional team of event managers, technical and referee delegates with full support from FIVB and AVC.

For technical development, the main goal is to help local organising committees run events smoothly by training regional technical delegates

to offer expertise, anticipate critical issues and propose solutions. A successful FIVB beach volleyball event, characterised by a packed venue, compelling matches, excellent media coverage, and great reviews is OZVA's ultimate goal and is now possible with FIVB President Graça's endorsement and support for FIVB expert technical delegate Blair Harrison's mentorship of the OZVA team which will be launched in early 2020.

VolleyFest 2019, a series of Beach Volleyball Events included the Australian Beach Volleyball

Tour - Australian Championships, NSW Beach Volleyball Schools Cup and FIVB World Tour 3-star event, was the 5th Edition of the event held in March on Manly Beach, Australia. VolleyFest is a premier event supporting the athlete qualification pathway for Oceania high-performance teams to international competition.

FIVB's Volleyball Nations League (VNL), one of the most prestigious tournaments to be staged in Australia, took on added significance ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The five-week tournament featured the top 16 teams in men's international volleyball with Australia Volleyball, led by President Craig Carracher, hosting the 5th round in Brisbane in June.

The Pacific Games/Oceania Indoor and Beach Volleyball Senior Championships took place in Apia, Samoa in July. The beach championship was an FIVB qualifier event as Australia and New Zealand were invited for the first time. ONOC Medical Commission member Dr. Luis Cruz from Guam led the beach teams through an ORADO anti-doping education session before their competition, as mandated by FIVB for Olympic qualifier status. Sixteen men's and 11 women's beach teams and 11 men's and 8 women's indoor teams enjoyed the spirited competition. The beach volleyball medalists were (1) Australia, (2) Tahiti and (3) Tonga for men and (1) Vanuatu, (2) Tahiti and (3) American Samoa for women. American Samoa Volleyball President (and Vice President of OZVA's Eastern Zone) Ben Sauvao's team, Litara Keil and Devenney Pul bested Australia and then the Solomon Islands to win the bronze medal match. The indoor competition



concluded with (1) Tahiti, (2) Wallis and Futuna and (3) New Caledonia for men, and in the women's competition (1) New Caledonia, (2) Tahiti and the home team of Samoa in 3rd place. French Polynesia showed their strength in the sport winning medals in both beach and indoor events, with Tahiti taking home medals in every Pacific Games volleyball event. OZVA's Central Zonal Vice President Morris Maitaki took in much of the competition in preparation for his task to host the 2023 Pacific Games volleyball competition in the Solomon Islands.

In October, FIVB hosted and OZVA organized a historic regional meeting with FIVB President Graça in Waikiki, Hawaii. Prior to the deliberations of the OZVA membership, the BOA members had meetings with FIVB's Mr. Tutton and Mr. Alexandre. Taking full advantage of the opportunity to have the majority of the membership together, OZVA partnered with OSEP to deliver two days of continued professional development in the areas of governance, finance, strategic planning and high-performance/ national teams. President Graça heard brief updates from each member NF and then addressed the delegates with FIVB's global strategy, reiterating that Oceania has great potential, is well-organised, and promised FIVB would assist with an organized plan. He went on to have many hours of meetings with the BOA and one-on-one meetings with member NFs. Oceania received a record number of FIVB Development Platform grants this year and the FIVB Development Team was able to provide additional insight and strategies for NFs to best maximise this funding during the full meeting agenda. The unprecedented opportunity to have our membership, FIVB's Development Team and President Graça in one setting we believe provided the pathway for great success for Oceania in the years to come.

Other notable achievements of 2019 include: In March, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) celebrated the 2019 women and sport role models and change-makers in advancing women and girls through sport. Five Continental Trophies were awarded to gender equality advocates with the winner from Oceania being the much-deserving Vanuatu Volleyball Federation, received by President Debbie Masauvakalo. Recognised as having paved the way for female participation in sport at grassroots and elite level, the Vanuatu Volleyball Federation, led by stand-out female athletes, Miller Pata and Sherysyn Toko, is using the power of sport to prompt social change, shift attitudes and encourage active living for women.



OZVA President Hugh Graham and Secretary General Terry Sasser present Oceania gift to FIVB President Dr. Graça



Dragomir Cioroslan of United States Olympic Committee, Yassine Yousfi of Olympic Solidarity, Jordi Serra of International Table Tennis Federation, Olympian and IOC Commission member Pedro Cunha (BRA), with Darcyann Muller (MHL)

Marshall Islands Volleyball Federation (MIVF) President Darcyann Muller graduated with honors from the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Program (ICECP), hosted by United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, Olympic Solidarity and the University of Delaware, with her masters-level project entitled "Development of a Coaching Framework to Formalise Beach Volleyball in the Marshall Islands" and was awarded an FIVB Level 3 coaching certificate.

American Samoa's Sam Montalvo was certified during the 2019 Asian International Refereeing Candidate Course hosted in Chinese Taipei and conducted by AVC's Referee Committee Chair and Course Director Mr. Songsak Chareonpong and Course Instructor Mr. Takashi Shimoyama. The 7-day functional intensive training included the latest information of refereeing techniques and breakthrough technologies, and the opportunity to officiate matches during the high-level 40th Hua Zong Cup Volleyball Championship.

Ending 2019 and moving into 2020 promises to be an even greater success with the announcement of OZVA President Hugh Graham and OZVA Vice President of the Western Zone Herman Ada being awarded their bids to host an FIVB World Tour 1-Star men's event in Cook Islands in January and an FIVB World Tour

1-Star women's event in Guam in March. Teams from four of the five continents are registered to compete in these Olympic qualifier events. The Olympic qualifier for Asia and Oceania, the AVC Continental Cup, will be hosted in New Zealand in March. FIVB and OZVA have had a positive dialogue with Volleyball New Zealand CEO Toni-Maree Carnie and the new Fiji Volleyball Federation President Liga Gukisuvu on the feasibility of developing two Oceania high-performance training centers in their respective countries. The OZVA Secretariat is now operating in the Marshall Islands managed by OZVA Secretary-General/ Finance Director Terry Sasser. The growth of Oceania Volleyball has progressed more in the past three years than in the previous 25. We fully expect this to continue and see the success of more Oceania NFs hosting and national teams advancing to high-performance competitions.

*Speaking at the historic October 2019 meeting between FIVB and the OZVA National Federations, FIVB President Dr. Ary Graça remarked, "Today's meeting was a clear indication that the Oceania Zonal Volleyball Association can rely on the FIVB and, equally, we have a clear vision for the future that includes high-performance initiatives and more events in the region."*