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## NEWS BULLETIN

**ISSUE 1- 1ST QUARTER 2012**

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### *Dear Affiliated Members*

Welcome to 2012, and what we hope will be another year of great swimming, learning and friendship.

Firstly it is with sadness we say a fond farewell to our female Olympian Anna-Liza Mopio-Jane who has represented PNG at the Pacific Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games and FINA World Championships over the past 10 years.

Anna-Liza notified us of her retirement from competitive swimming early January and thanked PNG Swimming for the many amazing opportunities the sport has given her during her swimming career. We wish her a wonderful future outside of swimming.

As we head into the first quarter of 2012 PNGSI wishes all our affiliated members and sponsors a great year.

For success to happen in our sport education of our coaches, technical officials and athletes will continue to be of paramount importance as it was in 2011.

The FINA Development program funded under FINA and PNGSI for 2012 will be a Technical Officials Course, 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April, to be held in conjunction with the Theodist National Championships 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The course will be conducted by FINA Technical Bureau member, Don Blew.

The clinic - educating our volunteers to become technical officials under the FINA rules, is one of the key result areas PNGSI has recognized in our 6 year Development Plan preparing for 2015 Pacific Games.

As we can well understand working together requires us to have a high level of mutual understanding and respect for each other.

We need to see positives in the relationship grow in terms of mutual benefits and recognition to include all stakeholders of PNGSI: sponsors, club executives and members, PNGSF and PNGSFOC.

Without the continued support of our valued

sponsors and organizations listed on the left of this page, the task of developing our sport would become a financial burden on all members. PNGSI is very appreciative of the time, funding and support given by all.

We thank Bank South Pacific the major sponsor of PNG Swimming and TNT and Theodist major competition sponsors of our National Short Course and Long Course Championships respectively for their continued support of the sport in the country.

Already our coaches are working towards putting together a very competitive team to represent us at the 2012 Oceania Swimming Championships to be held in Noumea, New Caledonia 28<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

We ask that you all support our Club coaches from the Learn to Swim teachers through to the squad coaches on pool deck, and swimmers we ask that you be a good sport, compete for enjoyment, work hard for your team as well as yourself, and learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.

We take this opportunity to ask the parents to encourage participation by your children.

Let's make 2012 bigger and better.

We have a wonderful sport that is continually growing and it is through your support and commitment that allows this to happen.

Sometimes we all have to dig deep to muster the stamina to keep going but it is a sport that we can all be proud of and all working together we will develop it further.

Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc wishes you all an exciting year with the hope of many dreams being realised.

***Enjoy Swimming on.....***

## Aquatic Excellence Squad Members 2011/2012



### BSP GOLD KUNDU TARGET

Barbara Leana Vali  
Ryan Pini  
Peter Pokawin  
Sam Seghers

### BSP SILVER KUNDU TARGET

Marcus Blake  
Stanford Gore Kawale  
Jenixon Lim



### 9-11 YEARS

#### JUNIOR GOLD

Leonard Kalate  
Ben Paton  
James Runnegar  
Natasha Sagon  
Savannah Tkatchenko  
Ebony Tkatchenko  
Catherine Vali

#### JUNIOR SILVER

Raila Ila  
Chase James  
Javana Johnson  
Ryan Liew  
Emmanuel Nuna  
Georgia Pollock  
Matthew Vali  
Juanita Vava  
Luke Vava  
Nancy Wiseman



### 15-17 years

BSP YOUTH Excellence Squad

Coming soon in 2012



### 12-14 YEARS INTERMEDIATE GOLD

Bobby Akunaii  
Millie Knight  
Peter Kunda  
Ashton Kunda  
Aika Livingstone  
Ryan Maskelyne  
Shanice Paraka

### INTERMEDIATE SILVER

Alastair Blake  
Ruth Bunena  
Ben Cross  
Angus Dubar  
Kimberley Ila  
Caitlin Mendoza  
Olive Meraudje  
Jodi Mileng  
Jasmine Mileng  
Hector Smith  
Bethani Tukana  
Georgia-Leigh Vele

## Annual General Meeting

The Council Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc will be held on Saturday 31<sup>ST</sup> March, 2012 at 10:00am at RPYC Boardroom.

### Please note:

Clubs are advised any items to be referred to the Council must be with the secretary of PNGSI before the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Clubs executives are required to send to PNGSI the names and contact numbers of their nominated two delegates who will be attending the PNGSI 2012 AGM.

## PNGSI SANCTIONED EVENTS

2011 Date	Events	Location
February 4-5	Qld Sprint Championships	Chandler Brisbane
February 4	LASC AGM	LAE
February 9	LASC Carnival A1	LAE
February 11	BASC Carnival 1	Port Moresby
March 4-6	OSA Workshop	Nadi Fiji
March 8	LASC Carnival B2	LAE
March 10	BASC Carnival 2	Port Moresby
March 10-11	BSA Snr Metropolitan	Chandler Brisbane
March 15-22	Australian Swimming Championships	Adelaide
March 31	PNGSI AGM	
April 6-9	Easter	
April 12	LASC Carnival C3	LAE
April 9-14	Australian Age Championships	Brisbane
April 18-22	Technical Officials Course	Port Moresby
April 20-22	Theodist Nat LC Championships	Port Moresby
April 24-1 May	ASCTA Coaches Convention	Gold Coast
May 10	LASC Carnival A4	LAE
May 12	BASC Carnival 3	Port Moresby
May 28-2 June	Oceania Swimming Championships	New Caledonia
June 8-9	BASC Dolphin Sprints	Port Moresby
June 24-26	Huon Gulf Championships	Lae
July 14	BASC Carnival 4	Port Moresby
July 19	LASC Carnival C6	LAE
July 27-Aug 12	London Olympic Games	Great Britain
August 11	BASC Carnival 5	Port Moresby
August 16	LASC Carnival A7	LAE
Sept 7-9	TNT National Short Course Champs	LAE
September 16	Independence Day	
Sept 22-28	Australian Swim Camp	Brisbane
September 22	BASC Carnival 6	Port Moresby
October 13	BASC Carnival 7	Port Moresby
October 18	LASC Carnival B8	LAE
Oct 30 Nov 1	2nd FINA World Aquatic Convention	Moscow, Russia
November 8	LASC Club Championships Round 1	LAE
November 9-10	BASC Club Championships	Port Moresby
November 24	LASC Club Championships Round 2	LAE
November 24	BASC AGM	Port Moresby
Dec 12-16	FINA World Short Course Champs	Istanbul, Turkey

**PNGSI 2012 YEAR BOOK NOW AVAILABLE  
FROM CLUB SECRETARYS AND PRESIDENTS**

## SWIMMER COMPLETES 10 WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM IN AUSTRALIA

PNG representative male swimmer, 16 year old Stanford Gore Kawale spent 10 weeks training at Acacia Bayside Club in Brisbane's east under the eye of Silver Coach Shaun Crow.

Shaun is well known to many PNG swimmers as the director of Australian Swim Camps and also from his previous visit to BASC Dolphin Sprints.

The Acacia Club, a Premier Club in Brisbane and has for the past three years won the Premier Club Championships Point Score has a very large membership with over 200 competitive (squad) swimmers and a very large learn to swim program. The club trains at the swimming complex at Moreton Bay College.

During his time at the club Stanford was billeted by the Skelton Family. He settled in very quickly into the new environs and adjusted to the Australian lifestyle with ease.

It was straight down to business with 9 sessions of pool work per week (each session 2 hours) and three to four hours of Gym workout per week. "This was a big step up for Stanford and he coped very well with the workload and even though it was sometimes colder than he was used to and harder than he was used to he maintained his determination to keep going and get the most out of the experience" said Barbara Skelton.



*Stanford in the gym*

Stanford was placed in the Senior Squad with National qualifiers, a squad with approximately 30 swimmers, this squad is under the direction of Shaun Crow who has two assistant coaches working with him at all times to assist the swimmers.

"During his third week – Stanford took part in the Queensland State Championships in the relay

challenge day. He then continued to train up until Christmas Eve and had a one week break (with his family on the Gold Coast) before resuming his rigorous program".

In week two the Acacia Bayside Annual Swimming Camp was held on the Sunshine Coast where twenty-two elite swimmers attended the Senior Camp including Stanford.

At the camp the swimmers were expected to step up to another level of training and live and breathe swimming for the whole week. They were engaged in swim sessions, gym sessions, beach runs, surfing, go karting and other fitness activities all aimed at providing the swimmers with a good foundation of fitness to kick off the season in preparation for the nationals.



*Stanford with members of the Acacia Bayside swim squad and Coach Shaun Crow*

This worked in nicely for Stanford who is preparing for the PNG Nationals in April and then Oceania Champs in May.

In addition to fitness work swimmers were given a lot of one on one and small group time to view and critique their swims at the State Championships and competition. Also new videoing was done this time of their underwater work and each swimmer was given one on one time with the coaches to discuss and assess their technique with a view to further improving performance. Goal setting sessions were then held to encourage and ensure that swimmers set season goals and long term goals.

Following the camp the swimmers returned to Brisbane to prepare for the Brisbane regional sprint championships.

At this meet Stanford achieved four personal best times in 50m sprints and also achieved a Silver Target Time, he swam in four age groups sprints and two open sprints (Free and Fly).





*Stanford in top right hand corner, Barbara Vali middle centre*

The following weekend Stanford took part in his final meet the QLD State Sprints, he took part in five events, the four age groups sprints and the Open Fly. "He achieved all form times, which was very pleasing given the work load that he had maintained during the weeks leading up to the two meets. (Acacia Swimmers do not taper for these meets – they will only taper for States in early December and then for Nationals later this year - April). So in essence these times were achieved mid heavy training," said PNG Registrar Barbara Skelton

"As an outgoing friendly young man, Stanford found it very easy to settle and make good and lasting friendships." "His behaviour and respect toward others was impeccable and he made PNG proud." "He trained with fellow Papua New Guinean and past team mate Barbara Vali."

"On his final day with the club (at Chandler for the State Sprints) the Acacia Swimmers sadly bid him farewell, with many hugs and sad faces, each one wanting to be the last to say goodbye.....many were very upset to be saying goodbye," concluded Barbara.

## Preparation towards the Olympics

Ryan Pini continues to devote his time to a rigorous training and competition schedule as he prepares to represent PNG at the Olympic Games to be held in London from July 27 to August 12, 2012.

"Over the past three months we have combined some very tough racing competition with a challenging training program in preparation for the London Olympics," said his Australian coach Rick Van der Zant of Yeronga Park Club in Brisbane.

Rick went on to say that Mid November, 2011 Ryan contested the Asian circuit of the World Cups. It was a two week tour where he competed on the world stage in 26 races over 6 days. No less than 13 new open PNG national records were set by Ryan during these competitions.

"On his return he has contested the 2011 State Championships of Queensland, 2012 Victoria and New South Wales Championships."

The competitions have been tough and provided good race practice for Ryan competing beside top competitors from Australia as well as many International teams in their preparation to qualify for the Olympics later in the year.

"All his efforts at these three meets have been outstanding particularly his third place in the 100m butterfly in Victoria."

"Ryan continues his gym training and core stability work under the watchful eye of the physiotherapist. His shoulders continue to hold up well under the intense training," concluded Coach Rick Van Der Zant.



*Ryan winning a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly even at the Victorian open, silver went to Sam Ashby and gold to Christopher Wright*

## HAPPENING EVENTS



### NOMINATE NOW

The Papua New Guinea Sports Federation has launched the 2012 **SP Sports Awards** for 2011

The **SP Sports Awards** is an incentive scheme that recognizes the efforts of sportsmen and sports women around the country.

Nominations will only be accepted on the Official Nomination Form in respect to performance and achievements during the period of January 1 to December 31, 2011.

There are FOURTEEN categories in the **SP Sports Awards** 2012.

Sports Man of the Year	K4500
Sports Woman of the Year	K4500
Team of the Year	K4500
Community Sports Initiative Award	(Sporting Goods Kit)
Junior Male Athlete of the Year	K3000
Junior Female Athlete of the Year	K3000
Junior Team of the Year	K3000
(Note Junior status is 19 years and under)	
Sports Club of the Year	K3000
Best Sportsman with a disability	K3000
Distinguished Service to Sport	K3000
Coach of the Year	K2000
Sports Administrator of the Year	K2000
Technical Official of the Year	K2000
Sports Media Award	K2000
Sports Photo of the Year	K2000

**Nominations can be submitted by anyone including national sporting associations, individual sportsmen and women, coaches, administrators, clubs, sports officials, the media and the public for any of the above awards.**

The SP Sports Awards are for all sporting persons and bodies. The decision of the Awards Selection Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Closing date for nominations in all categories of the **SP Sports Awards 2012** is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.**

Additional information on terms and conditions can be obtained from the PNG Sports Federation & Olympic Committee Inc on:

Telephone : (675) 3230411 or 3230108 or 71001063

Facsimile: (675) 3251851

Email [llhasu@pngsfo.org.pg](mailto:llhasu@pngsfo.org.pg)

Location: Sir John Guise Stadium, Ground Floor, Waigani, NCD

**SUPPORT OUR SPORT AND NOMINATE**



### **2012 THEODIST national Long Course championships**

**To be held in NCD at the Sir Donald Cleland Pool**

**Hosted by Boroko Amateur Swimming Club**

**From Friday 20th April to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April over FOUR sessions**

**PNGSI sincerely thanks **THEODIST** for supporting and sponsoring the championships in 2012**

### *New Awards Criteria*

- Community Sports Initiative Award**  
 The award is open to either a sports club or a community sports group who has shown great initiative in using sports activities to address social issues such as law & order, HIV & AIDS, gender equality, violence against women & children, fair play, drug abuse.
- Sports Club of the Year Award**  
 The award is open to sports clubs of any level throughout PNG. A club must be able to prove it is well administered and is run according to the principles of good governance. The club should be able to demonstrate efforts to carry out initiatives which benefit the community and promote good behavior and has exhibited an emphasis on youth development as a key principle of the club and has been able to perform and achieve at a high level respective to its position.
- Sports Media Award**  
 Expanded to all forms of media in which sport is covered ie: through traditional print, and television, to radio or social media.
- Sports Photo Award**  
 The award will be for the best photo of the past year which captured the essence of sport in a certain sporting moment. It is open to the general public and photos can be those taken from cameras to mobile phones.

## **BLEW RETURNS TO OUR SHORES**

### *FINA Technical Officials Clinic*

## **Education in the forefront**

A Technical Officials Course will be held in conjunction with the Theodist National Championships in April from 18-22.

The course will be funded under the FINA Sports Development program and BSP sponsorship money - Education program.

Vice Chairman of the Technical Committee on the FINA Bureau Don Blew has been invited to conduct the course.

Don, a friend to PNG Swimming comes to us with a great wealth of experience and knowledge in officiating worldwide under the FINA umbrella; at Olympic Games, FINA World Championships (SC/LC), Commonwealth Games, National Championships to name a few. He has also presented over the past years at FINA World Technical Congresses, Oceania Congresses and has conducted many a clinic in our Region.

Excellence in performance and in life begins with a vision of where you want to go and a commitment to do what it takes to get there. An important key result area of PNGSI is to upgrade the level of our technical officials in the country to a FINA recognised standard that will allow our members to officiate in competitions on pool deck at the national and international level.

With the Pacific Games in the forefront of our minds PNGSI calls on all interested persons who wish to be a part of these magnificent Games as a Technical Official to please send an email to Kathleen Maskelyne (PNGSI Chief Technical Official) Email address: [kmaskelyne@gmail.com](mailto:kmaskelyne@gmail.com) stating their availability.

PNGSI is in the process of updating its technical officials register and would appreciate past members to email PNGSI CTO with their name and position held.

All FINA rules are outlined in the PNGSI 2012 Year Book or you can source it from the FINA website [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org)

## **A PHILOSOPHY IN LIFE**

### **Keep your THOUGHTS positive**

Because your thoughts become your **WORDS**

### **Keep your WORDS positive**

Because your words become your **ACTIONS**

### **Keep your ACTIONS positive**

Because your actions become your **HABITS**

### **Keep your HABITS positive**

Because your habits become your **VALUES**

### **Keep your VALUES Positive**

Because your values become your **DESTINY**

***When you find something you are truly committed to develop, everything else can grow. Commitment is the first essential ingredient guiding the pursuit of excellence. With commitment you can do almost anything. It is this focused connection that allows us to continue to learn, experiment, create, enjoy and perform to our capacity.***

## **Triathlon course**

Stephen Damien of PNG Triathlon has extended an invitation to members of PNG swimming to attend a Triathlon coaching course in April (tentatively 17-20 April 2012)

The PNG Triathlon with International Triathlon Union will run the course over 4-days. The course will touch on most aspects of triathlon but there are other topics which you may be interested in.

Do not hesitate to contact Stephen on:

email: [damien@upsouthevents.com](mailto:damien@upsouthevents.com) or check out their website [www.upsouthevents.com](http://www.upsouthevents.com)

**The 2012 PNGSI Year book is now in circulation and if you have not yet received one you can email [wells@daltron.com.pg](mailto:wells@daltron.com.pg) or PNGSI Registrar Barbara Skelton on email: [barbaraskelton@bigpond.com.au](mailto:barbaraskelton@bigpond.com.au)**

**The Year Book is full of valuable information including the FINA Rules for competition, international calendar of events, qualifying procedures and contact details and information.**



## LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES

Please note that the FINA website ([www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org)) will have weekly updates (starting from February 1, 2012) on the swimmers and respective times achieved during the qualification period and events for these Games.

As per previous information FINA have stated that the total quota of athletes to these Games is 900 athletes in the swimming events.

Maximum per NF/NOC in the individual events is two (2) competitors. Both athletes must have achieved Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT). To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved At least an OQT or the competitor must have achieved at least the FINA/Olympic Selection Time (OST), and be approved by FINA to compete.

Universality Places - in NF/NOCs where no swimmers have achieved either the OQT or OST may enter either one (1) man and/or one (1) woman, provided swimmers participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships 6 Shanghai 2011 and be approved by FINA to compete.

The total number of Universality places shall not exceed 150 swimmers. These swimmers will be selected in accordance with FINA Points Table (in principle, the best 75 men and 75 women). If there are fewer than 75 athletes for either gender, the other gender could receive more than 75 places.

The 2012 FINA Point Tables will serve as the basis for the selection of the Universality athletes, with the highest ranked athletes selected first.

Papua New Guinea has two athletes who competed in the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA world Championships; they were Judith Meaurio, and Ryan Pini.

## FINA WEBSITE LAUNCHES BIOGRAPHIES' SECTION

**Profile of top stars in the five disciplines is now available**

**Lausanne (SUI), December 1, 2011** – FINA launched today a new section in its website devoted to the profile of top-stars in all aquatic disciplines.

The top performances of the competitors, as well as many facts and figures related to their successful career will be displayed in the biographies' section. The access to this section will be free of charge to all those interested in knowing more about the top aquatic athletes in the world.

To display this section, FINA has established a partnership with Infostrada Sports, a well-known company in the area of info system provided to the media at Olympic Games and FINA World Championships.

*"This important tool will enhance even more the visibility and attractiveness of FINA's website and will pay a fair tribute to our stars in the five continents. I am sure that this new section will be appreciated by the followers of our Sport and will help the media in their essential mission of covering Aquatics",* considered FINA President Dr. Julio C. Maglione about this new enhancement on [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org)

The first profiles to be presented in this section relate to all medallists in the five aquatic disciplines at the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships, held last July in Shanghai (CHN).

The direct link to this section is [bios.fina.org](http://bios.fina.org)

## FINA AQUATICS MAGAZINE

We have received news from FINA that the FINA Aquatics World Magazine is now available online as well as in hard copy.

The electronic edition is considerably cheaper than the printed one i.e. US\$2 per copy in the online version. Subscription information is available via the FINA website.



## AQUATIC STARS GO ONLINE!

FINA Aquatics World Magazine is now available in electronic format!

Visit the FINA website ([www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org)) and download the requested issues to your PC, tablet (iPad) or smartphone.

Want to save money? The best stories on swimming, diving, water polo, synchro and open water swimming are just a FEW CLICKS AWAY.

The FINA Aquatics World Magazine is a 124-page treasure trove of information, news, views and profiles from the international federations and five disciplines around the Globe. The printed version is duly praised for its high quality and for being of benefit and interest to the worldwide swimming community. The full-colour magazine is published six times a year, every second month.

## Lausanne, Switzerland – FINA has posted the swimming order of events for the 2012 Olympics.

The competition dates for Swimming are July 28 to August 4, 2012; prelims session begin at 10:00am; finals at 7:30pm. Finals event order is as follows (final, unless noted as semi-final).

### Schedule of Events

#### DAY 1: SATURDAY JULY 28, 2012

Men's 400 IM  
Women's 100 fly (semi-final)  
Men's 400 free  
Women's 400 IM  
Men's 100 breaststroke (semi-final)  
Women's 400 Free Relay

#### DAY 2: SUNDAY JULY 29, 2012

Women's 100 fly  
Men's 200 free (semi-final)  
Women's 100 breaststroke (semi-final)  
Men's 100 breaststroke  
Women's 400 free  
Men's 100 back (semi-final)  
Women's 100 back (semi-final)  
Men's 400 Free Relay

#### DAY 3: MONDAY JULY 30, 2012

Women's 200 free (semi-final)  
Men's 200 free  
Women's 100 back  
Men's 100 back  
Women's 100 breaststroke  
Men's 200 fly (semi-final)  
Women's 200 IM (semi-final)

#### DAY 4: TUESDAY JULY 31, 2012

Men's 100 free (semi-final)  
Women's 200 free  
Men's 200 fly  
Women's 200 fly (semi-final)  
Men's 200 breaststroke (semi-final)  
Women's 200 IM  
Men's 800 Free Relay

#### DAY 5: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1, 2012

Men's 200 breaststroke  
Women's 100 free (semi-final)  
Men's 200 back (semi-final)  
Women's 200 fly  
Men's 100 free  
Women's 200 breaststroke (semi-final)  
Men's 200 IM (semi-final)

Women's 800 Free Relay

#### DAY 6: THURSDAY AUGUST 2, 2012

Men's 50 free (semi-final)  
Women's 200 breaststroke  
Men's 200 back  
Women's 200 back (semi-final)  
Men's 200 IM  
Women's 100 free  
Men's 100 fly (semi-final)

#### DAY 7: FRIDAY AUGUST 3, 2012

Women's 200 back  
Men's 100 fly  
Women's 800 free  
Men's 50 free  
Women's 50 free (semi-final)

#### DAY 8: SATURDAY AUGUST 4, 2012

Women's 50 free  
Men's 1500 free  
Women's 400 Medley Relay  
Men's 400 Medley Relay



Olympian Ryan Pini takes time out from his training program with the BASC swimmers

FINA has updated the Swimming qualifying procedures for 2012 Olympics. The qualifying system now posted on the FINA website is dated from November 2011 (updated from February 2011).

The major change deals with specifying how swimmers will be ranked for invitations to the Games, for those entering the Olympics either via Universality spots or via an OST qualification.

Swimmers with an Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT), may also swim other events in which they have achieved the Olympic Selection Time (OST) or faster.

The qualifying period for swimming OQTs or OSTs now ends June 18, 2012.

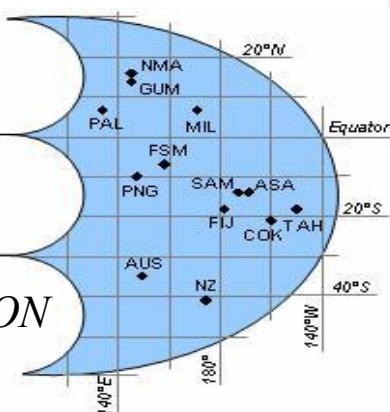


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## NEWS FROM OCEANIA

### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Oceania Swimming Association with the assistance of generous funding from Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC), from ONOC and Asian Swimming and Oceania Swimming Association (OSA) will be running an inaugural Regional Development Workshop at the Tanoa Intentional Hotel in Nadi, Fiji from the 4th to 6th March 2012.

Papua New Guinea will be represented by President Elizabeth Wells (OSA Treasurer) and PNGSI Executive member Lois Nakmai.

This is an exciting time for our region and a positive first step towards establishing pathways for success.

Day one will be focused on **Setting the Scene** and will see OSA President Dennis Miller give the welcome comments, followed by Keynote speaker Bill Sakovich talking on Issues and Challenges facing Aquatics Development in Oceania. OSA Hon Secretary Neil Martin will present on the FINA Development Program while ONOC will give an overview on the Olympic Solidarity Assistance for Aquatics in Oceania.

During day one each Federation will deliver a power point presentation outlining their Federations structure and operations including membership, coaching, officials, disciplines, calendar and 3 main challenges they are faced with.

Day two will be focused on **Addressing Challenges** and will include presentations from Papua New Guinea to present on strategic planning; Fiji to present on restructuring a national federation; USA to present on Coaching Development and Club Development; Swimming Australia to present on Officiating – Issues and solutions for Oceania. There will also be presentations on the Oceania Sport Education Program

Day three will be focused on **The Future** with a presentation by the Organising Committee of the 2012 Oceania Swimming Championships to be held in Noumea, New Caledonia/ This will be followed by Assistance for Aquatic Development-Panel discussion which will include Facilities, Government, Corporate Sector, Coach Education, Competition, FINA Disciplines concluding with recommendations.

### Oceania Swimming Championships 2012

The Oceania Swimming Championships will be held from May 28 to June 2, 2012. The New Caledonian Swimming Federation will be hosting the event under the guidance of OSA.

These championships have been approved by FINA as a qualifying competition for the London Olympics to be held from July 27 to August 12, 2012.

PNG will be naming its travelling team at the completion of the Theodist National Championships

### Oceania Members appointed for FINA BUREAU

PNGSI extends congratulations to OSA President Mr Dennis Miller and Swimming Australia Limited member Matt Dun on their FINA positions on the FINA Bureau.

For FINA Vice President: Dennis Miller  
For FINA Bureau member: Matt Dunn

OSA will now propose these candidates to the FINA Bureau for their approval. The positions expire in 2013 at the time of the FINA Congress with both eligible for re-election, first as candidates by OSA at its congress in 2012 in Noumea, then for approval of the FINA Congress in Barcelona in 2013 in accordance with the FINA Constitution.

### Websites: Stay in the know

FINA WEBSITE: [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org); ASCTA: [www.ascta.com](http://www.ascta.com); Swim Ed: [www.swimed.com](http://www.swimed.com); SAL: [www.swimming.org.au](http://www.swimming.org.au) WSCA: [www.swimmingcoach.org](http://www.swimmingcoach.org);

PNGSI Website can be found at: [www.oceaniasport.com](http://www.oceaniasport.com) Click on 'swimming', Scroll down - Click on 'Papua New Guinea Swimming Association', click on a subject in the left hand menu box titles to receive content.

OCEANIA SWIMMING ASSOCIATION Website can be found by either looking it up on Google or yahoo search engines by typing in "oceania swimming association" or you can find it on the SportingPulse website which is [www.sportingpulse.com](http://www.sportingpulse.com)

News on Scholarship recipients at IOWA Central Community College: [www.iowacentral.edu/athletics/swimming/index.asp](http://www.iowacentral.edu/athletics/swimming/index.asp)