



# PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC

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## NEWS BULLETIN

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### Dear Member affiliates



Our last news bulletin for 2012

As we enter a New Year and swimmers, coaches, officials and administrators and families are taking a well-deserved break before the 2013 swim program begins, we take time to look at what we have achieved and plan the pathway for the coming year.

To close 2012 we received notification from FINA that PNG Referees Sarenah Pini and Sue Babao have been approved as FINA Referees on Swimming Officials List 17 starting 01.01.2013 and will run for the next 4 years. This is a great outcome for swimming and has been an ongoing process for the past 6 years and now at the close of 2012 has become a reality. Great news as we look towards 2015 Pacific Games.

We acknowledge and congratulate Ryan Pini who received the Pacific Games Council Award for Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year recognizing his sporting efforts from July 2011 to June 2012 (see article).

Closing the year we witnessed 4 young swimmers take to the blocks at the FINA World Short Course Championship in Istanbul during December where they collected 20 age and open PNG Records with 100 per cent personal best times.

As we close 2012 it is time to send out a very big "Thank You" to each and every one of our affiliated members for the time they have all given to the sport of swimming in Papua New Guinea and abroad throughout 2012. PNGSI is sincerely appreciative of the effort put in.

As an organization, always ready to provide the best pathways for our athletes, coaches and officials to improve we take this opportunity to sincerely thank our valued sponsors who have helped us in making this happen - our

## Wish you all a wonderful 2013

major sponsor Bank South Pacific and event sponsors TNT, Theodist, NGCB, PNGSFOC through their Go 4 Gold funding program (Government support), and our support sponsors Daltron, Coca Cola and our two international organisations we are affiliated to FINA and Oceania Swimming Association.

The media, radio, television and print media who have played an important part in relaying our news out to the wider community we thank you for the continued support.

2012 saw over 100 PNG records being broken in the Age Group, Open and Masters Categories.

The Clubs support of PNG Swimming and its programs both in competition and education have been exemplary.

We rely a great deal on the tireless band of volunteers in the Clubs and on the executive who have given themselves to the task of developing our athletes, guiding them towards becoming better competitors and developing them into fine sportsmen and women.

The executive of the Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc say THANK YOU and wish you all a magical Festive Season filled with positive happy wishes and caring thoughts.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2013, as we prepare for a bigger and brighter year of swimming in the country.



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

## Aquatic Excellence Squad Members 2011/2012



### BSP GOLD KUNDU TARGET

Sam Seghers  
Barbara Vali  
Judith Meauri  
Stanford Kawale  
Tegan McCarthy

### BSP SILVER KUNDU TARGET

Colin Akara  
Livingstone Aika  
Marcus Blake  
Peter Pokawin  
Savannah Tkatchenko  
Nathan Tukana



### 9-11 YEARS JUNIOR GOLD

Raila Ila  
Ramia Takin  
Ebony Tkatchenko  
Catherine Vali  
Matthew Vali

### JUNIOR SILVER

Adam Green  
Chelsea Johns  
Gairo Puana  
Jeremiah Tkatchenko  
Luke Vava  
Nolan Vava  
Marcel Whitfield

## PNGSI SANCTIONED EVENTS in 2013

Date	Description	Place
Feb 9-10	Qld Sprint Championships	Brisbane
Mar 2-3	McDonalds Nth Qld Regional Champs	Townsville
Mar 15-17	McDonalds Nth Qld Regional Champs	Cairns
Mar 30	PNGSI AGM	Port Moresby
April 6-7	Technical Officials School FINA	Port Moresby
April TBA	Olympic Sol. FINA Coaches Course	Port Moresby
April 8-13	Australian Age Championships	Adelaide
April 26	Energy Australia Swimming Championships	Adelaide
May 3	Championships	
May 4-5	Theodist National Championships	Port Moresby
May 7-12	ASCTA Coaches Convention	Gold Coast
Jun 28-30	NGCB Dolphin Sprints	Port Moresby
Jun 28-Jul 2	Swim Camp	Port Moresby
June TBA	9 <sup>th</sup> Singapore National Championships	Singapore
Jul 20-Aug 4	15 <sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships	Spain
August TBA	4 <sup>th</sup> FINA World Junior Championships	Dubai UAE
Sept 7-8	TNT SC National Championships	Lae
Sept	Australian Swim Camp	Brisbane



### 12-14 YEARS

### INTERMEDIATE GOLD

James Runnegar

### INTERMEDIATE SILVER

Ruth Bunena  
Felix Devlin  
Angus Dubar  
Kimberley Ila  
Leonard Kalate  
Jeankapa Koupa  
Ryan Maskelyne  
Jasmine Mileng  
Britney Murray  
Emmanuel Numa  
Sheldon Plummer  
Josh Tarere  
Juanita Vava  
Nancy Wiseman

## PNG swimmer receives special award

Ryan Pini received the Pacific Games Council Award for the Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year.

The award from the 2011 Pacific Games was presented by the PNG Sports Federation & Olympic Committee in its capacity as the PNG Pacific Games Association (PNG PGA).

The award was handed over to the PNG PGA after the recently held Pacific Games Council Annual General Assembly held on the 18-19 October, 2012.

Pini's award was in recognition of his sporting efforts from July 2011 to June 2012, with his contributions to the success of Team PNG at the 2011 Noumea Pacific Games a big factor in their winning.

Pini said it is a great privilege and he is very proud of the achievement. "This is a big award for me and always quite a privilege to receive something like this because it outlines the effort that you put in.

"It was an extremely busy year last year and it was a good competition for me at the Pacific Games when I competed with some of the best swimmers out there in the Pacific as I was building up for the Olympics," Pini said.



BSP helping to promote a healthy lifestyle through sport and games activities



Unfortunately the games planned for May 2013 have been cancelled. The new Government in the Northern Territory has decided no games in 2013 and will review whether they will be run differently or cancelled altogether.

It is sad news but will keep you updated on future plans when announced.

# 11<sup>th</sup> FINA WORLD SHORT COURSE

The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) was held in Istanbul (Turkey) from December 12-16, 2012.

The championships saw the biggest participation ever in a FINA World Short Course event, both in terms of countries (162) and athletes (958), Papua New Guinea was represented by three female swimmers, Tegan McCarthy (15 years old), Barbara Vali (16 years old), Judith Meauri (20 years old) and one male swimmer Stanford Gore Kawale (17 years old). They were supported by Liz Wells Coach of the team and Sarenah Pini Team Leader. The PNG Swim Team thank FINA and PNGSFOC G4G preparation funding for 2015 Pacific Games for the funding support to enable the athletes to compete.

The 11th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) featured 40 events over five days of competition and was attended by many stars – no less than 16 individual Olympic medallists from the 2012 Games in London swam at the Sinan Erdem arena, including nine Olympic champions. This provided a great incentive for our swimmers to shine in their individual events, feeling confident amongst the best.

Although nervous and feeling a little apprehension when walking out onto the competition stage for the first time to begin their warm up for some great swims they certainly demonstrated they were there to improve their times and do PNG proud as they began the process focus to achieving great results. This was the first time for three of our young athletes (Tegan, Barbara and Stanford) to perform on the world stage at a FINA competition.

The atmosphere was electric, the noise deafening as they took to the water with determination demonstrating a desire to end the year in the best possible way, with many remarkable performances being achieved.

FINA President, Dr Julio Maglione commented, “We have no doubt that in this outstanding venue - Sinan Erdem - the swimmers, National Federations, spectators, all the TV viewers around the world (the signal will go to over 190 territories) have enjoyed great performances and unforgettable moments”.

“The results of the PNG swim team saw a 100% personal best rating, 20 national age and open records fall....plus some good FINA Ranking points. It was a very successful trip...with all swimmers pulling out their best results.....all credit to them for their dedication and commitment to training and to their coaches, parents and Liz and Sarenah who have mentored them during their trip,” said PNGSI Registrar Barbara Skelton.

Records were broken taken by: 16 year old Barbara Vali in the 50m Breaststroke clocking 33.79 breaking her own age and Open record of 34.93 seconds; 100m Individual Medley swimming 1:09.22 taking her age and open record. The previous 100m IM 16 year age record was held by Judith Meauri 1:13.39 set in 2009 and the open record Anna-Liza Mopio Jane 1:10.16 set in 2008. In the 100m breaststroke Barbara smashed her own age record of 1:17.06 swimming a great time of 1:13.73. This time also gave her the Open record. Barbara continued her record breaking swims clocking a finish time in the 50m freestyle of 28.22 seconds, the previous record was held by Judith Meauri 28.75 set in 2008 and in the 200m Breaststroke event Barbara finished her record breaking swims stopping the clock in an age and open record time of 2:43.75 her previous record time was 2:47.32. (Total of 9 records claimed by Barbara Vali).

*From the FINA  
President Dr Julio  
Maglione:*

*The FINA family lived  
an unforgettable  
competition,  
highlighted by many  
remarkable  
performances.*

*Confirmed stars and  
new revelations have  
demonstrated the  
vitality and progress of  
Swimming in the five  
continents.*

*This success is mostly  
due to the hard work of  
our 202 National  
Federations  
worldwide.*

*They all deserve our  
gratitude and  
appreciation.*

*Swimming is  
developing fast,  
attracting more youth  
and generating an  
increased number of  
stars in the five  
continents.*

*This is fundamental for  
the improvement of the  
value and image of  
FINA and its aquatic  
sports worldwide.*





15 year old Tegan McCarthy demonstrated her versatility in the pool taking Barbara Vali's 15 year age record in the 50m breaststroke 35.18 stopping the clock in a time of 34.45. In the 100m backstroke event Tegan clocked 1:12.61 taking Krystle Babao's record of 1:15.07 set in 2003. She then went on to swim the 50m butterfly event in an age record time of 30.25 taking a long standing record held since 1999 by Namiko Kobayashi in a time of 32.03 and claiming the open record previously held by Anna-Liza Mopio-Jane of 30.79 set in 2006.

In the 100m Individual medley event Tegan took 2.93 seconds of the previous age record 1:12.62 held by Barbara Vali swimming a finish time of 1:09.69. In the 100m Breaststroke event Tegan swam a finish time of 1:16.02 taking her age record which was previously held by Barbara Vali in a time of 1:16.96. The 50m 15 year old backstroke record fell with Tegan swimming a time of 32.27 taking Krystle Babao's record of 34.13 held since 2003. Tegan finished her record haul swimming 2:50.44 in the 200m Breaststroke, the record was previously held by Barbara Vali 2:53.76 set in 2011. (Total of 8 records claimed by Tegan McCarthy).

17 year old Stanford Gore shone in his events swimming an age record time in the 50m freestyle 24.30, this age record was previously held by Ryan Pini 24.81 set in 1999. In the 50m butterfly Stanford churned up the water taking Peter Pokawin's record of 27.06 set in 2011 stopping the clock in a finish time of 27.02. In the 100m Freestyle Stanford finished his competition events clocking 53.47 eclipsing Ryan Pini's age record held since 1999 of 53.51. (Total of 3 records claimed by Stanford Kawale).

Judith Meauri swam a great time in the 50m freestyle event clocking a finish time of 27.29 taking 1.71 seconds off her previous time of 29.00 and in the 100m freestyle Judith clocked 1:00.24 taking 3.62 seconds off her previous time of 1:03.66. Judith went on to swim a personal best time in the 200 freestyle clocking 2:15.50 and 50m Butterfly 31.00.

The FINA President Dr. Julio C. Maglione highlighted the success of the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in Istanbul and handed over the FINA flag to the next organisers of the competition, the city of Doha in Qatar.







The man behind Myrtha Pools Trevor Tiffany who we will see in PNG when construction begins on our 50m/25m pool complex in Port Moresby for the 2015 Pacific Games



# HAPPENING EVENTS

**Lifetime experience offered to coach and swimmer to participate in the 2013 Dream Program to be held in Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, and the hosts of the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.**

The venue that will host 150 participants from 40 countries will be the Alpensia resort, Gangneung Indoor Ice Rink from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.

The Dream Program initiated by Gangwon Province, is a promotion plan for young winter sports athletes from around the world to come together for thirteen days.

This is a truly unique opportunity with PNG being one of only 40 countries worldwide who have been selected for the Dream Program and the only country from the Oceania region.

The Dream Program invites young people between 12-16 years of age from countries where winter sports are not developed due to various reason such as climate, etc. and realize harmony of mankind and world peace through sports by providing systematic training (experience) of winter sports and promoting exchange of culture and friendship among youth from all over the world.

The Korean Ambassador to PNG requested PNGSFOC to take advantage of this opportunity and confirmed that participants do not need to have any winter Olympic sport experience. PNG is allowed to nominate 3 athletes and 1 coach for this program.

PNGSFOC sent out nomination forms to sports to apply to represent PNG in the program. PNG Swimming Inc nominated Coach Villiwa Puana Voi and female swimmer Jasmine Mileng who were duly accepted.

Winning the right to host 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games Gangwon province made an endeavor to convert the character of program into systematic and specialized training program of winter sports. "Winter Sports Academy" was started to establish professional winter athlete resources from 2012 by providing opportunity to promising youths athletes.

The contents of the Dream Program

- 1) Winter sports training program(Winter Sports Academy)**
- 2) Korean culture experience and fellowship program**
  - Attend winter festival, recreation, Seoul tour, Visit Olympic athlete facilities
- 3) Winter Sports Base Expansion Program (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dream Program)**

## FINA Officials (Technical/Coaches)

To carry competitions in the best possible way, FINA can count on Officials for its five aquatic disciplines. Officials are referees, starters, judges, coaches, managers, trainers, chaperons, etc. who make sure to provide athletes with the best conditions during competition, be it for warm-up session, training, or while events are taking place.

To keep Officials informed of new rules and regulations in their respective discipline, FINA regularly organises world seminars and provides clinics and schools in each of the five continents.

### FINA Official List no. 17 (01.01.2013 – 01.01.2017)

**Papua New Guinea has received notification that PNG Referees Sarenah Pini and Sue Babao have been approved as FINA Referees on Swimming Officials List 17 starting 01.01.2013 and will run for 4 years.**

Dennis Miller President of Oceania Swimming Association and Vice President on FINA Bureau congratulated the two on their recognition as a FINA Referee.

### *FINA Technical Officials School approved for 2013*

Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc has received final confirmation from Cornel Marculescu, Executive Director of FINA on the organisation of the FINA Technical Officials School in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from the 6 until the 7 of April 2013. In order to begin the arrangements for the planned a FINA Swimming Officials school, we would appreciate any interested person wishing to take part to do so now by contacting [PNGSI](#) now.

Invitations to the FINA Federations in Oceania and Asia will be sent out by the FINA office inviting them to also take part in the FINA Official Technical School.

This is a great opportunity for all in Papua New Guinea to take advantage of in preparation for the 2015 Pacific Games to be held in Port Moresby starting July 4.

### *Coaching Clinic approved for 2013*

PNGSI has also been notified that the FINA Bureau has approved the organization of a FINA Swimming Coaches Clinic in Port Moresby in mid April 2013 as part of the FINA Development Program in 2013.

A date and venue will be advised early in the New Year.





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is  
our  
world

## NEWS FROM FINA

Our World Body Governing Swimming

### FINA AQUATICS world magazine

*Circular letter to all FINA Member Federations*

Dear Friends,

*"The FINA Aquatics World Magazine has started a Readers' Column about their readers' personal experiences related to the five aquatic disciplines. We would welcome short stories, photos from our readers.*

*Some ideas would be: aquatic activities they participated in, stories of traditional clubs, the opening of a new pool, aquatic blogs, what the Federations and local communities are doing for the development and promotion of aquatics, few lines about our readers as athletes' parents (and/or photos of readers and their athlete children together), or pictured as fans of our Magazine or with their favourite aquatic athletes.*

*We look forward to receiving such few lines and photos continuously from our readers.*

*Our e-mail address is:*  
[magazine@fina.org](mailto:magazine@fina.org)

*Thanks a lot for being our readers, enjoy our Magazine!"*

Best, friendly wishes,

Tamas Gyarfas  
Editor in Chief, FINA Aquatics  
World Magazine

**FINA Gold Medal Swimming Coaches Clinic** opened in Moscow, Russia on the 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October with 200 swimming coaches representing more than a hundred National Federations. Papua New Guinea was represented by National Coach Liz Wells

The coaches in attendance at the two day Clinic were offered a wide range of - visions of coaching, training philosophy, practical training cycles, personal experiences, motivation tips for swimmers, and many pieces of advice on the balance between training and life outside the pool of an athlete and the relationship between a coach and his/her athlete by top-level coaches from the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The Olympic coaches who presented were Romain Barnier from France, Graham Hill from South Africa, Matthew Brown from Australia, Todd Schmitz from the USA, Chinese coaches Haitao Liu and Guoyi Xu, Dir Lange from Germany, Ferenc Kovacshegyi from Hungary, and Yuri Sugiyama from the USA

The FINA Clinic provided an opportunity for Coaches from around the world to come together and communicate outside the competition arena.

Dr Julio Maglione, FINA President extended his appreciation to all coaches who attended the event "stating your work is remarkable and provides a touch of excellence to Aquatics".

After the last presentation FINA Executive Director Cornel Marculescu summarised the main take-aways of the 1st Gold Medal clinic which were: there is an "art of coaching"; there is no substitute for hard work; quality is worth more than quantity; you must find the right balance between hard work and recovery; athletes also have a life outside the pool; variety is key in getting motivation for training; multidisciplinary teams around swimmers are helpful, but not strictly necessary; when training, there is no special status for Olympic champion; and the key to success is trust between a coach and his swimmer.

FINA President Dr. Julio C. Maglione also added: FINA is a great Sport, a Sport for Life, being one of the pillars of the Olympic programme."

Frank Busch, USA Swimming's National Team Director and Member of the FINA Coaches Commission, closed the clinic.

#### **PROGRAMME PILLARS**

**TRUST**

**PASSION**

**BELIEF**

**TEAM**

**HARD WORK / DEDICATION**

Thank you to FINA and PNGSFOC G4G funding.



The 2nd FINA World Aquatics Convention opened in Moscow, Russia on October 29 and ran through to November 1.

The FINA event, organised in a non-competition environment, offered a unique opportunity for the Aquatics community - the FINA Family, National Federations, partners, manufacturers, athletes and coaches, bidders and organisers of FINA events, media etc. - to work together to grow FINA SPORTS.

The first goal of the Convention is to provide development tools for our 202 National Federations to grow in strength and image said Dr Julio Maglione, President of FINA.

With this main purpose in mind, the FINA World Aquatics Convention was a unique occasion to evaluate and discuss the development of our Aquatic sports in the five continents, and to suggest, by a common exchange of points of view, further ways of progress.

"The direction taken was to continue and improve our collaboration with our partners, to establish strategies and business opportunities for the future, so that we can find the best possible way to enhance the image of FINA, of the National Federations and of our Sport in general," said Julio Maglione.

The opening was followed by the first workshop on the theme "Aquatics Sports: Bringing legacy to society", with FINA Vice President Husain Al-Musallam as moderator. Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Sport for Development and Peace, was the first to speak.

FINA President Maglione informed that "FINA, in co-operation with the United Nations and UNESCO are looking on developing a new programme for 'Sport for All', based in the diversity of the aquatic sports and with the objective that as many people as possible learn swimming worldwide for the benefit of mankind."

After explaining the UN's vision of "Sport for All", Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Sport for Development and Peace concluded: "The water is your world and let us try to let them swim!"

Pere Miro, Director of IOC Solidarity talked about the "Impact of the Olympic Solidarity Programme through Participation by

Aquatic Athletes who were granted IOC Scholarships". He detailed the cooperation between FINA and Olympic Solidarity in the last years for the organisation of assistance to NOCs, in particular those with the greatest need. The assistance has four targets: athletes, coaches, administrators and to develop Olympic values.

"We are very happy with the work we've achieved with FINA. Swimming and Aquatics in general, have gotten a big part of the investment. Thanks to this cooperation, National Federations, NOCs, IOC Solidarity and FINA have been able to give USD 5 million for the benefit of the Sport in the last quadrennial term (2009-2012)," said Miro.

The FINA World Aquatics Convention saw in attendance

- FINA and 202 Member National Federations
- Olympic Family
- Host Organising Committees of Olympic Games and international Sports Events
- Sponsors & the Aquatic Sporting Goods industry
- Countries & cities bidding to host Aquatic Events
- Architects, Engineering and Programme Management Consultants designing the world's leading Aquatic venues and facilities
- News Media/Technology companies transforming the way Aquatic sports are consumed in the Media
- Companies specialising in delivering products & services to International Sport Communities

The goals of the FINA World Aquatics Convention were:

- Achieve unity of the Aquatic movement through the reinforcement of the strength of Aquatic sports worldwide
- Provide to Aquatic community the prospects for development and guidelines for reaching sustainable growth through sport
- Share knowledge, exchange ideas, broaden networking and strengthen relationships to move the Aquatic sports in the right direction.

The convention provided a unique and exclusive opportunity for the global sport community to come together; a comprehensive programme of meetings, conference sessions and networking events accompanied by an exhibition.

