



REPORT TO THE 2016 ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY Doha, Qatar.

Firstly, on behalf of my colleagues and friends in Oceania, let me congratulate the Secretary General of the Papua New Guinea NOC and member of the ANOC Executive, Mrs. Auvita Rapilla, on her election as an IOC Member at the IOC Session held in Rio de Janeiro during the Olympic Games. Auvita has been part of our ONOC family for many years now, and has been mentored by the current PNGNOC President and long time national and regional sports administrator, Sir John Dawanincura. Auvita was awarded the IOC Women in Sport Award for Oceania a few years back, is a MEMOS Graduate and is part of the OSEP Training Team in delivering the Management in Olympic Sports Organisations (MOSO) Course. I am sure she will be a valuable contributor to the work of the IOC and ANOC going forward.

While we welcome Auvita, we also farewell our dynamic Athletes Commission Chair, Barbara Kendall who has completed her term as an IOC Member. Through Barbara's leadership, the ONOC Athletes Commission has led the way in developing a range of initiatives both in Oceania and internationally. She will be missed but I am sure we will see her on her surfboard around the region for a while yet! And we welcome her successor as IOC Athletes Commission member, New Zealand's Olympic silver medallist Sarah Walker.

2016 ONOC Annual General Assembly

The 2016 ONOC General Assembly and associated meetings involving the major stakeholders in Sport in Oceania were held in Port Vila, Vanuatu from 6th to 10th May.

Apart from the ONOC GA held on 9 May, the following organisations met:

- Pacific Games Council, which reviewed preparations for the 2017 Pacific Mini Games (Vanuatu), 2019 Pacific Games (Tonga), 2021 Pacific Mini Games (Northern Marianas). The Council also awarded the rights to host the 2023 Pacific Games to the Solomon Islands.
- Oceania Commonwealth Games Association, which was updated on preparations for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.
- ONOC Medical Commission
- ORADO Board Meeting & TUE training workshop

The ONOC General Assembly received reports from the various ONOC Commissions, the Pacific Islands News Association, the Oceania Australia Foundation, the Organisation of Sports Federations in Oceania and the Oceania Regional Anti Doping Organisation.

Representatives of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Organising Committee also attended to conduct NOC Pre DRMS.

Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro

All ONOC members sent teams to the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. We would like to thank the Games Organising Committee, the IOC, International Sports Federations, ANOC and all stakeholders for the work they put into making the Games a success despite the range of challenges that had to be dealt with on a day to day basis. Particular thanks to our Oceania Coordinators Virginia Figueiredo and Sarah Paterson for ensuring our teams' stay in Rio was as comfortable as possible.

There was a large increase in numbers of athletes and officials from the Pacific Islands compared to previous Games, which reflected Fiji qualifying Mens and Women's Teams in Rugby 7s and Men's Football, plus a number of the smaller NOCs qualifying larger numbers of athletes than in the past.

For the islands, the undoubted highlight was the Gold Medal performance of the Fiji Men's 7s Team which went undefeated throughout the tournament.

However, despite this wonderful result, in general, in other sports, our island athletes are still some way off achieving top 8 results, let alone winning medals.

Congratulations to our friends from Australia who once again managed a Top 10 result on the overall medal tally and New Zealand which had its best ever Summer Games Result.

OCEANIA OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS

Australia	8 Gold Medals	11 Silver Medals	23 Bronze Medals
New Zealand	4 Gold Medals	9 Silver Medals	5 Bronze Medals
Fiji	1 Gold Medal		

OLYMPIC DIPLOMAS

Australia	64	New Zealand	22	Fiji	1	Papua New Guinea	1	Samoa	1
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OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

ONOC Continental Programmes include:

- * National Solidarity programmes
- * Regional Olympic Solidarity Programmes (in conjunction with Oceania International Federations)
- * Information Technology
- * Olympoecania
- * Oceania Sports Information Centre
- * Regional / National Games Support
- * IF / NOC Technical Experts programme
- * ONOC Administration Grant
- * Regional Development Fund

Oceania Olympic Values programmes are delivered via:

- * Oceania Sports Education Programme
- * Oceania Athletes Commission
Voices of the Athletes programme/Sustainable Coastlines
- * Oceania Regional Antidoping programme
- * Oceania Women in Sport Commission
- * ONOC Medical Commission

World Programmes (conducted by ONOC on behalf of Olympic Solidarity)

- * Regional Olympic Forum
- * Administrative Subsidy to NOCs

Oceania Sports Education Programme (OSEP)

OSEP is seen by the ONOC as the basis of sport development in the region, across all countries. OSEP is a core strategic direction for ONOC aimed to lift sports delivery performance.

OSEP is committed to the training and development pathway for Pacific sport volunteers and professionals, to inspire more sport participants in communities and produce champions at international level through the provision of quality sport education.

A summary of these milestones achieved in 2016:

OSEP Educators and Master Educators have been trained and are assisting in course delivery in Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Tuvalu. A 15 member team of Regional Master Educators were trained earlier this year to oversee all OSEP Training and continuous professional development, and to provide sports organisation management professional expertise across the region.

A range of courses continue to be delivered across the region. The most popular are the Sport in Communities Administrator and Management in Sporting Organisations. PNG, Samoa, Tuvalu and Fiji rank highly in the total number of OSEP courses delivered at the national level. This basically reflects the buy-in at national level by the respective national governments and training providers of the value of OSEP in the development of sporting infrastructures.

OSEP is currently working on the development of regional curricula for National Team Managers, Development Coaches and Strength and Conditioning Coaches. OSEP also continues to work with regional federations such as Oceania Rugby to integrate OSEP administration training programmes into their training activities.

ONOC Athletes Commission

The purpose of the ONOC Athletes Commission is “to ensure the voice of Oceania Athletes shall be expressed, submitted and taken into account in the ONOC Executive Board and its associated decision-making bodies.”

The requirement of all of our NOCs to have an active Athletes’ Commission as required by our Constitution, has kept the Commission leadership busy in following up with our membership, and delivering the work of the Commission within NOCs.

Apart from being represented on the ONOC Executive by two IOC Athletes Commission members, athletes are represented on our Medical, Education and Women and Sports Commission, as well as on the Oceania Regional Antidoping Organisation. The Pacific Games Council has a new representative on the Commission, Ryan Pini (PNG) who was elected by his peers at the 2015 Pacific Games recently held in Port Moresby, PNG.

Educational programmes being delivered by the Athletes Commission and members throughout the region include the Excellence for Life programmes, as well as Voices of the Athletes programmes.

Voices of the Athletes (VOA) Programme is an initiative developed by the Oceania National Olympic Committee's Athletes Commission (ONOC-AC) in partnership with the Oceania RADO, to help encourage, engage and empower Oceania athletes as leaders in their respective sport and country, advocating for doping-free sport, prevention of HIV/AIDS, and environmental issues.

The VOA Programme, first launched its Outreach Programme at the 2007 South Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa. The programme was well received by the Pacific Games Council (PGC) and its 22 Pacific Games Association members, athletes, and athlete support personnel. The PGC then decided to integrate VOA in all its Pacific & Mini Pacific Games (2009 Rarotonga; 2011 Noumea; 2013 Wallis & Futuna; 2015 Port Moresby) as well as the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games in Apia.

The popularity of the VOA Outreach programme has increased since its inception, and has been invited to be a part of other sport events including:

- Regional Sport Federation competitions for Athletics, Basketball, Hockey, Judo, Karate, Swimming, Rugby and Weightlifting
- Sub-regional Games (Micronesia Games in Palau 2010 and FSM 2014)
- National Events (Fiji Secondary Schools Athletics Championships, Fiji Football Inter District Championships and National Team Camps)

ONOC Medical Commission

This year's annual meeting was held on Sunday, 8 May at Warwick Le Lagon Resort, Port Vila, Vanuatu. As in previous years, it was held in conjunction with the ONOC General Assembly.

Annual Meeting

The main topics for discussion were the ONOC Strategic Plan and the Commission's goals and Sports Medicine courses that were conducted and planned for the year, the proposed regional Cardiac Screening Project, Sports Medicine Courses for Community Level, the 2016 Rio Olympic Games as well as the 2017 Mini Pacific Games in Vanuatu.

Sports Medicine Courses

There were three Sports Medicine courses conducted this year. The first one was in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia from March 30 – April 1. 23 participants, including Coaches and Technical officials as well as Doctors and Nurses attended this course and its purpose was to up skill participants on the prevention and management of sports injuries and medical conditions in preparation for the 2018 Micronesian Games.

The second course was held in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands from April 5 – 12. 20 Participants attended this course and its purpose was to train and up skill local medical personnel on the IOC Medical Code and areas of Sports Physiotherapy and Sports Medicine. Facilitators for both these courses were Commission members.

The final one was conducted in the Cook Islands from May 30 – June 3. Its main focus was on educating participants on the current trends and practice of exercise, science and medicine in sports. The lead facilitator was Mr. Paul Aitu, a Chiropractor with 20 years experience. In total there were 28 participants, representatives from their national sports federations. All three courses incorporated an anti-doping component as well.

Sports Medicine (NOC Initiative) Regional Project

In June, the Commission, through the ONOC Secretariat, submitted a sports medicine project application (NOC Initiative) which was approved Olympic Solidarity in July. The purpose of the regional project titled “*Cardiac Screening for Pacific Athletes*” was to collect data on the relative frequency of cardiac conditions in Pacific Populations. The fund secured was to be used for ECG Screening costs for all athletes from the region participating at the 2016 Rio Olympics, Doctors’ fees for first and second readings as well as administration costs. The project spanned 2 months; the whole of July and August.

In its Interim Report to Olympic Solidarity, the Commission proposes to extend the project to next year so that more data can be collected during the 2017 Mini Games in Vanuatu.

Other Projects

Apart from these, the Commission also worked on two smaller projects during the year; 6 Nutrition posters, which were completed by May, and the ONOC Medical Commission Facebook page which was up and running by August.

2016 Rio Olympic Games

Two of the Commission members, Dr. Christopher Milne and Dr. Bernie Amof were part of the Oceania House Medical Team at the 2016 Rio Olympics. They were also able to facilitate ECG Screening during the Games. Three other Commission members, Cathy Wong, Dr. Larissa Trease and Dr. Luis Cruz were part of their NOC contingents.

2017 Pacific Mini Games, Vanuatu

Whilst in Vanuatu in May, the Commission met with the VASANOC Medical Commission and discussed plans for hosting the Games in December, 2017. Since then, Dr. Bernie Amof has shared documentation on ‘Medical Support Services during the Games’ with the Team. Dr. Amof was a member of the 2016 Pacific Games Organizing Committee. Towards the end of the meeting, the Commission came up with 6 resolutions for the hosts.

WOMEN AND SPORT OCEANIA (WASO)

The number of women in leadership positions across Oceania continues to increase with the IOC appointing seven women to various IOC Commissions to support the implementation of Agenda 2020 - from AUS, NZL, PLW and PNG. In addition, ONOC has two women on the ANOC Executive – Baklai Temengil (PLW) & Auvita Rapilla (PNG); Barbara Kendall (NZL) as Chair of the Athletes Commission and Maria Clarke (NZL) on the Juridical Commission.

The 2015 IOC World Trophy for Women and Sport was awarded to the New Zealand NOC for their role in championing change to ensure that women have a prominent role in sport, both on and off the field of play. This is only the 2nd time the World Trophy has been awarded to an NOC.

The 2015 IOC Continental Award for Oceania went to Olympian Cathy Freeman (AUS). Since winning gold in the 400m track event at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, Cathy has established a Foundation (CCF) which aims to bridge the education gap between indigenous and non-indigenous children, ensuring they all share a strong sense of self-belief and access to opportunities in life. The CCF programme helps provide young girls and boys with regular, structured sporting and recreational activities, promoting school achievement, attendance, healthy living and sociable behaviour.

At the 2015 ANOC General Assembly held in Washington D.C., five women from our Oceania NOCs (AUS, GUM, MHL, PNG, VAN), valued the opportunity to gain an understanding of the wider Olympic family, network with the other delegates and conduct an informal Women & Sport meeting with all women from the Oceania NOC’s. Following a decision from that meeting, some eleven of our NOCs each conducted a Women’s Sport Festival in the early part of this year.

Communicating with women across the Pacific is an important tool for sharing our activities and encouraging greater participation. A record four Issues of the WASO e-News were distributed in 2015 with a focus on women achievers across the region, the Pacific Games and highlights from Women and Sport activities in a number of NOCs. In 2016 there have been two issues to date.

In promoting leadership, the Commission has supported four women to attend various Leadership Courses throughout the year, in addition to two representatives to attend the International Olympic Academy (IOA) Young Participants Session.

In support of women athletes, the Commission has supported Sisilia Seavula (FIJ) through the Oceania Australia Foundation Junior Youth Scholarship Programme for 2015/16 to attend College in the USA. In addition, four athletes were assisted with part-funding to attend mandatory Olympic Qualification events in 2015, and six athletes in 2016. Pleasingly, three of these athletes qualified and competed in Rio at the Olympic Games.

ONOC COMMUNICATIONS

ONOC Communications is proud to report that closer collaboration between NOCs and Media in Oceania has grown exponentially in 2016. This was evident in the number of Pacific Island media (10) from the region that were accredited for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

The fact that Fiji winning its first gold medal in an Olympic Games and the first for the 15 Pacific Islands apart from Australia and New Zealand just added the spice to an already fruitful year.

ONOC Communications began the year by setting up the 3rd sports journalists association in the Kingdom of Tonga in February. ONOC President Dr Robin Mitchell and Secretary General Ricardo Blas were present to witness and engage with Tongan journalists.

ONOC and the regional media body - PINA (Pacific Islands News Association) jointly organised the Women in Sport & Media workshop in Palau in March. The workshop titled '*Commitment to Lead Change*' was funded by IOC's International Relations Department. The workshop brought together journalists from 10 regional countries and the objective was to better understand the IOC's Agenda 2020 and especially highlight women in sport in the media.

Oceania became the only region that has conducted two follow-up workshops to the initial '*Doha Call To Action*' gathering, jointly organised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and IOC in May 2015.

ONOC is focused on organising closer collaboration workshops between NOCs and media in individual countries in the region in 2017. Countries desiring these joint partnerships are Cook Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.

The visibility of the Olympic Movement and its member NOCs from the Pacific got wider media coverage than ever before on various platforms such as social media and mainstream media in 2016.

ONOC anticipates more work with media and NOCs for the upcoming ONOC Annual General Assembly in Fiji next year, the 5th Asia Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan in September 2017 and the Pacific Mini Games in December 2017.

Sport and the Sustainable Development Goals

The contribution of sport to national development and well being have long been recognised, but it is only more recently that sport is playing a more prominent role as a tool for achieving sustainable development. Sport has undoubted health and social benefits, yet has also come under criticism for being elite, for corruption and for its lack of a rigorous evidence base.

The Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Officials of Sport (MINEPS V) held in Berlin, Germany in 2013 is a landmark in driving the agenda of sport for development. The Declaration of Berlin identifies three key areas to focus the strategic direction of sport as a tool for development:

- a) Access to sport as a fundamental right for all
- b) Promoting investment in physical education and sport programs
- c) Preserving the integrity of sport

In April 2015, ONOC and UNESCO sponsored a workshop on MINEPS V. The workshop and the ONOC General Assembly following, reaffirmed the recommendations in the Declaration of Berlin and mapped out an action plan for the Pacific to implement these recommendations. The action plan has two key components:

- a) Develop models for comprehensive sport policy in Pacific countries
- b) Enhance sport education frameworks.

The proposal was presented at the Regional Sports Minister's meeting held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea prior to the Opening Ceremony of the 15th Pacific Games. The theme of the meeting was "Governments and Sport – Working Together for the Pacific Islands People".

At the end of their meeting, the Ministers issued a communiqué which

- a). Acknowledged the value of sport for development in the Pacific, reaffirm the Declaration of Berlin as a set of key recommendations for the future of sport in the Pacific.
- b) Endorsed ONOC as the lead agency for implementation of the Declaration in the Pacific.
- c) Agreed that each country and national governing body of sport approves a focal point to work as a partner in implementation of the Declaration in the Pacific.
- d) Endorsed the short-term first step project on evaluation of the contribution of sport for development in the Pacific for immediate implementation.
- e) Endorsed the longer-term proposal to fully develop the detailed implementation plan by 31 December 2015 based on the recommendations of the ONOC/UNESCO workshop of 30 April 2015, including the call for partnerships and resources.

Following these meetings, ONOC has maintained work in this area. The "Pacific Sports Compass" Working Group has submitted a proposal to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat for European Union funding to support the development of national sports policies in the region. Plans are underway for regional representation at the 2017 MINEPS Meeting in Kazan, Russia.

Additionally, ONOC is collaborating with the IOC - UNESCO Quality Physical Education Education Project in Fiji. The OSEP Coordinator is part of the Technical Committee which is reviewing the physical education policy in Fiji, with a view to strengthening the programme.

ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

ONOC's delegates to the ANOC Executive Council are:

President:	Dr. Robin Mitchell (FIJ)
Vice President:	Barry Maister (NZL)
Secretary General:	Ricardo Blas (GUM)
Executive Member:	Mrs Baklai Temengil (PLW)
	Mrs Auvita Rapilla (PNG)

Current ONOC representatives on ANOC Commissions:

ANOC Events Working Group	Member	Kevan Gosper (Australia)
Audit & Finance	Member	Ken Kramer (MHL)
Athletes	Chair	Barbara Kendall (NZL)
International Relations	Member	Marcus Stephens (NRU)
Juridical	Member	Maria Clarke (NZL)
Marketing & New Sources of Finance	Member	Sir John Dawanincura (PNG)
Medical	Chairman	Dr Robin Mitchell (Fiji)
	Member	Dr Chris Milne (New Zealand)
Modernisation	Chairman	Kevan Gosper (Australia)
Youth Working Group	Members	Isabel-Emma Goodall and Jimmy Jonas (PLW)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 34th ONOC General Assembly, Nadi, Fiji, March 28 – April 2, 2017
- Commonwealth Youth Games, Bahamas, July 2017
- Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, September 2017
- Pacific Mini Games, Vanuatu, December 2017

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